



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

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 10, 2021
Via Teleconference

Redistricting Commissioners: Benjie Achtenberg, Amber Blackwell, Daniel Chesmore (Alternate), Gloria Crowell, Lilibeth Gangas, Shirley Gee, Stephanie Goode, Masoud Hamidi, Paul Marshall, Tracy Richmond McKnight, Diana Miller, Tejal Shah, 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 5:05 pm.

Commissioners present: Benjie Achtenberg, Amber Blackwell, Lilibeth Gangas (arrived at 5:10 pm), Shirley Gee, Stephanie Goode, Masoud Hamidi, Paul Marshall, Tracy Richmond McKnight, Diana Miller, Tejal Shah, Jan Stevens, and Mary Velasco.

Commissioners excused: Gloria Crowell.

Commissioners absent: None.

Alternate Commissioners present: Daniel Chesmore.

Alternate Commissioners absent: None.

City staff present: Richard J. Luna, Corey Alvin.

City Attorney staff present: Mitesh Bhakta.

2. Open Forum

There were no public comments on this item.

3. Disclosure Requirements by Commissioners

Commissioner Amber Blackwell reported having a conversation with Councilmember Treva Reid at an event and the topic of redistricting, including a desire to collaborate on redistricting outreach and awareness, was discussed during the conversation.

Commissioner Lilibeth Gangas reported that her current employment does require some meetings with city staff, and at one meeting Councilmember Loren Taylor was present; however, redistricting was not discussed.

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There were no public comments on this item.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Commission reviewed the draft meeting minutes. A motion was made by Tracy Richmond McKnight, seconded by Mary Velasco, to approve the minutes for the meeting of February 10, 2021. The motion passed with 12 ayes (Achtenberg, Blackwell, Gangas, Gee, Goode, Hamidi, Marshall, McKnight, Miller, Shah, Stevens, Velasco) and one excused (Crowell).

There were no public comments for this item.

5. Rules of Procedure Amendment

City staff member Richard J. Luna presented the proposed amendment to the Commission's Rules of Procedure, which clarified the process to fill a voting Commissioner vacancy and presenting a newly created process to fill an Alternate Commission vacancy. The Commission also discussed forming an ad hoc committee that would present up to three candidates to fill the current Alternate Commissioner vacancy.

A motion was made by Shirley Gee, seconded by Jan Stevens, to adopt the proposed resolution amending the Commission's Rules of Procedure. The motion passed with 12 ayes (Achtenberg, Blackwell, Gangas, Gee, Goode, Hamidi, Marshall, McKnight, Miller, Shah, Stevens, Velasco) and one excused (Crowell).

A second motion was made by Shirley Gee, seconded by Mary Velasco, to form an ad hoc committee that will identify at least three nominees to fill the Alternate Commissioner vacancy, and for the committee to present its recommendations to the Commission in order of preference. The motion passed with 12 ayes (Achtenberg, Blackwell, Gangas, Gee, Goode, Hamidi, Marshall, McKnight, Miller, Shah, Stevens, Velasco) and one excused (Crowell).

Chair Benjie Achtenberg announced Commissioners Lilibeth Gangas, Tejal Shah and Paul Marshall as members of the ad hoc committee tasked with nominating candidates to fill the Alternate Commissioner vacancy.

There were no public comments for this item.

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6. Ad Hoc Committee Updates

On behalf of the Communications Ad Hoc Committee, Co-Vice Chair Stephanie Goode presented updates on the committee’s work including developing a social media toolkit, slogans and main messages for the Commission, updating the frequently asked questions on the website, and the advantages and disadvantages for creating standalone social media accounts for the Commission’s work.

On behalf of the Outreach Ad Hoc Committee, Commissioner Amber Blackwell presented updates on the committee’s work stating that outreach efforts would initiate in phases by first collecting meeting and contact information from the organizations the Commissioners have identified as potential partners. After meeting and contact information is collected, the Outreach Ad Hoc Committee will be requesting volunteers to present information on the Redistricting Commission at those townhall style meetings in hopes of informing the public about the City’s redistricting process.

Commissioner Masoud Hamidi was excused from the meeting at 5:48 pm.

Commission Lilibeth Gangas was excused from the meeting at 5:57 pm.

After discussion on outreach efforts, Chair Benjie Achtenberg announced the forming of three new ad hoc committees that would collect information and engage with the following groups:

<u>Community-Based Organizations</u>	<u>Faith-Based Organizations</u>	<u>Government Meetings/Townhalls</u>
Lilibeth Gangas	Daniel Chesmore	Shirley Gee
Stephanie Goode	Paul Marshall	Jan Stevens
Tejal Shah	Tracy Richmond McKnight	Mary Velasco

City staff member Richard J. Luna recommended the Bylaws and Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc Committee remain inactive and resume meeting should it be needed. Staff also recommended, and it was announced by Chair Benjie Achtenberg, that the Consultant Selection Ad Hoc Committee was dissolved since their work was complete.

There were no public comments on this item.

7. Agenda Requests for Future Meetings

Co-Vice Chair Stephanie Goode requested city staff present the Commission’s budget at its meeting on April 10, 2021.

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8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm.