

CITY OF OAKLAND  
PUBLIC ETHICS COMMISSION  
One Frank Ogawa Plaza (City Hall)  
Regular Commission Meeting  
Teleconference  
Thursday June 23, 2022  
5:00 p.m.



## **PUBLIC ETHICS COMMISSION (PEC or COMMISSION) MEETING**

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Commissioners: Arvon Pertee (Chair), Charlotte Hill, Ryan Micik, Joseph Tuman and Francis Upton IV.

Commission Staff to attend: Ana Lara-Franco, Commission Assistant

City Attorney Staff: Trish Shafie, Deputy City Attorney

### **PUBLIC ETHICS COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

- 1. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum.**
- 2. Staff and Commission Announcements.**
- 3. Open Forum.**

#### **PRELIMINARY ACTION ITEMS**

- 4. Virtual meetings by the Public Ethics Commission.** The Commission The subcommittee will review and take action to adopt Resolution 22-04, establishing certain determinations to justify the need for a virtual subcommittee meeting following the California State Legislature's adoption and Governor's approval of AB 361 on September 16, 2021 (Chapter 165; Statutes of 2021). ([Resolution 22-04](#))

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

##### **CLOSED SESSION**

- 5. Personnel.** Pursuant to California Government Code section 54957(b), the Commission will meet in Closed Session to consider the appointment or employment of the next Executive Director.

The meeting will adjourn upon the completion of the Commission's business.

A member of the public may speak on any item appearing on the agenda. All speakers will be allotted a maximum of three minutes unless the Chairperson allocates additional time.

Should you have questions or concerns regarding this agenda, or wish to review any agenda-

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*Suzanne Doran*

6/20/2022

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Approved for Distribution

Date



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**RESOLUTION NO. 22-04**  
**[Proposed 6-23-22]**

**Resolution Summary:**

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT CONDUCTING IN-PERSON MEETINGS OF THE PUBLIC ETHICS COMMISSION AND ITS COMMITTEES WOULD PRESENT IMMINENT RISKS TO ATTENDEES' HEALTH, AND ELECTING TO CONTINUE CONDUCTING MEETINGS USING TELECONFERENCING IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(E), A PROVISION OF AB 361.**

**By action of the Oakland Public Ethics Commission:**

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency related to COVID-19, pursuant to Government Code Section 8625, and such declaration has not been lifted or rescinded. See <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.4.20-Coronavirus-SOE-Proclamation.pdf>; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, the City Administrator in their capacity as the Director of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), issued a proclamation of local emergency due to the spread of COVID-19 in Oakland, and on March 12, 2020, the City Council passed Resolution No. 88075 C.M.S. ratifying the proclamation of local emergency pursuant to Oakland Municipal Code (O.M.C.) section 8.50.050(C); and

**WHEREAS**, City Council Resolution No. 88075 remains in full force and effect to date; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends physical distancing of at least six (6) feet whenever possible, avoiding crowds, and avoiding spaces that do not offer fresh air from the outdoors, particularly for people who are not fully vaccinated or who are at higher risk of getting very sick from COVID-19. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC recommends that people who live with unvaccinated people avoid activities that make physical distancing hard. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/about-covid-19/caring-for-children/families.html>; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC recommends that older adults limit in-person interactions as much as possible, particularly when indoors. See <https://www.cdc.gov/aging/covid19/covid19-older-adults.html>; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC, the California Department of Public Health, and the Alameda County Public Health Department all recommend that people experiencing COVID-19 symptoms stay home. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>; and

**WHEREAS**, persons without symptoms may be able to spread the COVID-19 virus. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>; and

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**WHEREAS**, fully vaccinated persons who become infected with the COVID-19 Delta variant can spread the virus to others. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's public-meeting facilities are indoor facilities that do not ensure circulation of fresh/outdoor air, particularly during periods of cold and/or rainy weather, and were not designed to ensure that attendees can remain six (6) feet apart; and

**WHEREAS**, holding in-person meetings would encourage community members to come to City facilities to participate in local government, and some of them would be at high risk of getting very sick from COVID-19 and/or would live with someone who is at high risk; and

**WHEREAS**, in-person meetings would tempt community members who are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms to leave their homes in order to come to City facilities and participate in local government; and

**WHEREAS**, attendees would use ride-share services and/or public transit to travel to in-person meetings, thereby putting them in close and prolonged contact with additional people outside of their households;

**Now therefore be it:**

**RESOLVED:** that the Public Ethics Commission finds and determines that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and hereby adopts and incorporates them into this Resolution; and

**RESOLVED:** that, based on these determinations and consistent with federal, state and local health guidance, the Public Ethics Commission determines that conducting in-person meetings would pose imminent risks to the health of attendees; and

**RESOLVED:** that the Public Ethics Commission firmly believes that the community's health and safety and the community's right to participate in local government, are both critically important, and is committed to balancing the two by continuing to use teleconferencing to conduct public meetings, in accordance with California Government Code Section 54953(e), a provision of AB-361; and

**RESOLVED:** that the Public Ethics Commission and its committees will meet by teleconference this month and will renew these (or similar) findings at least every thirty (30) days in accordance with California Government Code section 54953(e) until the state of emergency related to COVID-19 has been lifted, or the Public Ethics Commission finds that in-person meetings no longer pose imminent risks to the health of attendees, whichever occurs first.

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**CERTIFICATION RE: APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION**

The foregoing Resolution was presented for approval at a duly noticed *special* meeting of the City of Oakland Public Ethics Commission held on June 23, 2022, where a quorum of the membership of the Commission was present. The Commission approved the resolution by a vote of \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct.

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Suzanne Doran, Acting Executive Director  
Oakland Public Ethics Commission

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Date