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CITY OF BOSTON
Municipal Lobbying Compliance Commission

Minutes
Thursday, June 17, 2021, 2:00 PM
Virtual Meeting held remotely via Google Meet
Due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Commission Members Present: Sammy Nabulsi, Chair; Vivien Li, Linda Champion and City Clerk Maureen Feeney

Others Present: Assistant City Clerk Alex Geourntas.

Not Present: Christine O'Donnell representing City Council President Matt O'Malley

Call to order at 2:05 PM

Sammy Nabulsi, Chair of the Commission, opened the virtual meeting by welcoming everyone.

Motion was offered by Sammy Nabulsi to amend "ensured" to "ensued" on page 3 of the May 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Linda Champion. All in favor.

Motion was offered by Vivien Li to correct misspelling of her name from Vivian to Vivien on page 1 of the May 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes and to change "suggested" to "stated" on page 2 of the Minutes, seconded by City Clerk Maureen Feeney. All in favor.

Motion to accept the May 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes as amended was offered by Vivien Li and seconded by Linda Champion. All in favor.

Further Review of Draft Online Form for Lobbying Complaints

The Commission reviewed the proposed online Lobbying Complaint Form with additional suggestions on making the form more understandable and streamlined for those utilizing the form. Text changes were suggested in the opening statement on the form, deleting certain sections in the form that would make it easier to understand and add specific language to the section where a concise statement would be provided by the individual submitting the Lobbying complaint. Also, adding an option to click on if there are no documents to be uploaded.

Once the changes have been updated, the complaint form will be forwarded to Commission member, Linda Champion, for review prior to posting on city's website.

Public Education on Lobbying and Regulations Update

City Clerk Maureen Feeney spoke with Dion Irish, Acting Mayor Janey's Chief of Operations relative to a citywide effort for all city employees regarding Lobbying and Regulations. This would be similar to the city's yearly efforts with Campaign Election Updates sent to all city employees from the Law Department. Dion agreed that this would be possible via an email blast to all city employees as a first step.

City Clerk Maureen Feeney and Sammy Nabulsi agreed to work together to create text for the blast email to all city employees.

Sammy Nabulsi and Commission members discussed the drafting of letters to all who register as Lobbyists, Lobbying Entities and Clients as to the requirements for filing quarterly statement reports.

City Clerk Maureen Feeney informed the Commission that the city is actively searching for a new lobbying application to make the entire process better and easier.

Motion to adjourn meeting was offered by Vivien Li and seconded by Linda Champion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 PM.