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# SUNSHINE ORDINANCE TASK FORCE Compliance and Amendments Committee CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO DRAFT MINUTES

Hearing Room 406
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

March 29, 2012 - 4:30 PM

## **Special Meeting**

Members: Allyson Washburn (Chair), David Snyder, Richard Knee, Bruce Wolfe, Hope Johnson

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND AGENDA CHANGES (00:00 - 2:18)

The meeting was called to order at 4:37p.m. Members Snyder and Wolfe were noted absent. There was a quorum.

#### Member Knee, seconded by Member Johnson, moved to EXCUSE Member Wolfe.

Speakers: Jason Grant Garza spoke expressing opposition to the motion to excuse Member Wolfe. Thomas Picarello spoke expressing holding members accountable to the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force's By-laws absentee policy.

#### The motion PASSED by the following vote.

Ayes: 3 - Knee, Johnson, Washburn

Excused: 1 - Wolfe Absent: 1- Snyder

# 2. Next steps on Ethics Commission's proposed policy for handling Sunshine-related complaints. (2:19 - 1:35:10)

Chair Washburn introduced Allen Grossman to present an overview of the Ethics Commission's Enforcement Jurisdiction as proposed in its staff's draft "Regulations for Complaints Alleging Willful Violations of the Sunshine Ordinance." The rationale for the staff's interpretation that the Ethics Commission only has jurisdiction under 67.34 in its closed reading of Sections 67.21 (d) and (e), in Article III, potential violations of provisions in Articles II and III, and Sections 67.30 (c), 67.35 Enforcement Provisions and 67.34 of Article IV Policy Implementation were discussed. A question and answer period followed.

Chair Washburn opened discussion on joint meeting agenda items. The following items were discussed as potential agenda items: 1) Discussion of present Ethics Commission's Regulations with respect to violations of public access laws. 2) Discussion of the Ethics Commission staff's reversal of the Commission's June 2010, public meeting policy decisions regarding the

Commission's Sunshine Regulations in the new proposed regulations. 3) Discussion of the issues raised in the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force's (SOTF) April 3, 2012, Memorandum to the Commissioners on the Ethics Commission's proposed enforcement jurisdiction over violations of the California and San Francisco public access laws.

The Compliance and Amendments Committee will forward to the Ethics Commission the following documents: 1) June 14, 2010, Ethics Commission Regular Meeting Minutes 2) Memo to Ethics Commission regarding The Ethics Commission's "Enforcement" Jurisdiction. 3) Proposed agenda items for joint meeting.

Speakers: Thomas Picarello spoke expressing concern regarding a non-member sitting in and presenting at the joint meeting and suggested the full Task Force weigh in on the item. Jason Grant Garza spoke expressing concern that the Ethics Commission will not solve the concerns and questions of the Compliance and Amendments Committee.

# 3. **Public Comment:** (1:35:11 - 1:48:19)

Speakers: Jason Grant Garza spoke expressing concern with his open complaints and order in which complaints are scheduled. Allen Grossman spoke expressing concern regarding three of the five members regularly attending the Committee's meeting and suggested appointing Members in place of absent Members.

4. Announcements, Comments, Questions, and Future Agenda Items (1:48:20 - 1:48:23)

There was none.

### 5. ADJOURNMENT

Member Knee, seconded by Member Johnson, moved to ADJOURN.

There were no speakers. The motion PASSED without objection.

There being no further business, the Compliance and Amendments Committee adjourned at the hour of 6:22 p.m.

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