

Regular Meeting Agenda

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Wednesday, February 18, 2026
1:00 p.m.

City Hall Room 1070
200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles CA 90012

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Opening Items

1. Call to order.
2. Multiple agenda item comment.
All public comment will be taken at this time for agenda items and for issues that are not on the agenda but are within the Ethics Commission's jurisdiction. THIS WILL BE THE ONLY OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS MEETING. A total of three minutes will be provided to each speaker. The meeting chair may adjust the amount of time provided. If a speaker is not addressing matters within the Ethics Commission's jurisdiction, the speaker will be asked to conclude. The public is encouraged to submit written comments to ethics.commission@lacity.org at least 24 hours prior to the meeting, to help ensure that the commissioners have sufficient time to review them.
3. [Minutes](#) for the meeting on December 17, 2025.
4. Possible discussion with authorized neighborhood council representatives.
Pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code section 22.819, an authorized representative of a neighborhood council will have an opportunity to provide the neighborhood council's formal position on a matter listed on this meeting agenda within the time allotted by the meeting chair. The neighborhood council shall provide the commission with a copy of the Community Impact Statement it filed with the City Clerk or the adopted resolution regarding its formal position in advance of this meeting.

Action Items

5. [Proposed settlement](#) in Case No. 2022-028, *In the Matter of Jose Ugarte* (failing to timely file Form 700, failing to disclose investment interest, and failing to disclose itemized income).

6. [Proposed settlement](#) in Case No. 2025-036, *In the Matter of Elaina Houser* (violating the revolving door laws, failing to register as a lobbyist, and failing to file lobbyist disclosure reports).
7. [Proposed settlement](#) in Case No. 2024-044, *In the Matter of Los Angeles Business Council* (failing to file lobbyist employer disclosure reports).
8. [Selection of hearing officers](#) in Case No. 2023-093, *In the Matter of Renette Anderson* (alleged misuse of City position).
9. [Assessment of the matching funds trust fund](#) for the regular 2026 primary City elections.

Information Items

10. [Behested summary](#) (July 1–December 31, 2025).
11. [Election update](#).
12. [Recusal summary](#) (4th quarter 2025).
13. [Pre-confirmation statements of economic interests](#).
14. [Policy and legislation update](#).
15. [Executive director's report](#).

Closing Items

16. Commissioner announcements and requests to schedule items on future agendas.
17. Adjournment.

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