

**Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission Regular Meeting  
June 1, 2016**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission convened on June 1, 2016 in Room 4080 of the Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 Fifth Avenue. Commission Chair Eileen Norton called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Vice-Chair Brendan Donckers and Commissioners Bruce Carter and Hardeep Rekhi were in attendance, joined by Commissioner Vickie Rawlins via telephone. Commissioners Charlene Angeles and Alexandra McKay were absent. Executive Director Wayne Barnett and staff members Anthony Adams, Bob DeWeese, Polly Grow and Rene LeBeau were present.

**1) Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Action Items**

**2) Meeting minutes for April 6, 2016**

Commissioner Carter moved to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2016 Regular meeting. Vice-Chair Donckers seconded. The minutes from the April 6, 2016 Regular Commission meeting were unanimously approved.

**3) Confirm new outreach and communications team members**

The Director introduced Jenna Smith and Annie Tran, two new hires to conduct outreach and communications for the new Democracy Voucher program. The Director told commissioners that under the Commission's enabling ordinance, all new hires must be confirmed by the Commission.

Vice Chair Donckers moved to confirm the new team members, and Commissioner Rekhi seconded. The vote to confirm Jenna Smith and Annie Tran was unanimous.

## **Discussion Items**

### **4) I-122 status report**

Rene LeBeau updated the Commission on the progress of the Voucher Program.

The Chair asked for details on the timing of the technology solution and any rulemaking that would come before the Commission.

Ms. LeBeau said the goal was to have the system requirements in place by the end of June 2016, and to have the technology fully tested and ready to go in December 2016.

Vice-Chair Donckers inquired about the first official deadline involving the actual vouchers.

According to Ms. LeBeau, the first concrete step is the mailing of the vouchers, slated for January 3, 2017.

Commissioner Rawlins asked whether there was an agreement in place with King County Elections to help with verifying signatures.

Ms. LeBeau reported that she had had communications with the County, but there was as of yet no formal agreement. The Director confirmed that he anticipates formalizing a relationship with the County, but reminded the Commissioners that this is a presidential election year, so the County will be quite busy.

### **5) Draft Office Fund Rule**

The Director gave an overview of the Commission's work to date on office funds.

Vice-Chair Donckers inquired if the term "City purpose" in subsections three and four provided enough guidance to office fund holders on what expenses were and were not appropriate.

The Director said that the term “City purpose” is used in the Ethics Code, so there are advisory opinions that office fund holders and Commission staff can look to in determining whether an expenditure is appropriate.

The Chair proposed adding language to the section permitting the use of office funds to attend championship sporting events to make clear that a regional team must be competing.

The Director thanked the Commission and said that he would revise the draft based on this input.

#### **6) Executive Director’s report**

The Director briefed the Commission on the status of two pieces of legislation that the Commission had sent to Council, reporting that both had received unanimous endorsements from the Council’s Education, Equity and Governance Committee.

The Director also updated the Commission on the status of the Commission’s 2017-2018 budget.

The Director shared with the Commission the details of a visit from the Public Disclosure Commission’s Executive Director, saying that the PDC is very interested in the implementation of I-122.

**The Regular Commission meeting for June 1, 2016 adjourned at 4:57 p.m.**