Commission Membership: Andrew Wiener (Chair), Mario Andrews, (Vice-Chair) Barbara Green-Ajufo, Jonathan Stanley, Alaric Degrafinried, Alex Paul, Vacancy

Staff Members: Commission Staff:
Daniel Purnell, Executive Director
Tamika Thomas, Executive Assistant
City Attorney Representative:
Alix Rosenthal, Deputy City Attorney

MINUTES OF MEETING

A. Roll Call And Determination Of Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Wiener, Andrews, Green-Ajufo, Stanley, Degrafinried, Paul

B. Approval Of Draft Minutes Of The Special Meeting Of February 9, 2009

The Commission directed staff to 1) review the recording from the meeting of February 9, 2009, to confirm or modify the draft minutes regarding the Commission's action on Item E-2; and 2) re-agendize Commission consideration of this item.

C. Executive Director And Commission Announcements

The executive director reported he has been continuing to offer open meeting and public record training to a variety of Oakland's boards and commissions.

Commissioner Paul inquired whether there was any interest in reviewing the Commission's General Complaint Procedures. The executive director stated that the Procedures have not been comprehensively reviewed for approximately seven years and could probably benefit from a fresh analysis. Commissioners Wiener and Paul agreed to meet on an ad hoc basis to study the issue.

D. Open Forum

There was one speaker: Sanjiv Handa

E. Complaints

1. A Staff Report And Action To Be Taken On Complaint No. 09-01 (Plazola)

The Commission directed staff to postpone until the April 6, 2009, meeting its consideration of Complaint No. 09-01. The Commission directed staff to send Mr. Plazola a letter advising him that the Commission was prepared to take action on the staff report at the April 6, 2009, meeting in the absence of any further communication from him.

There was one speaker: Sanjiv Handa

F. A Staff Report And Action To Be Taken Regarding Approval Of The Commission's Annual Report For 2008

The Commission approved by consensus the distribution of the 2008 Annual Report subject to two grammatical and editorial changes.

There was one speaker: Sanjiv Handa

G. A Report And Action To Be Taken From The Office Of The City Clerk Pertaining To The Development Of A City-wide Records Management System

The Commission received a status report from Al Gamino, Oakland's City-wide records manager, on his efforts to develop a City-wide records management policy. The Commission expressed its support for these efforts and expressed its desire to review a draft of the policy when completed.

There were three speakers: Sanjiv Handa, John Klein, Barbara Newcombe

H. An Informational Report From The Office Of The City Attorney Regarding Recently Adopted Regulations By The Fair Political Practices Commission

Commission counsel Alix Rosenthal gave a presentation on recently adopted FPPC regulations.

There was one speaker: Sanjiv Handa

I. A Staff Report And Action To Be Taken Regarding Proposed Amendments To The Oakland Campaign Reform Act From The Commission's Lobbyist Registration And Campaign Finance Committee

The executive director provided a summary of a comprehensive set of proposed amendments to the Oakland Campaign Reform Act (OCRA) submitted by the Commission's Subcommittee on Campaign Finance and Lobbyist Registration.

There was one speaker: Sanjiv Handa

J. CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(a)
OAKPAC, Oakland Metropolitan Chamber Of Commerce et al v. City Of Oakland, The City Of Oakland Public Ethics Commission; U.S. District Court, Northern District Of California; Case. No. C06-6366

The Commission called the above item in open session. Commissioner Alex Paul announced his recusal due to a financial conflict of interest in this item and left the meeting chambers. The Commission then convened into closed session to conference with its legal counsel. No final actions were taken in closed session.

There were no speakers.

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.