

CITY OF OAKLAND
PUBLIC ETHICS COMMISSION
One Frank Ogawa Plaza (City Hall)
Commission Meeting
Tuesday, April 9, 2013
Sgt. Mark Dunakin, Hearing Room 1
6:30 p.m.



Commissioners: Lloyd Farnham (Chair), Aspen Baker (Vice-Chair), Roberta Johnson, Benjamin Kimberley, Monique Rivera, Eddie Tejada, and Jenna Whitman

Commission Staff: Whitney Barazoto, Executive Director

MEETING MINUTES

1. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Members present: Commissioners Farnham, Johnson, Kimberley, Tejada, and Whitman

Staff present: Whitney Barazoto

2. Staff and Commission Announcements.

Ms. Barazoto announced that the Commission is scheduling a Public Records Act Training for May 6, 2013 (later changed to May 13, 2013). Also, the Commission will be adjusting City Council member salaries in accordance with the Commission's mandate at the June regular meeting.

3. Open Forum.

There was one speaker: Katherine Gavzy.

CONSENT ITEMS

4. Approval of Commission Draft Minutes.

The Commission approved 6-0 the February 4, 2013 and March 4, 2013 Meeting Minutes.

ACTION ITEMS

5. Public Ethics Commission Annual Report 2012

The Commission discussed the content and language in the Annual Report 2012 draft.

There were no speakers.

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Commissioner Johnson moved and Commissioner Baker seconded to adopt the draft of the Public Ethics Commission Annual Report 2012. The motion passed 6-0.
(Commissioner Rivera was absent for this vote)

6. Public Ethics Commission Framework to Ensure Compliance

Commissioners discussed the proposed compliance model and its application to the Commission's mandate and current projects.

There was one speaker: Barbara Newcombe.

Commissioner Rivera moved and Commissioner Kimberley seconded to adopt the Commission's compliance model. The motion passed 7-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. Non-Interference in Administrative Affairs

Commissioners discussed the City Auditor's Non-Interference in Administrative Affairs Audit and directed staff to provide a status update and an opportunity to revisit the item at the July, 2013, Commission meeting.

There were two speakers: Katherine Gavzy and Virian Bouze.

8. Ethical Climate Survey

Commissioners discussed the City Auditor's 2012 Ethical Climate Survey and the Commission took the results into consideration.

There was one speaker: Virian Bouze.

9. Subcommittee Reports

Complaint Procedures Subcommittee Chair Farnham announced that the subcommittee is scheduling to meet soon to discuss a draft of amended complaint procedures.

Access to Public Records Subcommittee Chair Baker gave an update on the work of the subcommittee and proposed an informational hearing tentatively set for May 20 (now scheduled for June 25).

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10. Complaint/Enforcement Program

The Commission took the complaint log under advisement.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.