



Fair Campaign Practices Commission
Open Government Commission

MINUTES

February 16, 2023

CONCURRENT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES COMMISSION AND THE OPEN GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and the state declared emergency, this meeting was conducted exclusively through teleconference and Zoom videoconference.

Secretary: Samuel Harvey

Members Present: Jessica Blome, Janis Ching, Pedro Hernandez, Patrick O'Donnell,
James, Hynes

Also Present: Samuel Harvey, Staff Secretary

1. **Call to Order**

Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Roll call taken.

3. **Public Comment**

Two speakers.

4. **Approval of Minutes:**

a. January 19, 2023 FCPC-OGC Concurrent Regular Meeting

a. Public comment: none.

b. Commission discussion and action.

Motion to approve minutes (M/S/C: O'Donnell/Hernandez; Ayes: Blome, Ching,
Hernandez, O'Donnell, Hynes; Noes: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Tsang.)

FCPC Agenda

5. **Reports**
 - a. Report from Chair
 - b. Report from Staff

6. **Biennial adjustment of Berkeley Election Reform Act dollar amounts for cost of living pursuant to BMC sections 2.12.415 and 2.12.545**
 - a. Public comment: One speakers.
 - b. Commission discussion and action.

Motion to approve cost of living adjustments (M/S/C: O'Donnell/Blome; Ayes: Blome, Ching, Hernandez, O'Donnell, Hynes; Noes: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Tsang.)

7. **Report from contribution limits subcommittee under BMC § 2.12.415**
 - a. Public comment: No speakers.
 - b. Commission discussion.

OGC Agenda

8. **Reports**
 - a. Report from Chair.
 - b. Report from Staff.

9. **Letter to Council regarding commission meeting minutes posting requirements**
 - a. Public comment: One speaker.
 - b. Commission discussion.

10. **Use if Live Transcription for teleconferenced meetings**
 - a. Public comment: One speaker.
 - b. Commission discussion and action.

Motion to approve proposed changes to City Council procedures from Commissioner Ching with revisions based on Commission discussion and send to Council (M/S/C: Blome/O'Donnell; Ayes: Blome, Ching, Hernandez, O'Donnell, Hynes; Noes: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Tsang.)

11. **Possible changes to public commenting practices for City Council meetings**

- a. Public comment: One speaker.
- b. Commission discussion and action.

Motion to direct Commissioner Ching as Commission's designee to attend February 28, 2023 City Council meeting and express concurrence with the Agenda and Rules Committee's negative recommendation for this item (M/S/C: Blome/O'Donnell; Ayes: Blome, Ching, Hernandez, O'Donnell, Hynes; Noes: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Tsang.)

Joint FCPC-OGC Agenda

12. **Election of FCPC-OGC Chair and Vice-Chair; discussion and possible action**

- a. Public comment: no speakers.
- b. Commission discussion and action

Motion to elect Pedro Hernandez as Vice Chair (M/S/C: Blome/O'Donnell; Ayes: Blome, Ching, Hernandez, O'Donnell, Hynes; Noes: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Tsang.)

Motion to elect James Hynes as Chair (M/S/C: O'Donnell/Blome; Ayes: Blome, Ching, Hernandez, O'Donnell, Hynes; Noes: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Tsang.)

13. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn M/S/C: O'Donnell/Ching; Ayes: Blome, Ching, Hernandez, O'Donnell, Tsang, Hynes; Noes: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Bernstein.)

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.