

# OAKLAND BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

#### **OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL & COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

The City Council is the governing body for Oakland. Meets the first, third and fifth Tuesdays of the month in Council Chambers on the 3<sup>rd</sup> fl., City Hall. Ceremonial presentations and non-controversial (consent) items will be heard at 5:30 p.m.. At 6:30 p.m. public hearings and discussion items are reviewed.

**Council Committees** meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 9:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. and are convened in Hearing Room 1 on the 1<sup>st</sup> fl. of City Hall. The Rules and Legislation Committee meets every Thursday at 10:45 a.m. in Council Chambers on the 3<sup>rd</sup> fl., City Hall.

## Finance and Management Committee (assigned)

Reviews Federal and State budgetary actions. Involved with quarterly revenue and expenditures, plus salary ordinances. Establishes and modifies fee schedules and receives audit reports such as the hotel tax. Meets second and fourth Tuesdays, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Hearing Room 1, City Hall.

#### **Public Works Committee**

Oakland Public Works plans, builds and maintains Oakland's physical and environmental infrastructure. Responsible for the maintenance of buildings and facilities, creeks, watersheds, sewers, parks, landscape, recycling, garbage, street lights and parking meters to name a few. Meets second and fourth Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Hearing Room 1, City Hall.

# **Rules and Legislation Committee**

Schedules and creates the agenda for the Council and Committees. Council President is chair. Meets every Thursday, 10:45 a.m., City Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> fl., Oakland.

# The Public Safety Committee (assigned)

Oversees issues involving safety, namely police, e.g., walking beats and problem solving officers. Also oversees aspects of services supporting ex-offenders, the Fire Department and the Privacy Commission. Meets second and fourth Tuesdays starting at 6:00 p.m., Hearing Room 1, City Hall.

# Life Enrichment Committee (assigned)

The Committee oversees the social lives of our citizens such as the Oakland Public Library system, Oakland Museum of California, social assistance to seniors, parks and recreation, youth summer jobs, interim housing and shelter. Meets second and fourth Tuesdays from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m., Hearing Room 1, City Hall.

# **Community and Economic Development Committee**

Involved with community projects for the welfare of its citizens including housing communities (Brooklyn Basin) and Job Resource Center, and can establish taxes to maintain certain public improvements. Meets second and fourth Tuesdays, 1:30 to 4:00 p.m., Hearing Room 1, City Hall.

## CITY OF OAKLAND COMMISSIONS, BOARDS & AUTHORITIES

# Oakland Planning Commission (assigned)

The purpose of the Oakland Planning Commission is to promote the orderly growth and Development of the City through studies, decisions on Development proposals, policy recommendations to the City Council, and related activities. City Planning Commission meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays, usually at 6:00 p.m., (5:30 p.m. if long agenda), in Council Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> fl., City Hall.

## **Public Ethics Commission (assigned)**

The Public Ethics Commission (PEC) ensures compliance with the City of Oakland's government ethics, campaign finance, transparency, and lobbyist registration laws that aim to promote fairness, openness, honesty, and integrity in City government. Subcommittees meet on an as-needed basis. The Commission meets on the first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. City Hall Hearing Room 1 (unless otherwise noted).

# Safety and Services Oversight Commission (SSOC)

Measure Z requires a citizens' oversight commission to oversee the proper administration of the revenue collection and spending plus the implementation of the strategies funded through the measure. The SSOC reviews the annual financial audit, supervises and guides the annual evaluation, and makes policy recommendations and regular reports to the Mayor and City Council. Meets third Monday, 6:30 p.m., Hearing Room 1. (Occasionally, the meetings are held at a community site. Contact the City Administrator's Office to confirm the location: 238-3301)

# Privacy Advisory Commission (assigned)

Provide advice and technical assistance to the City of Oakland on best practices to protect our privacy rights in connection with the City's purchase and use of surveillance equipment and other technology that collects or stores citizen data. Meets first Thursday, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Hearing Room 1, City Hall.

#### **Commission on Persons with Disabilities**

The Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD) represents and addresses the concerns of the disability community. At least a majority of said Commission members appointed shall be persons with disabilities. To the extent possible, the Commission membership will reflect the diverse interests of the business and labor communities and all persons with disabilities. Regular meetings of the MCPD are monthly on the third Monday, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Hearing Room 4, City Hall. To request accommodations, including sign language interpretation, real time captioning, materials in alternative formats, or other auxiliary aids or services, contact adaprograms@oaklandnet.com or call 238-5219.

# **Cannabis Regulatory Commission**

Establish a system to license, tax and regulate cannabis, to oversee the ordinance's implementation and disbursement of revenue for the businesses that sell cannabis. The CRC meets monthly on the third Thursday, 6:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> fl.

# **Youth Advisory Commission**

The YC tackles issues of importance to our young citizens and is committed to increasing opportunities for youth participation in civic engagement, leadership and empowerment. General meeings held on the second and fourth Wednesdays from September to June, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, Hearing Room 3 or 4. More information: <a href="mailto:youthcommission@oaklandnet.com/">youthcommission@oaklandnet.com/</a>

## Police Commission (Previously Policing Advisory Board) (assigned)

Oversees the Oakland Police Department's policies, practices and customs to meet national standards of constitutional policing. Meets second and fourth Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., Hearing Room 1, City Hall. (Also, oversees the Community Police Review Agency (CPRA), previously the Citizens Police Review Board (CPRB), that investigates police misconduct and recommends discipline).

# Oakland Housing Authority (assigned)

The Housing Authority (OHA) is responsible for Oakland's low-rent housing program. The OHA owns, operates and administers its units and administers a rental assistance program in which private landlords rent directly to tenants who are eligible to receive federal rent subsidies. The Board provides policy oversight of the development, construction, rental, management and maintenance of all public housing units in Oakland. Meets fourth Monday, 6 p.m., 1619 Harrison Street.

# Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) (assigned)

Oversees education policies, including such committees as Local Control & Accountability, Teacher Retention & Middle School Improvement, Exceptional Children, and Parcel Tax Independent Citizens' Oversight. Meetings in rotation around the city, some in the day, some in the evenings. For times and locations – Tel: 879-8200 or https://ousd.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx/.

#### **Board of Port Commissioners**

The City of Oakland Charter gives the Board of Port Commissioners exclusive control and management of the Port of Oakland which includes, seaports, truckers resources, airport business and commercial real estate. Meets second and fourth Thursdays, 1:00 p.m., 530 Water Street, Boardroom, Oakland. Tel: 627-1696.

Check with the City Clerk if you think meeting times or locations have been moved: 238-3612; cityclerk@oaklandnet.com

Some committee and council meetings are streamed live, and replayed a few days later, on the City of Oakland's KTOP-TV (channel 10 on Comcast). Schedule available online. For more about Oakland city government, search online: "Oakland, CA, City Government 101"

#### **ALAMEDA COUNTY**

# Oakland Community Action Partnership (AC-OCAP) Administrating Board

The Alameda County Oakland Community Action Partnership Administrating Board serves in an advisory capacity to the governing Board of the Community Action Agency and the City Council, and makes policy and funding recommendations for the Community Action Program. Concerned with issues relating to poverty, food security, transportation, legal assistance, etc., in Alameda County. Meets monthly on second Monday, 5:30 p.m.. Oakland City Hall, Hearing room 3. Tel: 238-2362. https://www.acgov.org/bc/acoakcapab/

# Alameda County Transportation Commission

Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) plans, funds and delivers public transportation programs, including ridesharing, senior transportation, biking and walking plans, and kids and schools transportation programs. The Alameda CTC Commission meets on the fourth Tuesday, 2:00 p.m. at 1111 Broadway, Suite 800, Oakland (Downtown Oakland at City Center/12<sup>th</sup> St. BART) Tel: 208-7400.

# San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) (assigned)

BART is renewing its 45 year-old system. Measure RR, approved by the voters, authorizes BART to issue \$3.5b in general obligation bonds. This will include replacing aging rail and the majority of old escalators, tunnel repair, and electrical system upgrades. Board meets second and fourth Thursdays in the Board Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> fl., Kaiser Center 344 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland.

#### The Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District

AC Transit is a special transit district under state law. Based in Oakland, It is the third-largest public bus-only system in California, serving 13 cities and adjacent unincorporated areas in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. AC Transit's mission is to connect our communities with safe, reliable, sustainable service. The board meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. AC Transit offices, 2<sup>nd</sup> fl. boardroom, 1600 Franklin Street. (*Check location on actransit.org since occasionally meetings are held at different locations.*)

## Alameda County Board of Education.

The ACBE serves as the governing board for the schools and student services and programs operated by the County Superintendent of Schools. It approvies policies, the annual budget, serves as an appeals board advocates on behalf of education on local, state and national levels. Meets 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month, Board Room, Alameda County Office of Education, 313 W. Winton Ave., Hayward.

## San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission

**BCDC** is a California state planning and regulatory agency with regional authority over the San Francisco Bay, the shoreline band, and the Suisun Marsh. Its mission is to protect and enhance San Francisco Bay. The Commission meets on the first & third Thursdays of most months at 1:00 p.m. in Oakland or more typically, in San Francisco (Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, 1<sup>st</sup> fl., Yerba Buena, San Francisco). http://www.bcdc.ca.gov/cm/

# **Regional Water Quality Control Board**

The mission of the San Francisco RWQCB is to preserve and enhance the quality of California's water resources an drinking water, and to ensure proper water resource allocation. Meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m., Elihu Harris State Building at 1515 Clay St. Oakland. http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/board\_info/

This brochure and other information is available for download from <a href="http://observercorps.org">http://observercorps.org</a>. For additional information contact <a href="mailto:observers@lwvoakland.org">observers@lwvoakland.org</a>.