



CITY OF BOSTON Municipal Lobbying Compliance Commission

Minutes

Thursday, October 17, 2019, 9:30 A.M.
Boston City Hall – Piemonte Room – 5th Floor
One City Hall Square, Boston, MA 02201

Commission Members Present: Sammy Nabulsi, Chair; Vivien Li; Stephanie Everett; Assistant City Clerk Alex Geourntas, designee of City Clerk Maureen Feeney and Michelle Goldberg, City Council Central Staff, designee of City Council President Andrea Campbell

Commission Members Not Present: City Clerk Maureen Feeney and City Council President Andrea Campbell

Call to order at 9:33 A.M.

Sammy Nabulsi, Chair of the Commission, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone in attendance and first order of business was to review and approve the minutes of the October 4, 2019 Commission Meeting.

Motion to approve the October 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes was offered by Vivien Li and seconded by Alex Geourntas. All in favor.

Discussion ensued relative to the “due dates” of statement reports for 2020 and should the dates be flexible if the “due date” is on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday. Vivien Li stated that the due dates should be consistent with the city ordinance as all reports are due on January 20th, April 20th, July 20th and October 20th. Stephanie Everett suggested that the due date would be the next business day as is common practice; however, Sammy Nabulsi also believes that the dates should remain consistent with the city ordinance. All reporting “due dates” for 2020 will be consistent with city ordinance language.

Update on Draft Regulations/Bulletin

Sammy Nabulsi offered an update on the draft regulations and bulletin language as the Commission reviewed the proposed regulations. The Internal Working Document includes language for Procurement, Filing of Applications, Financial Benefit, Adjudicatory Proceedings, Technical Services and Fee Waivers.

Commission members reviewed language of the draft regulations and several questions concerned text in each proposed regulation. The intent is to provide a clearer sense what is considered lobbying and what is not considered lobbying. Each section will be reviewed and edited to reflect concerns of the Commission.

The language of the proposed bulletin was reviewed by the Commission and there were no further changes recommended.

Commission members discussed the time and date of the next Commission meeting and set **Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 11 AM.**

Motion offered to adjourn meeting by Vivien Li and seconded by Alex Geourntas. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 11 AM.

Minutes approved by the Commission at its meeting of November 20, 2019.