



Fair Campaign Practices Commission
Open Government Commission

DRAFT MINUTES

February 19, 2026

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

Civic Center
2180 Milvia St.
Berkeley, CA 94704
Cypress Room

Secretaries:
Samuel Harvey
Stephen Hylas
Lauren Packard

Members Present: David Shere, Pajouabla Monica Lee, Janis Ching, Helene Silverberg, Rithwik Sudharsan, Andrew Lazarus, Kyle Haugh, Kitt Saginor

Also present: Sam Harvey, Staff Secretary

1. **Call to Order**

Chair called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Roll call taken

3. **Land Acknowledgement**

4. **Approval of agenda**

- a. Public comment: None.
- b. Commission discussion and action

Motion to approve the agenda (M/S/C: Ching/Shere; Ayes: Shere, Lee, Ching, Silverberg, Sudharsan, Lazarus, Haugh, Saginor; Noes: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Soichet)

5. **Public Comment**

No speakers.

6. **Approval of minutes for January 15, 2026 FCPC-OGC Regular Meeting**

- a. Public comment: none.
- b. Commission discussion and action.

Motion to approve (M/S/C: Haugh/Lee; Ayes: Shere, Lee, Ching, Silverberg, Sudharsan, Lazarus, Haugh, Saginor; Noes: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Soichet)

Fair Campaign Practices Commission (FCPC) Agenda

7. **Reports**

- a. Report from Chair.
- b. Report from Staff.

8. **Report from Negotiating Ad hoc committee: Yes on Measure CC / No on Measure BB**

- a. Public comment: none.
- b. Item continued to March meeting.

9. **Possible review and revision of FCPC Regulations**

- a. Public comment: none.
- b. Commission discussion.

10. **Public financing matching funds disbursement process**

- a. Public comment: none.
- b. Commission discussion.

Open Government Commission (OGC) Agenda

11. **Reports**

- a. Report from Chair.
- b. Report from Staff.

12. **Clerk referral of Non-Filing by Quarterly Lobbyist Filer Alexander Taplin**

- a. Public comment: none.
- b. Commission discussion and action

Motion to find probable cause that the Act has been violated for failure to timely file two quarterly lobbying reports in violation of BMC § 2.09.140 (M/S/C: Ching/Haugh; Ayes: Shere, Lee, Ching, Silverberg, Sudharsan, Haugh, Saginor; Noes: none; Abstain: Lazarus; Absent: Soichet)

Motion to dismiss this matter on the grounds that the two late-filed reports do not show any lobbying activity and therefore the apparent late filings do not appear to have deprived the public of timely information about lobbying activity (M/S/C: Haugh/Sudharsan; Ayes: Shere, Lee, Ching, Silverberg, Sudharsan, Haugh, Saginor; Noes: none; Abstain: Lazarus; Absent: Soichet)

13. **Public access to hybrid meetings, including policy discussion of topics raised by the public regarding access for persons with temporary or permanent disabilities, handling of written public comment, and the availability of live transcription and recordings**

- a. Public comment: none.
- b. Commission discussion and action

Motion to direct our staff to share our chart of the hybrid status of commissions and boards with the City Clerk (M/S/C: Lee/Ching; Ayes: Shere, Lee, Ching, Silverberg, Sudharsan, Lazarus, Haugh, Saginor; Noes: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Soichet)

14. **Complaint of Non-Compliance with Public Records Act (Johlyece Dotson)**

- a. Public comment: none.
- b. Item continued to March meeting.

15. **Public access to supplemental materials and amendments at City Council meetings, including the timing of presentation of such materials by the Mayor or City Councilmembers, such that the public may comment on them**

- a. Public comment: none.
- b. Commission discussion.

16. **Lobbyist Registration Forms and Procedures**

- a. Public comment: none.
- b. Commission discussion.

Joint FCPC-OGC Agenda

17. **Election of Commission Officers**

- a. Public comment: none.
- b. Commission discussion and action

*Motion to elect Commissioner Haugh to the office of Chair (M/S/C: Saginor/Silverberg;
Ayes: Shere, Lee, Ching, Silverberg, Sudharsan, Lazarus, Haugh, Saginor; Noes: none;
Abstain: none; Absent: Soichet)*

*Motion to elect Commissioner Ching to the office of Vice Chair (M/S/C: Haugh/Saginor;
Ayes: Shere, Lee, Ching, Silverberg, Sudharsan, Lazarus, Haugh, Saginor; Noes: none;
Abstain: none; Absent: Soichet)*

18. **Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn (M/S/C: Ching/Shere; Ayes: Shere, Lee, Ching, Silverberg,
Sudharsan, Lazarus, Haugh, Saginor; Noes: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Soichet)*

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p..m.