

CITY OF OAKLAND
PUBLIC ETHICS COMMISSION
One Frank Ogawa Plaza (City Hall)
Regular Commission Meeting
Monday, February 3, 2020
Hearing Room 1
6:30 p.m.



Commissioners: James E.T. Jackson (Chair), Nayeli Maxson Velázquez (Vice-Chair), Jill M. Butler, 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

PUBLIC ETHICS COMMISSION (PEC or COMMISSION)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Members present: Commissioners Jackson, Butler, MacDonald, Ramachandran, Tuman and Yan.

Commissioner Maxson Velázquez was absent.

Staff present: Whitney Barazoto, Suzanne Doran, and Kellie Johnson.

City Attorney Staff: Trish Shafie

2. Staff and Commission Announcements.

There were no announcements

3. Open Forum.

There were two public speakers.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Approval of Commission Meeting Draft Minutes.

- a. January 6, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

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Commissioner Yan moved, and Commissioner Butler seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed 4-0.

Commissioners MacDonald and Ramachandran abstained as they were not present at the meeting.

b. January 17, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes

The approval of the January 17, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes was tabled for next month.

There were no public speakers.

5. Oakland Campaign Reform Act Guide.

Whitney Barazoto, Executive Director, presented the new Oakland Campaign Reform Act Guide to the Commission.

Commissioners reviewed and discussed the guide.

There were two public speakers.

Commissioner MacDonald moved, and Commissioner Ramachandran seconded to approve the guide with amendments suggested by Commission members.

The motion passed 6-0.

6. Proposed Amendments to the PEC Ordinance (OMC Chapter 2.25).

Ms. Barazoto presented the proposed amendments to the Commissioners.

Commissioners reviewed and discussed the proposed amendments to the PEC Ordinance.

There were two public speakers.

Commissioner Yan moved, and Commissioner Tuman seconded to adopt the proposal with the amendments as stated.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. Reports on Subcommittees and Commissioner Assignments.

- a. **Limited Public Finance Policy Development Subcommittee** (ad hoc) – Nayeli Maxson Velázquez (Chair), Jill M. Butler and James Jackson

There were no updates.

There were no public speakers.

INFORMATION ITEMS

8. Oakland Campaign Reform Act Contribution Limit and Expenditure Ceiling Annual Adjustment for 2020.

Ms. Barazoto shared the new contribution limits and expenditure ceilings for 2020.

There was one public speaker.

9. Disclosure and Engagement.

Suzanne Doran, Lead Analyst, provided a report of recent education, outreach, disclosure and data illumination activities.

There was one public speaker.

10. Enforcement Program.

Kellie Johnson, Enforcement Chief, reported on the Commission's enforcement work since the last regular Commission meeting.

Gene Hazard, the complainant in 19-19, spoke to the Commission.

There were no other public speakers.

11. Executive Director's Report.

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

She shared that Ryan Sim is interning for the Public Ethics Commission assisting with enforcement investigations and research

There was one public speaker.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.