

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



Commissioners: James E.T. Jackson (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

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, MacDonald, Ramachandran, Tuman and Yan.

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

City Attorney Staff: Trish Shafie

2. Staff and Commission Announcements.

There were no announcements.

3. Open Forum.

There was one public speaker.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Approval of Commission Meeting Draft Minutes.

- a. July 6, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. July 16, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes

MacDonald moved, and Butler seconded to adopt both sets of minutes.

Vote: Passed 5-0

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Ayes: Jackson, Butler, MacDonald, Ramachandran, Yan
Noes: None
Abstain: Tuman

There were no public speakers.

5. Election of Vice-Chair of the Commission.

Jackson nominated Butler for Vice-Chair. Butler accepted the nomination. Jackson moved, and Tuman seconded to nominate Butler for Vice-Chair.

Vote: Passed 6-0
Ayes: Jackson, Butler, MacDonald, Ramachandran, Tuman, Yan
Noes: None

There were no public speakers.

6. Sunshine Ordinance Laws and Policies During COVID-19.

Trish Shafie, Deputy City Attorney, provided an overview of the open meetings provisions that are suspended and those that are still in place during the COVID-19 shelter-in-place order. Commissioners asked questions and discussed the matter.

There was one public speaker.

MacDonald moved, and Tuman seconded to accept the report as submitted and for staff to draft a letter addressed to the City Council.

Vote: Passed 6-0
Ayes: Jackson, Butler, MacDonald, Ramachandran, Tuman, Yan
Noes: None

7. In the Matter of Oakland City Councilmember Loren Taylor (Case No. M2020-06).

Kellie Johnson, Enforcement Chief, presented a mediation summary and her recommendation to close this mediation.

Butler moved, and Tuman seconded to close the matter.

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Vote: Passed 6-0

Ayes: Jackson, Butler, MacDonald, Ramachandran, Tuman, Yan

Noes: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. 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 the subcommittee is working on creating a report on the number of Public Records requested and completed by department.

Jackson created a Recruitment Subcommittee (*ad hoc*/temporary). Members are Jackson, MacDonald and Yan. (created Aug 3, 2020)

There was one public speaker.

INFORMATION ITEMS

9. Limited Public Financing Program 2020.

Whitney Barazoto, Executive Director, provided an overview of upcoming activities planned to implement the Limited Public Financing Program for the 2020 election. Mandatory trainings are schedule for August 20, and 21, 2020.

There were no public speakers.

10. Commissioner Recruitment.

Ms. Barazoto shared that the Commission is recruiting to fill two Commission-appointed vacancies that will occur in September 2020, and January 2021, respectively. A second vacancy to occur in January 2021 will be subject to appointment by the City Attorney. The deadline is August 31, 2020.

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11. Disclosure and Engagement.

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

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12. Enforcement Program.

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

There were no public speakers.

13. Executive Director's Report.

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

There was one public speaker.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.