

CITY OF OAKLAND  
PUBLIC ETHICS COMMISSION  
One Frank Ogawa Plaza (City Hall)  
Commission Meeting  
Monday, June 3, 2013  
Sgt. Mark Dunakin, Hearing Room 1  
6:30 p.m.



Commissioners: Lloyd Farnham (Chair), Aspen Baker (Vice-Chair), Roberta Johnson, Benjamin Kimberley, 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 6:30 p.m.

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

Staff present: Whitney Barazoto

#### **2. Staff and Commission Announcements.**

Executive Director Whitney Barazoto announced that all of Oakland's elected officials are now compliant with the state law AB 1234 ethics training requirement.

Additionally, Ms. Barazoto announced that the Commission has planned an informational hearing on Transparency to be held on June 25, 2013, and that the Sunlight Foundation has confirmed that they will participate in the hearing.

#### **3. Open Forum.**

There were no speakers.

### **CONSENT ITEMS<sup>1</sup>**

#### **4. Approval of Commission Draft Minutes.**

The Commission approved 6-0 the April 9, 2013 and May 13, 2013 Meeting Minutes.

### **GUEST PRESENTATIONS**

#### **5. City Council Code of Conduct Video Project.**

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<sup>1</sup> Consent items will be voted on all at once, unless a Commissioner requests removal of an item from consent prior to the vote.

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Ms. Barazoto introduced Commission staff Lauren Angius, who served as a mentor to 7<sup>th</sup> grader Akira Rodgers as part of the SPARK Apprenticeship program with Frick Middle School in East Oakland.

Ms. Angius gave a brief overview of the SPARK program and the project that she and Akira Rodgers developed together. The project consisted of creating a video to raise awareness of the City Council Code of Conduct. Ms. Rodgers then showed the video that she created with the help of Commission staff and KTOP.

Commissioners asked questions of Ms. Rodgers and thanked her for her contributions. Ms. Barazoto thanked Ms. Angius, Ms. Rodgers, and KTOP staff led by Michael Munson for creating the video, which will be put on the Commission's website.

#### **6. Limited Public Financing Program Policy Review.**

Ms. Barazoto introduced Greg Gonzales, graduate student at the U.C. Berkeley Goldman School of Public Policy, who gave a presentation outlining his review of Oakland's Limited Public Financing Act and program.

Commissioners asked questions of Mr. Gonzales, and Ms. Barazoto thanked him for his service to the Commission and the City of Oakland.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **7. City Council Salary Adjustment Required by Law.**

The Commission discussed a resolution to approve the required increase in City Council salaries according to the increase in the Consumer Price Index. The Commission approved the resolution 7-0, with an amendment to add a line recommending that the City Council members decline the increase due to the current budget environment.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **8. Records Management Policy.**

Deidre Scott of the City Clerk's office provided an update on the status of the City's Records Management Policy. She indicated that policy is in development and that the Clerk's office will return to the Commission with a Records Management Policy in the future.

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**9. Subcommittee Reports.**

Access to Public Records Subcommittee Chair Baker announced the upcoming Transparency Hearing scheduled for June 25.

Complaint Procedures Subcommittee Chair Farnham updated the Commission on the progress made in the subcommittee's latest meeting on May 20.

**10. Complaint/Enforcement Program.**

The Commission took the complaint log under advisement.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**11. Commission Publications.**

The Commission received the latest updates to Commission publications: Handbook for Board and Commission Members and the Ethics Resource Guide.

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.