



SPECIAL 5:15 P.M. CIVIL SERVICE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 20, 2022

Open Session: 5:15 p.m.

Location: Via Zoom

BOARD MEMBERS: Chairperson, Yvonne Hudson-Harmon; Vice Chair, Carmen Martinez; Lauren Baranco; Michael Brown (Absent); Brooke Levin; Beverly A. Williams

STAFF TO THE BOARD: Ian Appleyard, HRM Director/Secretary to the Board
Tina Pruett, Human Resources Manager/Staff to the Board
Malia McPherson, Attorney to the Board
Marijess De Guzman, Human Resource Technician/Staff to the Board

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COMMENT:

DUE TO THE SUSPENSION OF THE SUNSHINE ORDINANCE AND COUNCIL'S RULES OF PROCEDURES, ALL PUBLIC COMMENT ON ACTION ITEMS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING UNDER ITEM 1. COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA WILL BE TAKEN UNDER OPEN FORUM AT THE END OF THE MEETING.

There are two ways to make public comment within the time allotted for public comment on an eligible Agenda item.

- To comment by Zoom video conference, click the “Raise Your Hand” button to request to speak when Public Comment is being taken on an eligible agenda item at the beginning of the meeting. You will then be unmuted, during your turn, and allowed to participate in public comment. After the allotted time, you will then be re-muted. Instructions on how to “Raise Your Hand” is available at: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/205566129> - Raise-Hand-In-Webinar.
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If you have any questions, please email Ian Appleyard, Human Resources Director at IAppleyard@oaklandca.gov. – Human Resources Management Department.

OPEN SESSION AGENDA

ROLL CALL

1) PUBLIC COMMENT:

**COMMENT ON ALL ACTION ITEMS WILL BE TAKEN AT THIS TIME.
COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA WILL BE TAKEN DURING
OPEN FORUM.**

2) REVIEW AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON A RESOLUTION ACTION (AB 361, FILED 9/16/2021) ESTABLISHING CERTAIN FINDINGS JUSTIFYING THE ONGOING NEED FOR VIRTUAL MEETINGS

45156 A motion was made by Vice Chair Martinez and seconded by Member Williams to approve the Resolution. The motion passed.

Votes: Board Member Ayes: – Hudson-Harmon, Martinez, Baranco, Levin, Williams.

Board Member Noes: None

Board Member Abstentions: None

Board Members Absent: Brown

3) OPEN FORUM

4) ADJOURNMENT

45157 A motion was made by Member Williams and seconded by Member Baranco to adjourn the special meeting.

Votes: Board Member Ayes: – Hudson-Harmon, Martinez, Baranco, Levin, Williams.

Board Member Noes: None

Board Member Abstentions: None

Board Members Absent: Brown

NOTE: The Civil Service Board meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, November 17, 2022. All materials related to agenda items must be submitted by Thursday, November 3, 2022. For any materials over 100 pages, please also submit an electronic copy of all materials.

Submit items via email or U.S. Mail to:

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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT CONDUCTING IN-PERSON MEETINGS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD WOULD PRESENT IMMINENT RISKS TO ATTENDEES' HEALTH, AND ELECTING TO CONDUCT MEETINGS USING TELECONFERENCING IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e), A PROVISION OF AB 361.

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency related to COVID-19, pursuant to Government Code Section 8625, and such declaration has not been lifted or rescinded. (See <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.4.20-Coronavirus-SOE-Proclamation.pdf>); and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2022 Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-11-22 reaffirming that a State of Emergency exists in California as a result of COVID-19. (See <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/6.17.22-COVID-EO-Rollback-signed.pdf>); and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the City Administrator in their capacity as the Director of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), issued a proclamation of local emergency due to the spread of COVID-19 in Oakland, and on March 12, 2020, the City Council passed Resolution No. 88075 C.M.S. ratifying the proclamation of local emergency pursuant to Oakland Municipal Code (O.M.C.) section 8.50.050(C); and

WHEREAS, City Council Resolution No. 88075 remains in full force and effect to date; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) continues to recommend physical distancing of at least six (6) feet whenever possible, avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces, particularly for people who are not fully vaccinated or who are at higher risk of getting very sick from COVID-19. (See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>); and

WHEREAS, the CDC recommends that families with children under 5 and unvaccinated household members continue to take steps to prevent COVID-19 infection including distancing. (See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/groups/families-covid-19.html>); and

WHEREAS, the CDC continues to caution that older adults remain more likely to get very sick from COVID-19. (See <https://www.cdc.gov/aging/covid19/covid19-older-adults.html>); and

WHEREAS, the CDC, the California Department of Public Health, and the Alameda County Public Health Department all recommend that people experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or who have tested positive for COVID-19 stay home. (See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>); and

WHEREAS, the CDC still finds that COVID-19 vaccines are highly effective at preventing severe illness, hospitalizations and death and continues to recommend that all eligible persons get vaccinated for COVID-19 and stay up to date on their COVID-19 vaccines. (See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>); and

WHEREAS, vaccinated persons may still get COVID-19 and can spread the virus to others. (See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/effectiveness/why-measure-effectiveness/breakthrough-cases.html>); and

WHEREAS, anyone infected with COVID-19 can spread the virus, even if they do not have symptoms. (See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-covid-spreads.html>); and

WHEREAS, the City's public-meeting facilities are indoor facilities not designed to ensure circulation of fresh/outdoor air, particularly during periods of cold and/or rainy weather, and were not designed to ensure that attendees can remain six (6) feet apart; and

WHEREAS, holding in-person meetings would encourage community members to come to City facilities to participate in local government, and some of them would be at high risk of getting very sick from COVID-19 and/or may live with someone who is at high risk; and

WHEREAS, in-person meetings would tempt community members who are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms to leave their homes in order to come to City facilities and participate in local government; and

WHEREAS, attendees would use ride-share services and/or public transit to travel to in-person meetings, thereby putting them in close and prolonged contact with additional people outside of their households; now therefore be it:

RESOLVED: that the Civil Service Board finds and determines that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and hereby adopts and incorporates them into this Resolution; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that, based on these determinations and consistent with federal, state and local health guidance, the Civil Service Board determines that conducting in-person meetings would pose imminent risks to the health of attendees; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Civil Service Board firmly believes that the community's health and safety and the community's right to participate in local government, are both critically important, and the Civil Service Board is committed to balancing the two by continuing to use teleconferencing to conduct public meetings, in accordance with California Government Code section 54953(e), a provision of AB 361; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Civil Service Board will renew these (or similar) findings at least every thirty (30) days in accordance with California Government Code section 54953(e) until the state of emergency related to COVID-19 has been lifted, or the Civil Service Board finds that in-person meetings no longer pose imminent risks to the health of attendees, whichever is occurs first.