



Fair Campaign Practices Commission  
Open Government Commission

**MINUTES**  
May 15, 2025

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

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

Secretary: Samuel Harvey

Members Present: Karen Bowen, Janis Ching, Emmanuelle Soichet, Rithwik  
Sudharsan, Andrew Lazarus, Kitt Saginor

Also present: Sam Harvey, Staff Secretary

1. **Call to Order**

Chair called the meeting to order at 6:31 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 agenda (M/S/C: Lazarus/Ching; Ayes: Bowen, Ching, Lazarus,  
Saginor; Noes: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Lee; Soichet; Sudharsan)*

5. **Public Comment**

No speakers.

6. **Approval of minutes for April 17, 2025 FCPC-OGC Regular Meeting**

- i. Public comment: none.
- ii. Commission discussion and action:

*Motion to correct minutes to place Item 7 Reports within the FCPC Agenda and approve corrected minutes (M/S/C: Saginor/Ching; Ayes: Ching, Sudharsan, Lazarus, Saginor; Noes: none; Abstain: Bowen; Absent: Lee; Soichet)*

**Fair Campaign Practices Commission (FCPC) Agenda**

7. **Reports**

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

8. **Report from Negotiating Subcommittee: Yes on Measure CC / No on Measure BB**

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

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

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

*Motion to request that the Secretary request the City Clerk to provide an update on any changes to the public financing matching funds disbursement process undertaken based on our discussion at the April 17th meeting (M/S/C: Ching/Bowen; Ayes: Bowen, Ching, Soichet, Sudharsan, Lazarus, Saginor; Noes: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Lee; Soichet)*

*Motion to empanel an ad hoc committee to discuss possible changes for increased efficiency and accuracy for the public financing matching funds disbursement process (M/S/C: Sudharsan/Bowen; Ayes: Bowen, Ching, Sudharsan, Lazarus, Saginor; Noes: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Lee; Soichet)*

Chair Saginor appointed Commissioners: Bowen and Sudharsan.

10. **Report and discussion from subcommittee on review and possible revision of Procedures for the Fair Campaign Practices Commission**

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

**Open Government Commission (OGC) Agenda**

11. **Reports**

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

12. **Publicizing commission work and vacancies, information about commissions on the web**

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

13. **Referral of non-filing quarterly lobbying reports: Yuri Sadiki-Torres**

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

14. **Lobbyist Registration Forms and Procedures**

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

*Motion to empanel an ad hoc committee to discuss possible modernization of the lobbyist registration process including online payment and digital signatures. (M/S/C: Sudharsan/Bowen; Ayes: Bowen, Ching, Soichet, Sudharsan, Lazarus, Saginor; Noes: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Lee)*

Chair Saginor appointed Commissioners: Bowen and Sudharsan.

15. **City Council Rules of Procedure and Order**

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

16. **Progress in providing remote access to Commission and Board meetings**

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

**Joint FCPC-OGC Calendar**

17. **FCPC and OGC FY2025-26 work plans**

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

18. **Adjournment**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p..m.