

AGENDA ITEM NO. 31

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

SUBJECT: Ethics Review Board Appointments

DATE: April 14, 2005

**SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The following District Board interviewees are submitted for the City Council Meeting of April 14, 2005 for appointment. Appointments to the Ethics Review Board (ERB) will be selected from the candidates interviewed at the "B" Session on April 7, 2005.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The City Charter was amended in May, 2004 when San Antonio voters approved to establish an independent eleven (11) member ERB with jurisdiction over the City Ethics Code and the Municipal Campaign Finance Regulations.

The existing ERB members agreed to resign from the Board with the creation ERB and in anticipation of the appointments to the new ERB. In a subsequent Council Governance Committee meeting, the City Council expressed a desire to conduct interviews for all candidates nominated by each Council member as their district representative.

The candidates that interviewed are as follows:

<b><u>District</u></b>	<b><u>Nominees</u></b>
1	Charles Codd
2	Dolores Lott
4	August Stephen Johnson
5	Emilio Silvas
6	Richard Bird
7	Elizabeth Melson
8	Benjamin F. Youngblood, III
9	Arthur J. Downey
10	Jason Zehner

### **POLICY ANALYSIS**

All candidates qualified for consideration for appointment and met the qualifications as stipulated by the City Charter to serve on the new ERB. A criminal background check on the final nominees was conducted by the San Antonio Police Department and the National Crime Information Center.

The terms of office will be determined by lottery to create staggered terms of office wherein six (6) members will serve a two-year initial term and five members will serve a three year initial term. Subsequent appointments for the two-year terms are to begin on the day after the expiration of a preceding full term. Board members will be allowed to serve a maximum of three (3) full terms to include their initial term.


Procedures regarding announcements and applications processes were applied in accordance with Sec. 2-402 of Ordinance 100199 approved on December 16, 2004.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The cost to conduct criminal background checks totals \$39.00 for each applicant. The Office of the City Attorney will absorb these charges.

### **COORDINATION**

This Ordinance has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office.

  
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Leticia M. Vacek  
City Clerk