

## **MINUTES**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP ON ETHICS, ORGANIZATION, AND PERSONNEL**

#### **THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**June 27, 2023**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Ortega called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Board Secretary Fong-Sakai administered the roll call.

Board Members present: Directors Abdo (teleconference posted location), Ackerman, Alvarez, Armstrong, Camacho (entered after roll call), Cordero, Dennstedt, Dick, Erdman, Fong-Sakai, Goldberg, Gray (entered after rollcall, teleconference posted location), Kassakhian (entered after rollcall), Kurtz (entered after rollcall), McCoy, McMillan (entered after rollcall), Miller (teleconference posted location), Morris, Ortega (teleconference posted location), Peterson, Ramos, Seckel, Smith and Sutley (entered after rollcall).

Board Members absent: Directors Chacon, De Jesus, Faessel, Fellow, Garza, Jung, Lefevre, Luna, Petersen, Phan, Pressman, Quinn, and Repenning.

**3. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Board Secretary Fong-Sakai determined that a quorum was present.

**4. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE  
BOARD LIMITED TO THE ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

No members of the public requested to speak.

Ethics Officer Abel Salinas addressed the Board on matters pertaining to this Workshop.

## 5. WORKSHOP ITEMS

Director Camacho, Gray, Kassakhian, Kurtz, McMillan, and Sutley entered the meeting.

A. Subject: Framework for Ethical Decision Making

Presented by: Abel Salinas, Ethics Officer

Mr. Salinas introduced Dr. Brian Green, Director of Technology Ethics at the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics at Santa Clara University who moderated today's Workshop. Dr. Green presented the Markkula Center's framework for ethical decision making.

The following Directors made comments or asked questions:

1. Ramos
2. Smith
3. Petersen
4. Abdo
5. Ortega
6. Erdman
7. Goldberg
8. Ramos
9. Dennstedt
10. Ramos
11. Ortega
12. Ramos
13. Fong-Sakai
14. Kurtz
15. Ramos
16. Erdman
17. Cordero

Committee Chair Ramos addressed the Board and stated that this matter may be brought back to the Board for continued discussions.

## 6. FOLLOW UP ITEMS

Director Erdman requested information on MWD ethical standards, where are they published and how are they communicated to the Board and employees.

Director Ramos requested Dr. Green review MWD ethics policy and provide feedback.

Director Erdman requested Ethics Officer to review the Oath of Office that Directors take and provide feedback to how it relates to Director's responsibilities

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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**MARSHA RAMOS  
COMMITTEE CHAIR**

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**LOIS FONG-SAKIA  
SECRETARY OF THE BOARD**