

Item 5a - Meeting Minutes

CITY OF OAKLAND
PUBLIC ETHICS COMMISSION
One Frank Ogawa Plaza (City Hall)
Regular Commission Meeting
Teleconference
Wednesday, April 13, 2022
6:30 p.m.



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Commissioners: Arvon Perteet (Chair), Michael MacDonald (Vice-Chair), Charlotte Hill, Jessica Leavitt, Ryan Micik, and Joseph Tuman

Commission Staff to attend: Whitney Barazoto, Executive Director; Suzanne Doran, Lead Analyst – Civic Technology and Engagement; Kellie Johnson, Enforcement Chief; Ana Lara-Franco, Commission Assistant; Simon Russell, Investigator

City Attorney Staff: Trish Shafie, Deputy City Attorney

PUBLIC ETHICS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

1. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum.

The meeting was held via teleconference.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Perteet, MacDonald, Hill, Leavitt, and Micik. Tuman was absent.

Staff present: Whitney Barazoto, Suzanne Doran, Kellie Johnson, Ana Lara-Franco and Simon Russell.

City Attorney Staff: Tricia Shafie.

2. Staff and Commission Announcements.

There were no staff announcements

3. Open Forum.

There was one public speaker

PRELIMINARY ACTION ITEMS

4. Virtual meetings by the Public Ethics Commission.

There were no public speakers.

Hill moved, and MacDonald seconded to approve the renewal of RESOLUTION NO. 22-01.

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Ayes: Perteet, MacDonald, Hill, Leavitt, Micik.

Noes: None

Absent: Tuman

Vote: Passed 5-0

ACTION ITEMS

5. Approval of Commission Meeting Draft Minutes.

- a. March 9, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

There were no public speakers.

Micik moved, and Leavitt seconded to approve the March 9, 2022 meeting minutes.

Ayes: Perteet, Hill, Leavitt, Micik.

Noes: None

Abstain: MacDonald, was not present at meeting.

Absent: Tuman

Vote: Passed 4-0

6. Bay Area Political Equality Collaborative's Proposed Oakland Fair Elections Act.

The Commission heard from members of the Bay Area Political Equality Collaborative (BayPEC) on the proposal to amend Oakland's campaign finance, public financing, and lobbyist registration laws under a broad reform measure called the Oakland Fair Elections Act.

Panel presenters included Jonathan Mehta Stein, Executive Director, California Common Cause; liz suk, Executive Director, Oakland Rising; and Gail Wallace, Co-Chair, Action Committee, League of Women Voters-Oakland, as well as Renee LeBeau, from Seattle.

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Commissioners asked questions and discussed the proposal.

There were nine public speakers.

MacDonald moved, and Hill seconded to support the proposal and to direct staff to create an *ad hoc* subcommittee to continue working with BayPEC.

Ayes: MacDonald, Hill, Leavitt, and Micik.

Noes: Perteet.

Absent: Tuman

Vote: Passed 4-1

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. Reports on Subcommittees and Commissioner Assignments.

- a. **Enforcement Subcommittee** (*ad hoc*, created on November 1, 2021) – Arvon Perteet (Chair) and Ryan Micik.

Perteet shared that they did not meet last month but will do so in May.

- b. **Public Records Performance** (*ad hoc*, created on January 12, 2022) - Michael MacDonald (Chair) and Jessica Leavitt.

MacDonald had no updates. He asked if the new commissioner has been appointed by the City Auditor and that perhaps the new member may be interested in serving on this subcommittee.

Perteet created the *ad hoc* Fair Elections Subcommittee. Members are Hill (Chair), Micik, and Perteet.

There were no public speakers.

INFORMATION ITEMS

8. Limited Public Financing Program Guide 2022.

Suzanne Doran, Lead Analyst, shared that the expenditure limits have been revised

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after the redistricting committee finalized new district boundaries and district population counts.

There were no public speakers.

9. Disclosure and Engagement.

Ms. Doran provided an overview of education, outreach, disclosure and data illumination activities for this past month.

There were no public speakers.

10. Enforcement Program.

Kellie Johnson, Enforcement Chief, provided a monthly update on the Commission's enforcement work since the last regular Commission meeting.

There were no public speakers.

11. Executive Director's Report.

Whitney Barazoto, Executive Director, reported on overall projects, priorities, and significant activities since the Commission's last meeting.

There were no public speakers.

12. Future Meeting Business.

Perteet shared that the retreat will be on April 21 and April 22, 2022. The meeting will be conducted remotely on Zoom.

Future meetings will be held via Zoom at least until 2024.

There were no public speakers.

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.