

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk *LV*
SUBJECT: Ethics Review Board Interviews
DATE: April 7, 2005

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A "B" Session is scheduled for April 7, 2005 at 10:00 AM to conduct interviews of nominees to the following district board:

- **ETHICS REVIEW BOARD**

Ordinances to name the final appointees will be placed on the "A" Session for April 14, 2005.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Last May, San Antonio voters approved amending the City Charter to establish an independent Ethics Review Board with jurisdiction over the City Ethics Code and the Municipal Campaign Finance Regulations.

Qualifications for the ERB are as follows:

- Members of the Board shall have good moral character and shall be residents of the City.

No member of the Board shall be:

- a salaried city official or employee;
- an elected public official;
- a candidate for elected public office;
- an officer of a political party;
- a campaign treasurer, campaign manager, officer or other policy or decision-maker for the campaign of any candidate for elected public office;
- a campaign treasurer, campaign manager, officer or other policy or decision-maker for any political action committee as defined in the Texas Election Code;
- a member of any city board or commission other than the Ethics Review Board;
- a member of any board or commission for which the position is appointed by City Council;
- a lobbyist required to register under Division 5 of the Ethics Code.

No member of the ERB shall have any convictions for a felony or a crime of moral turpitude, or shall have been found in violation of any provision of the City's Code of Ethics. The San Antonio Police Department will conduct a criminal background check through the NCIC system for each applicant.

Eleven (11) nominees are expected to be interviewed at the March 24 "B" Session.

Initial board appointments shall be made so that terms are staggered, with six members to serve an initial term of two years and five members to serve an initial term of three years, determined by lottery. Subsequent appointments shall be for a term of two years beginning on the day after the expiration of the preceding full term. No member of the Board shall serve for more than three full terms.

Ordinance 100283 provides for the dissolving of the former Ethics Review Board effective on the date the City Council appoints at least a quorum of members to the new independent Ethics Review Board pursuant to Section 166 of the City Charter and qualified by taking the oath of office.

POLICY ANALYSIS

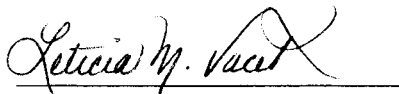
Procedures regarding announcements and application processes were applied to the new Ethics Review Board membership.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

COORDINATION

This Ordinance has been coordinated with the Ethics Review Board.



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City Clerk