



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Date: January 28, 2025

In Control: Ethics Review Board Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Office of the City Auditor

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Baltazar Vargas

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Discussion and possible action regarding Ethics Complaint submitted by Mr. Oscar Zepeda against District 2 Councilmember Jalen McKee-Rodriguez.

SUMMARY:

Discussion and possible action regarding Ethics Complaint submitted by Mr. Oscar Zepeda against District 2 Councilmember Jalen McKee-Rodriguez.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On November 5, 2024, Mr. Oscar Zepeda filed an ethics complaint against Councilmember Jalen McKee-Rodriguez alleging violations of Section 2-44 of the City Ethics Code (Unfair Advancement of Private Interests).

The complaint was assigned to a Panel of the Ethics Review Board to conduct the initial review. The Panel will be presenting its findings and recommendations to the full Board for consideration.

As required under Section 2-84(d), outside counsel has been appointed to serve as the Independent Compliance Auditor and Independent Counsel for the Ethics Review Board on this matter. Furthermore, in accordance with Section 2-81 of the Ethics Code, the Ethics Review Board Chair has been recused from this matter since he is the District 2 appointee to the Board.

ISSUE:

Mr. Oscar Zepeda has alleged violations of Section 2-44 (Unfair Advancement of Private Interest) of the Ethics Code by Councilmember Jalen McKee-Rodriguez.

The Ethics Code requires the Ethics Review Board or a designated panel to discuss and issue opinions on the complaint.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Ethics Review Board can decide to take action or dismiss the matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

No recommendation, as the matter is to be determined by the Ethics Review Board.