

**Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission Regular Meeting  
April 6, 2016**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission convened on April 6, 2016 in Room 4080 of the Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 Fifth Avenue. Commission Chair Eileen Norton called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. Vice-Chair Brendan Donckers and Commissioners Bruce Carter, Alexandra McKay, Vickie Rawlins and Hardeep Rekhi were present. Commissioner Charlene Angeles joined via telephone. Executive Director Wayne Barnett and staff members Anthony Adams, Kate Flack, Polly Grow, Rene LeBeau and Marc Mayo were present. Assistant City Attorney Jeff Slayton was also in attendance.

**1) Public Comment**

Queen Pearl and Alex Tsimerman gave public comment.

**Action Items**

**2) February 3, 2016 meeting minutes**

Vice-Chair Donckers moved to approve the February 3, 2016 meeting minutes. Commissioner McKay seconded. The meeting minutes from the February 3, 2016 regular meeting were unanimously approved.

**3) March 2, 2016 meeting minutes**

Commissioner Rawlins noticed an error in the minutes and suggested an amendment. Commissioner Carter moved to approve the March 2, 2016 meeting minutes as amended. Commissioner Rawlins seconded. The meeting minutes from the March 2, 2016 regular meeting were unanimously approved.

**4) Kirkland contract renewal**

The Executive Director explained that the City of Kirkland was interested in renewing its contract with Seattle under which the Commission administers Kirkland's Ethics Code.

Vice-Chair Donckers asked the Director the extent of work performed under the contract to date, and the Director replied that he had provided advice on occasion to Kirkland officials. To date, no complaints have been filed with the Commission against Kirkland officials.

Commissioner Carter moved to recommend legislation to the City Council extending the contract. Commissioner McKay seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Discussion Items**

#### **5) 2015 Election Report**

The Executive Director said that he had emailed copies of the election report to the commissioners when it was released, and invited questions on the report.

Commissioner Rawlins asked if previous reports also contained historical information, and the Director replied that past reports had in fact included similar information.

The Chair said that the report was very well put together, informative and easy to understand.

Commissioner Carter inquired whether the report contained only the contributions made to the campaigns and left out the information regarding Independent Expenditures. Staff member Polly Grow replied that a high-level overview of independent spending was available in the report, with more detailed information available on the Commission's website.

#### **6) I-122**

Staff member Rene LeBeau updated the Commission on the progress to date on the implementation of the Democracy Voucher program.

The Director told the Commission that I-122 does not contain much guidance on verifying qualifying contributions. He said that in light of past illegal activity in Portland,

coupled with an ongoing investigation of a California candidate, staff thought there should be an effort to verify qualifying contributions.

Vice-Chair Donckers asked whether King County would compare signatures to help with the verification process, and Rene LeBeau replied that she anticipated the City contracting with the County to provide that service.

Ms. LeBeau said that candidates can begin to submit qualifying contributions as of July 1, 2016.

Commissioner Carter asked for an update on spending on the program, and the Director replied that the biggest piece of that puzzle was technology costs. He hoped that that cost could be estimated in the near future.

**7) Executive Director's report**

The Director told commissioners that rolling out the new F-1 mandated by I-122 had been complicated, but that he believed that all filers had the information they needed to complete the form.

**The Regular Commission meeting for April 6, 2015 adjourned at 4:53 p.m.**