

CITY OF OAKLAND
PUBLIC ETHICS COMMISSION
One Frank Ogawa Plaza (City Hall)
Regular Commission Meeting
Teleconference
Monday, February 1, 2021
6:30 p.m.



Commissioners: Michael MacDonald (Chair), Jerett Yan (Vice-Chair), Avi Klein, Arvon Perteet, Janani Ramachandran, and Joseph Tuman

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 6:31 p.m.

Members present: MacDonald, Yan, Klein, Perteet, Ramachandran, and Tuman.

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

City Attorney Staff: Trish Shafie

2. Staff and Commission Announcements.

MacDonald welcomed new commissioner Perteet.

Ramachandran announced her resignation.

3. Open Forum.

There was one public speaker.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Approval of Commission Meeting Draft Minutes.

- a. January 4, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

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There were no public speakers.

Klein moved, and Tuman seconded to adopt the January 4, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Ayes: MacDonald, Yan, Klein, Ramachandran, and Tuman.

Noes: None

Abstain: Perteet (was not present at meeting)

Vote: Passed 5-0

5. *In the Matter of Thomas Espinosa (Case No. 16-14).*

Kellie Johnson, Enforcement Chief, presented this matter. The recommendation is to hold the matter in a hearing presided over by a volunteer hearing officer instead of the Office of Administrative Hearings, due to budget considerations.

Commissioners discussed the matter.

There was one public speaker.

Perteet moved, and Klein seconded to accept the recommendation from staff.

Ayes: Ayes: MacDonald, Yan, Klein, Perteet, Ramachandran, and Tuman.

Noes: None

Vote: Passed 6-0

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. Reports on Subcommittees and Commissioner Assignments.

- a. **Sunshine Review Subcommittee** (*ad hoc*/temporary, created on May 8, 2020)
– Michael MacDonald (Chair) and Joe Tuman

MacDonald shared that the subcommittee will meet in February and continue working with IT for the data. The subcommittee is accepting new members.

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INFORMATION ITEMS

7. Oakland Campaign Reform Act Contribution Limit and Expenditure Ceiling Annual Adjustment for 2021.

Whitney Barazoto, Executive Director, presented the report, which summarizes the process of adjusting contribution and expenditure ceiling limits annually per the Oakland Campaign Reform Act. The new limits were published in the staff report and will be made available online.

Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

There were no public speakers.

8. Disclosure and Engagement.

Suzanne Doran, Lead Analyst, provided a report of recent education, outreach, disclosure and data illumination activities. Ms. Doran shared that there are new updates on the Lobbyist app where you can sort by name.

There were no public speakers.

9. Enforcement Program.

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

There were no public speakers.

10. Executive Director's Report.

Ms. Barazoto reported on overall projects, priorities, and significant activities since the Commission's last meeting. She added that the Commission has opened recruitment to fill Commissioner Ramachandran's vacancy.

There were no public speakers.

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The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.