



CITY OF BOSTON Municipal Lobbying Compliance Commission

Minutes Thursday, February 17, 2022, 2:00 PM Virtual Meeting held remotely via Google Meet Due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Commission Members Present: Interim City Clerk Alex Geourntas, Sammy Nabulsi, Vivien Li, Linda Champion and Christine O'Donnell representing City Council President Ed Flynn and secretary for this meeting.

Others Present: N/A

Call to order at 2:03 PM

Sammy Nabulsi, Commission Chair, opened the virtual meeting, welcomed everyone, and explained that the meeting is being held remotely. The Commission proceeded with the agenda. The Commission reviewed the minutes from the January 20, 2022 meeting. Vivien Li suggested making changes to the minutes which included adding that Christine O'Donnell is representing City Council President Ed Flynn and that on page two in the first sentence the word "agree" be changed to "agreed" in order to have consistency of tense. The Commission approved the minutes as amended.

City Clerk Update

The Commission discussed the City Clerk transition. The Chair inquired if the Commission can do anything to be supportive during the transition with regard to lobbying. Interim Clerk Geourntas explained that things would operate the same with regard to lobbying and that staff will continue to monitor reporting and registration requirements. The commission asked about plans for hiring in the Clerk's Office. The Commission discussed whether there has been an update on Commissioners' terms.

Interim City Clerk Alex Geourntas provided an update on the reports received from clients, lobbyists, and entities. Interim City Clerk Alex Geourntas stated that the Clerk's Office has emailed reminders

about the reporting requirements. The Chair inquired whether there are any delinquent lobbyist reports from previous years. Interim City Clerk Alex Geourntas explained that there are a few from 2020 and one from 2019.

Update on Lobbying Website Pages

Interim City Clerk Alex Geourntas stated that the April reporting period will be online. The Chair asked if the Commission could receive a spreadsheet of those lobbyists that are delinquent by two reports for the next meeting. The Chair asked if there is a way to distinguish between if someone is not reporting and not lobbying or not reporting and lobbying. The Chair recognized that not reporting but actively lobbying is more egregious.

Old/New Business

Interim City Clerk Alex Geourntas stated that there have been no new fee waiver requests. The commission discussed its March meeting and whether it would be remote or in person. The Commission members decided that the March meeting will be remote. The Chair stated that should there be a legislative change to the lobbying ordinance that the Commission should be prepared to make a regulatory change. The chair stated that he is working on the memorandum and the webinar with commissioner Champion.

Meeting adjourned at 2:34 PM.