



Fair Campaign Practices Commission
Open Government Commission

DRAFT MINUTES
September 18, 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: David Shere, Pajouablaï Monica Lee, Janis Ching, Helene Silverberg, Emmanuelle Soichet, Rithwik Sudharsan, Kyle Haugh, Kitt Saginor

Also present: Stephen Hylas, Staff Secretary

1. **Call to Order**

Chair called the meeting to order at 6:33 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: Haugh/Ching; Ayes: Schere, Lee, Ching, Silverberg,, Haugh, Saginor; Noes: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Soichet, Sudharsan, Lazarus)

5. **Public Comment**

No speakers

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

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

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

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 October meeting.

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

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

10. **Review and possible revision of Procedures for the Fair Campaign Practices Commission; discussion and possible action.**

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

11. **Review and revisions of BERA and FCPC Regulations.**

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

Motion to empanel ad hoc committee to review BERA and FCPC Regulations and prepare possible revisions (M/S/C: Lee/Shere; Ayes: Schere, Lee, Ching, Silverberg, Soichet, Sudharsan, Haugh, Saginor; Noes: none; Abstain: none; Lazarus)

Chair Saginor appointed Commissioners: Lee, Sudharsan, and Haugh.

Open Government Commission (OGC) Agenda

12. **Reports**

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

13. **Complaints received July 2 & 3, 2025 re Council consideration of middle housing zoning ordinance amendments and conforming zoning map, and General Plan amendments at June 26, 2025 special meeting**

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

Motion to dismiss the complaints received July 2 & 3, 2025 re Council consideration of middle housing zoning ordinance amendments and conforming zoning map, and General Plan amendments at June 26, 2025 special meeting (M/S/C: Haugh/Soichet; Ayes: Schere, Lee, Ching, Silverberg, Soichet, Sudharsan, Haugh, Saginor; Noes: none; Abstain: Ching; Absent: Lazarus)

14. **Complaint alleging irregularities at City Council April 28, 2025 special meeting; discussion and possible action**

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

*Motion to refer this matter to the Secretary to review and investigate the complaint and return to the October meeting with a report and a recommendation.
(M/S/C: Silverberg/Haugh; Ayes: Schere, Lee, Ching, Silverberg, Soichet, Sudharsan, Haugh, Saginor; Noes: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Lazarus)*

15. **Complaint from Kelly Hammargren re remote public access to City board and commission meetings**

- a. Public comment: two speakers.
- b. Commission discussion and action

*Motion to refer this matter to the Secretary to review and investigate the complaint and return to the October meeting with a report and a recommendation.
(M/S/C: Ching/Sudharsan; Ayes: Schere, Lee, Ching, Silverberg, Soichet, Sudharsan, Haugh, Saginor; Noes: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Lazarus)*

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

- a. Public comment: no speakers.
- b. Item continued to October meeting.

17. **Lobbyist Registration Forms and Procedures**

- a. Public comment: no speakers.
- b. Item continued to October meeting

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

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

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

- a. Public comment: two speakers.
- b. Commission discussion and action

Motion to ask City Clerk to come to a meeting to explain the challenges in providing remote access to Commission and Board meetings and prior to that attend to hear discussion of item (M/S/C: Ching/Sudharsan; Ayes: Schere, Lee, Ching, Silverberg, Soichet, Sudharsan, Haugh, Saginor; Noes: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Lazarus)

20. **Web Content Accessibility Guidelines: Improving compliance on the City of Berkeley Website**

- a. Public comment: two speakers.
- b. Commission discussion.

21. **Adjournment**

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.