

Commission Membership: Ralph Kanz (Chair), Andrew Wiener (Vice-Chair), Lily Kimura, Kathryn Kasch, Caryn Bortnick, Sukey Wilder, Fredericka (Ricka) L. White

Staff Members: Commission Staff:
Daniel Purnell, Executive Director
Judith Silverman, Executive Assistant
City Attorney Representative:
Mark Morodomi, 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: Commissioners Kanz, Kasch, Wiener, Bortnick, Wilder, and White

Members excused: Commissioner Kimura

Staff present: Daniel Purnell, Executive Director
Mark Morodomi, Deputy City Attorney

B. Approval of Draft Minutes of the Meeting of January 3, 2005

The Commission moved, seconded and approved a motion to adopt the draft minutes of the meeting of January 3, 2005. (Ayes: Kanz, Kasch, Wiener, Bortnick, Wilder, White).

C. Executive Director And Commission Announcements

The Executive Director reported that the City Council Rules Committee scheduled a hearing on the Commission's proposed amendments to the Lobbyist Registration Act on Thursday, February 17, 2005.

The City Council considered the Commission's proposed amendments to the Limited Public Financing Act at its regular meetings of January 4 and on February 1, 2005. The City Council directed Commission staff to further research and develop proposals for making the process to apply for matching funds easier for candidates. The City Council also authorized \$50,000 at its February 1, 2005, meeting to fund the limited public matching fund program during the May 17, 2005, special election in District 2. Mandatory training for candidates participating in the limited public matching fund program during the District 2 special election will be held on February 9, 10 and 16 in City Hall.

The Executive Director reported that the Office of the City Clerk is expected to re-schedule proposed amendments to the Oakland Sunshine Ordinance before the City Council Rules Committee sometime in March, 2005.

The Lobbyist Registration and Campaign Finance Committee will begin a review of the Oakland Campaign Finance Act (OCRA) beginning in March, 2005.

Commission Chair Ralph Kanz announced that Commissioner Wiener has been appointed Chair of the Sunshine Committee. Commissioner White has been appointed to the Sunshine Committee. Commissioner Wilder was appointed to the Lobbyist Registration And Campaign Finance Committee.

There was one speaker: Sanjiv Handa

D. Open Forum

There was one speaker: Sanjiv Handa

E. Complaints

1. A Staff Report And Action To Be Taken In The Matter Of Complaint No. 04-02 (Drake)

The Commission moved, seconded and approved a motion to dismiss Complaint No. 04-02 on grounds that the Complainant failed to request a new hearing date after the request for postponement of the hearing was granted. (Ayes: Kanz, Kasch, Wiener, Bortnick, Wilder, White).

There was one speaker: Sanjiv Handa

2. A Staff Report And Action To Be Taken In The Matter Of Complaint No. 04-03 (PEC)

The Commission moved, seconded and approved a motion to adopt the proposed Stipulation and dismiss Complaint No. 04-03. (Ayes: Kanz, Kasch, Wiener, Bortnick, Wilder, White).

There was one speaker: Sanjiv Handa

3. A Staff Report And Action To Be Taken In The Matter Of Complaint No. 04-07 (Davila)

The Commission moved, seconded and approved a motion to temporarily suspend staff investigation of Complaint No. 04-07 at the mutual request of the parties and for as long as the existing tolling agreement remains in effect. (Ayes: Kanz, Kasch, Wiener, Bortnick, Wilder, White).

There was one speaker: Sanjiv Handa

F. Action To Be Taken On A Proposal From Chairperson Kanz Relating To An Examination Of Public Ethics Commission Jurisdiction And Administration

The Commission directed Commission staff to prepare a survey and summary of the authorizing legislation for other comparable Ethics Commissions with particular attention to authorizing legislation that addresses specific subject areas and/or areas of jurisdiction. The Commission also directed staff to prepare comments and a recommendation on how to proceed with the inquiries addressed in Commissioner Kanz's memorandum.

G. An Informational Presentation On The Oakland Campaign Reform Act (OCRA)

This item was postponed at the request of the City Attorney's Office.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.