Fair Campaign Practices Commission
Open Government Commission

MINUTES
October 15, 2026

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

2180 Milvia St., Berkeley, CA 94704
1st Floor, Cypress Room

Members Present: Pajouablai Monica Lee, Janis Ching, Kitt Saginor, Thomas Boer, Andrew Lazarus, David Shere, Rithwik Sudharsan

Also Present: Lauren Packard, Staff Secretary

1. **Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

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 agenda: (M/S/C: Boer/Lee: Ayes: Lee, Ching, Saginor, Boer, Lazarus, Shere; Noes: None; Absent: Sudharsen, Haugh.)

5. **Public Comment**

None.

6. **Approval of minutes for September 17, 2026 FCPC-OGC Regular Meeting**

   a. Public Comment: none

   b. Commission discussion and action.

Motion to approve minutes with correction that Sam Harvey, not Stephen Hylas, was the staff secretary present: (M/S/C: Saginor/Lee; Ayes: Lee, Ching, Saginor, Boer, Lazarus; Noes: None; Absent: Sudharsen, Haugh; Abstain: Shere.)

Fair Campaign Practices Commission (FCPC) Agenda

7. **Reports**

    a. Report from Chair
    b. Report from Staff

8. **Review of City of Berkeley elections website, including accessibility of Netfile public portal; discussion and possible action.**

    a. Public Comment: None
    b. Commission discussion

9. **Notification of campaign report non-filers for (1) Committee for Initiative to Amend the Nuclear Free Berkeley Act; and (2) Andrew for Berkeley Council 2024; discussion and possible action.**

    a. Public Comment: None

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10. **Reports**

    a. Report from Chair
    b. Report from Staff

11. **Complaint re Public Records Act requests (nos. 26-2240 and 26-1196); discussion and possible action.**

    a. Public Comment: one
    b. Commission discussion and action.

Motion to request Secretary investigate (1) timing of construction for project to help determine if special meeting is needed; (2) whether the City has an obligation to respond that there are no responsive records and if so whether this was met; and (3) investigate complaint more generally including whether procedure for releasing documents Oct. 5 that were uploaded September 19 is proper (M/S/C: Saginor/Sudharsen; Ayes: Shere, Lee, Ching, Saginor, Boer, Sudharsen, Lazarus; Noes: None; Absent: Haugh)

12. **Complaint regarding Public Records Act request 26-2144; discussion and possible action.**

    a. Public Comment: none
    b. Commission discussion.

13. **Public access to hybrid meetings, including progress update on North Berkeley Senior Center, 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; discussion and possible action.**

    a. Public Comment: none
    b. Commission discussion and action.

Motion to ask Chair to transmit the recommendation memorandum and PAB attachment (p. 61-85 of agenda packet) to the Clerk with a cover email requesting he consider it and report back to the OGC: (M/S/C: Boer/Shere; Ayes: Shere, Lee, Ching, Saginor, Boer, Sudharsen, Lazarus; Noes: None; Absent: Haugh).

14. Review and revision of Open Government Ordinance related to broadcasting and archiving commission meetings; discussion and possible action.

    a. Public Comment: none
    b. Commission discussion.

15. Review and revision of Open Government Ordinance related to Public Records Act request public positing procedures; discussion and possible action.

    a. Public Comment: none
    b. Commission discussion.

16. Review and revision of Open Government Ordinance related to ephemeral messaging applications; discussion and possible action.

    a. Public Comment: none
    b. Commission discussion.

17. **City Council policies for items on consent calendar, including practice of placing consent items on agenda that are not going to pass unanimously; discussion and possible action.**

    a. Public Comment: none
    b. Commission discussion.

18. **Practices for describing public meeting agenda items; discussion and possible action.**

    a. Public Comment: none
    b. Commission discussion.

19. **Announcements**

    a. Public Comment: none
    b. Commission discussion.

20. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn. (M/S/C: Ching/Boer; Ayes: Shere, Lee, Ching, Saginor, Boer, Sudharsen, Lazarus; Noes: None; Absent: Haugh).

Meeting adjourned: 8:47 pm