CITY OF OAKLAND
PUBLIC ETHICS COMMISSION
Special Commission Meeting
One Frank Ogawa Plaza (City Hall)
Hearing Room 2
Friday, August 14, 2026
6:30 p.m.

Commissioners:
Francis Upton IV (Chair) | Karun Tilak (Vice-Chair) | Luke Apfeld | Tanya Bayeva | L. Lawrence Brandon | Angi Fisher | Ryan Micik

Commission Staff in Attendance:
Jelani Killings, Senior Ethics Analyst | Carina Lieu, Program Manager | Bhawna Chowdhary, Ethics Analyst

Legal Counsel:
Oliver Luby, Deputy City Attorney

PUBLIC ETHICS COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

PRELIMINARY ITEMS

1. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Chair Francis Upton IV, Luke Apfeld, Angi Fisher, Tanya Bayeva, L. Lawrence Brandon, and Ryan Micik.

Members excused: Vice-Chair Karun Tilak

Staff present: Jelani Killings, Senior Ethics Analyst; Carina Lieu, Program Manager; Bhawna Chowdhary, Ethics Analyst.

Legal Counsel: Oliver Luby, Deputy City Attorney.

2. Staff and Commission Announcements.

Chair Upton announced that members of the public can now participate in meetings remotely via Zoom.

Senior Ethics Analyst Jelani Killings introduced Carina Lieu, who joined the PEC on July 27th as a new Program Manager.

3. Open Forum.

Chair Upton provided an overview of the rules for public comment during PEC meetings and how to participate via Zoom or phone.

Public Comment: Jesse Lucas.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Limited Public Financing Act Program 2026.

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The Commission received and discussed a staff report regarding the available funds for the Limited Public Financing Program and how to distribute funds to candidates running for City Council district office in the November 2026 election.

Brandon moved, and Fisher seconded, to find that the amount of money in the election campaign fund is adequate to provide the maximum amount of funds allowable by law to each potentially eligible candidate.

Public Comment: None.

Ayes: Apfeld, Bayeva, Brandon, Fisher, Micik, Upton.

Noes: None.

Abstentions: None

Vote: 6-0.

Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.