

CITY OF OAKLAND
PUBLIC ETHICS COMMISSION
One Frank Ogawa Plaza (City Hall)
Special Commission Meeting
Teleconference
Thursday, July 16, 2020
6:30 p.m.



Commissioners: James E.T. Jackson (Chair), Nayeli Maxson Velázquez (Vice-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 SPECIAL 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, Maxson Velázquez, Butler, MacDonald, Ramachandran, and Yan.

Absent: Tuman

Staff present: Whitney Barazoto, Suzanne Doran, and Kellie Johnson

City Attorney Staff: Trish Shafie

2. Open Forum.

There were no public speakers.

ACTION ITEMS

3. Campaign Public Financing Project Report.

Commission staff and Vice-Chair Nayeli Maxson Velázquez presented a report of findings regarding Oakland's existing public financing system for Commission review and potential approval. This project began as a subcommittee project in 2017 to review how the City could redesign its campaign finance laws to expand community

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participation and equity in the campaign process to counter the influence of big money in politics.

Whitney Barazoto, Executive Director, presented the report and suggested several edits to the report based on feedback received from the public and commissioners. Vice-Chair Maxson-Velázquez highlighted certain sections of the report and articulated her overall support for the report findings and recommendations. Commissioners discussed the report.

There were two public speakers.

Ramachandran moved, and Maxson-Velázquez seconded to accept the report with the amendments suggested by Ms. Barazoto.

Vote: Passed 6-0

Ayes: Jackson, Maxson-Velázquez, Butler, MacDonald, Ramachandran, Yan

Noes: None

Absent: Tuman

Commissioner Maxson-Velázquez shared that this would be her last meeting and thanked the Commissioners and staff for all their work.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.