



**CITY OF OAKLAND
REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
(SPECIAL MEETING)**

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 8, 2022
Via Teleconference

Redistricting Commissioners: Benjie Achtenberg, Amber Blackwell, Daniel Chesmore (Alternate), Gloria Crowell, Lilibeth Gangas, Shirley Gee, Stephanie Goode, Masoud Hamidi, Paul Marshall, Diana Miller, Tejal Shah, Bharat Singh (Alternate) Jan Stevens, and Mary Velasco.

Commission website: www.oaklandca.gov/redistricting

1. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Quorum was determined and the meeting started at 4:05 pm.

Commissioners present: Benjie Achtenberg, Amber Blackwell, Daniel Chesmore (Alternate), Shirley Gee, Stephanie Goode, Masoud Hamidi, Paul Marshall, Diana Miller, Tejal Shah, Bharat Singh (alternate), Jan Stevens, and Mary Velasco.

Commissioners excused: Lilibeth Gangas

Alternate Commissioners present: Daniel Chesmore, Bharat Singh

Alternate Commissioners excused:

City staff present: Corey Alvin, Felicia Verdin.

City Attorney staff present: Mitesh Bhakta.

2. Open Forum

Public comments were provided by the following speakers:

Marjorie Haskell
Mary Forte
Barbara Kluger
Sandra B
Tayo Lanahin
Ralph Kanz
James Chiong

3. Disclosure Requirements by Commissioners

Public comments were provided by the following speakers:

Cheryl Walton

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Gwen Knighton
Ralph Kanz
Iris Merriouns

4. Fill Commissioner Vacancy

The Commission voted to replace Commissioner Tracy Richmond-McKnight, who resigned on January 27, 2022, with an Alternate Commissioner. The selected Alternate Commissioner became a voting member of the Commission effective immediately.

Public comments were provided by the following speakers

Ralph Kanz
Gwen Knighton
Iris Merriouns
Kate
Reisa Jaffe

A motion was made by Commissioner Gee and seconded by Commissioner Marshall to select alternate Commissioner Chesmore to fill the current Commissioner vacancy. The motion failed with 4 ayes (Gee, Marshall, Miller, Shah) and 6 noes (Achtenberg, Crowell Goode, Hamidi, Stevens, Velasco).

A motion was made by Commissioner Goode and seconded by Commissioner Velasco to select alternate Commissioner Singh to fill the current Commissioner vacancy. The motion passed with 7 ayes (Achtenberg, Blackwell, Crowell, Goode, Miller, Stevens, Velasco), 1 no (Shah) and 3 abstentions (Gee, Hamidi, Marshall)

5. Discussion to Update Rules and Procedure

The Commissioners discussed a proposed update to the Commission's rules and procedures related to public comment and agenda organization.

Public comments were provided by the following speakers:

Reisa Jaffe
Sheryl Walton
Ralph Kanz
Deleign Thompson
Roger Davies
Oscar Yassin
Iris Merriouns
Paulette Johnson
Mary Vail

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Joelle Crepsac

Commissioner Stevens exited the meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Crowell and seconded by Commissioner Achtenberg to postpone action on item 5 to a later date. The motion passed with 10 ayes (Achtenberg, Blackwell, Crowell, Gee, Goode, Hamidi, Marshall, Miller, Singh, Velasco)

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:50 pm.