

CITY OF OAKLAND  
PUBLIC ETHICS COMMISSION  
One Frank Ogawa Plaza (City Hall)  
Regular Commission Meeting  
Teleconference  
Monday, December 7, 2020  
6:30 p.m.



Commissioners: James E.T. Jackson (Chair), Jill M. Butler (Vice-Chair), Avi Klein, Michael MacDonald, Janani Ramachandran, Joseph Tuman and Jerett Yan

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

City Attorney Staff: Trish Shafie, Deputy City Attorney

### **PEC 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: Jackson, Butler, Klein, MacDonald, Ramachandran, and Tuman.  
Yan joined at 6:39p.m.

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

City Attorney Staff: Trish Shafie

#### **2. Staff and Commission Announcements.**

Jackson welcomed new commissioner Klein.

#### **3. Open Forum.**

There were no public speakers.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **4. Approval of Commission Meeting Draft Minutes.**

- a. November 2, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

Ramachandran noted that on pg. 3 of the minutes Tuman is spelled incorrectly.

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Butler moved, and MacDonald seconded to adopt the November 2, 2020, meeting minutes with the correction.

Vote: Passed 5-0

Ayes: Jackson, Butler, MacDonald, Ramachandran, Tuman

Abstain: Klein. He was not at the meeting.

Noes: None

**5. *In the Matter of the City of Oakland Department of Human Services (Case No. M2017-12).***

Whitney Barazoto, Executive Director, summarized the matter and recommended closure of the mediation because all of the records had been provided.

There were no public speakers.

Ramachandran moved, and Tuman seconded to adopt the staff recommendation.

Vote: Passed 7-0

Ayes: Jackson, Butler, Klein, MacDonald, Ramachandran, Tuman, and Yan.

Noes: None

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**6. Limited Public Financing Program Implementation 2020.**

Ms. Barazoto provided an overview of the Limited Public Financing Program implementation and utilization of funds for the November 2020 Election. Commissioners asked questions and discussed ideas for future consideration, including the option of creating a subcommittee to work on potential amendments to the program.

There were no public speakers.



**7. Reports on Subcommittees and Commissioner Assignments.**

- a. Sunshine Review Subcommittee** (*ad hoc*/temporary, created on May 8, 2020)  
– Michael MacDonald (Chair), Jill Butler and Joe Tuman

MacDonald shared that at the last meeting, the committee decided that the Sunshine report card will be pushed back to closer to the end of 2021. The data will be evaluated and a potential tool developed for ongoing review of public records response.

There were no public speakers.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**8. Disclosure and Engagement.**

Suzanne Doran, Lead Analyst, reported on the latest disclosure and engagement activities. Ms. Doran answered questions from the Commissioners.

There were no public speakers.

**9. Enforcement Program.**

Kellie Johnson, Enforcement Chief, reported on the Commission’s enforcement work since the last regular Commission meeting. Ms. Johnson shared that Vickie Ma has been hired as an investigator.

There were no public speakers.

**10. Executive Director’s Report.**

Ms. Barazoto reported on overall projects, priorities, and significant activities since the Commission’s last meeting. She shared that the legislation had passed the 1<sup>st</sup> reading in Council and would be on the consent calendar for December 15, 2020.

There were no public speakers.

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.