



**PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 26, 2025**

6:00 PM
City Hall, Council Chambers
130 Cremona Drive
Goleta, California

Members of the Public Engagement Commission

Pedro Paz, Chair
Peter Omoregie, Commissioner
Lori Goodman, Commissioner
Susan Klein-Rothschild, Commissioner
Gareth Kelly, Commissioner
Rey Ybarra, Commissioner
Sagarika Manian, Commissioner (Youth)

Kelly Hoover, Community
Relations Manager/PIO
Deborah S. Lopez, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Paz called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION:

PRESENT: Chair Paz, Commissioners Omoregie, Goodman, Klein-Rothschild, Kelly, Manian

ABSENT: Commissioner Ybarra

PUBLIC FORUM

Chair Paz welcomed Commissioner Goodman and Commissioner Kelly to the Public Engagement Commission.

AMENDMENTS OR ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

None

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

A.1 Approval of the Public Engagement Commission Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2024

Approve the Public Engagement Commission Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2024

MOTION: Commissioners Klein-Rothschild/Omoregie to approve the Public Engagement Commission Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2024

VOTE: Motion approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Chair Paz, Commissioners Omoregie, Goodman, Klein-Rothschild, Kelly, Manian. Noes: None. Absent Commissioner Ybarra.

B. PRESENTATION

B.1 Public Engagement Commission Future Goals and Responsibilities

Receive feedback from the Public Engagement Commissioners on how to accomplish the goals of the Commission.

Staff Speakers:

Kelly Hoover, Community Relations Manager/PIO

The Public Engagement Commission received staff's presentation.

Public Speakers:

None.

B.2 Selection of the Chair and Vice Chair

Select a Chair and Vice Chair from among the members of the Public Engagement Commission.

Staff Speakers:

Blake Markum, Management Analyst

MOTION: Commissioner Omoregie motion to nominate Commissioner Paz as Chair of the Public Engagement Commission.

VOTE: Motion approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Chair Paz, Commissioners Omoregie, Goodman, Klein-Rothschild, Kelly, Manian. Noes: None. Absent Commissioner Ybarra.

MOTION: Chair Paz motion to nominate Commissioner Klein-Rothschild as Vice-Chair of the Public Engagement Commission.

VOTE: Motion approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Chair Paz, Commissioners Omoregie, Goodman, Klein-Rothschild, Kelly, Manian. Noes: None. Absent Commissioner Ybarra.

C. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kelly Hoover, Community Relations Manager/PIO, informed the Public Engagement Commission that the 2025 LEAD Goleta Bilingual Community Academy had ended and a graduation ceremony was held, provided the dates for 2025 Public Engagement Commission meetings on May 21st, September 3rd, and November 5th, 2025, the Goleta Community State of the City on April 8th, 2025, Coffee & Community on May 3rd, 2025, the Ellwood Mesa 20th Celebration on May 17th, 2025, and weekly volunteer efforts on Saturdays at Ellwood beginning March 1st, 2025. Staff also presented the Public Engagement Commission with a Goleta tote bags from Mayor Perotte. Also noted pilot program regarding Spanish interpretation.

D. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Omoregie provided comments on interactions with Santa Barbara City College students and encouraged them to apply to be on a Board or Commission with the City of Goleta.

E. ADJOURNMENT

ADJOURNED AT 6:45 PM