

CITY OF OAKLAND
PUBLIC ETHICS COMMISSION
One Frank Ogawa Plaza (City Hall)
Regular Commission Meeting
Teleconference
Wednesday, January 11, 2023
6:30 p.m.



Commissioners: Arvon Perteet (Chair), Ryan Micik (Vice-Chair), Charlotte Hill, Joseph Tuman, and Francis Upton IV.

Commission Staff to attend: Suzanne Doran, Acting Executive Director/Lead Analyst; Ana Lara-Franco, Commission Analyst; Simon Russell, Enforcement Chief.

City Attorney Staff: Trish Shafie, Deputy City Attorney.

PUBLIC ETHICS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum.

The meeting was held via teleconference.

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

Members present: Perteet, Micik, Hill, Tuman and Upton IV.

Staff present: Suzanne Doran, Ana Lara-Franco, and Simon Russell.

City Attorney Staff: Tricia Shafie

2. Staff and Commission Announcements.

There were no announcements.

3. Open Forum.

Public comment: There was one public speaker, Ralph Kanz.

A full recording of public comments is available in the meeting video. Video recordings are posted on the meeting webpage, which may be found at www.oaklandca.gov/pec.

PRELIMINARY ACTION ITEMS

4. Virtual meetings by the Public Ethics Commission.

Commissioners reviewed the resolution establishing certain determinations to justify

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the ongoing need for virtual meetings following the California State Legislature's adoption and Governor's approval of AB 361 on September 16, 2021.

Public comment: None

Upton moved, and Tuman seconded to approve the renewal of RESOLUTION NO. 23-01.

Ayes: Perteet, Hill, Micik, Tuman, Upton IV.

Noes: None.

Vote: Passed 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS

5. Approval of Commission Meeting Draft Minutes.

- a. December 14, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes.

Public comment: None

Micik moved, and Hill seconded to approve the December 14, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: Perteet, Hill, Micik, Tuman, Upton IV.

Noes: None.

Vote: Passed 5-0.

6. Election of Officers (Chair and Vice-Chair) of the Commission.

Public Comment: None.

Perteet moved and Hill seconded to approve the appointment of Ryan Micik as Chair of the PEC for 2023.

Ayes: Perteet, Hill, Micik, Tuman, Upton IV.

Noes: None.

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Vote: Passed 5-0.

Perteet moved and Upton seconded to approve the appointment of Charlotte Hill for Vice-Chair for 2023.

Ayes: Perteet, Hill, Micik, Tuman, Upton IV.

Noes: None.

Vote: Passed 5-0.

7. New Commissioner Selection.

The Commission received 8 applications for the PEC- appointed vacancy. Its Recruitment ad hoc subcommittee had conducted interviews and selected three finalists to appear before the full Commission for a public interview. Each finalist was given four minutes to introduce themselves to the Commission, followed by questions from Commissioners.

After all finalists presented and answered questions, the Commission voted to select two new members to begin their three-year term on January 22, 2023.

Public Comment: There was one public speaker, Ralph Kanz.

Commissioners voted and selected Alea Gage to fill the first seat.

Commissioners voted and selected Vincent Steele to fill the second seat.

Micik moved, and Hill seconded to accept both Alea Gage and Vincent Steele as the new commissioners.

Ayes: Perteet, Hill, Micik, Tuman, Upton IV.

Noes: None.

Vote: Passed 5-0.



DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. Reports on Subcommittees and Commissioner Assignments. Commissioners may discuss subcommittee assignments, create a new subcommittee, or report on work done in subcommittees since the Commission's last regular meeting. Commissioners may also discuss assignments, efforts, and initiatives they undertake to support the Commission's work.

- a. **Outreach Subcommittee** (*ad hoc*, created on June 8, 2022) – Francis Upton IV (Chair), Charlotte Hill.

Upton shared that they have not met and plan on meeting in March.

- b. **Recruitment Subcommittee** (*ad hoc*, created on October 12, 2022) – Ryan Micik (Chair), Charlotte Hill, Francis Upton IV.

Micik dissolved the *ad hoc* subcommittee.

- c. **Measure W Implementation Subcommittee** (*ad hoc*, created December 14, 2022) – Arvon Perteet (Chair), Charlotte Hill, Francis Upton IV.

Perteet shared that they met on Monday and are moving forward on the timeline Acting Director Doran had provided. Staff is working with the Human Resources Department on adding the new positions.

Public Comment: There was one public speaker, Ralph Kanz.

9. Executive Director Recruitment. (Update on Executive Director recruitment process.)

Perteet shared nineteen applications were received for the vacancy.

Perteet created the Executive Director Selection *ad hoc* subcommittee to review the applications. Members: Ryan Micik (Chair), Arvon Perteet, Francis Upton IV.

Public Comment: There was one public speaker, Ralph Kanz.

10. Transparency and Public Records Requests Improving Responsiveness.

Upton had no updates to share.

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INFORMATION ITEMS

11. Disclosure and Engagement.

Ana Lara-Franco, Commission Analyst, provided a year-end summary of compliance with disclosure requirements, education and advice, general outreach, and data illumination activities, as well as an update on activities since the last regular Commission meeting.

Public Comment: None.

12. Enforcement Program.

Simon Russell, Enforcement Chief, provided a year-end summary of the Commission's enforcement work, including overall case status and legal actions, as well as an update on enforcement work since the last regular Commission meeting.

Public Comment: None.

13. Executive Director's Report.

Acting Director Doran provided a year-end summary of significant PEC activities not covered in other staff reports including budget, staffing, as well as ongoing PEC legislative and policy initiatives.

Public Comment: None.

14. Future Meeting Business.

Commissioners thanked Tuman for his service to the PEC and the City of Oakland.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.