

Meeting Minutes
Fair Political Practices Commission
Budget and Staffing Committee Meeting
August 10, 2021 1:00 p.m.

The Budget and Staffing Committee was called to order at 1:09 p.m.

- 1. Public Comment for items not on the agenda.**
- 2. Approval of February 11, 2021 minutes.**

MOTION: Moved by Chair Miadich, seconded by Commissioner Cardenas. The motion was approved 2-0.

- 3. Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget.** Staff: Loressa Hon, Chief of Administration. Update on the budget allocation for the 2021/2022 fiscal year.

Loressa Hon, Chief of Administration, presented the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget. Ms. Hon stated that this budget is the same as the one she presented back in February. She highlighted the permanent funding for one position related to AB 2151, the local campaign filing, and the approval for three permanent positions with the previous limited term funding approval based on AB 249, on California Disclosure Act. She also highlighted the 5% operating budget reduction, where they will take a \$100,000 reduction based on that request.

Commissioner Cardenas asked if the budget contemplates no changes in staffing and if it is defined as net of salary wages and benefits. Ms. Hon stated that was correct, and that the operating expenses are for rent and overall operation costs.

Chair Miadich asked if they have filled the approved new positions. Ms. Hon stated that they have currently advertised some positions, but the rest are currently filled.

Chair Miadich asked where the 5% reduction was found to be cut. Ms. Hon stated that the \$100,000 was removed from the general expenses, which included some of the benefits they provide to the staff at work. Some items included commute subsidies, new office furniture, as well as in and out of state travel budgets.

Chair Miadich asked if the 5% reduction will be a one time or continuous reduction. Ms. Hon stated that it would be a continuous reduction, but they have not been notified further.

Chair Miadich asked how they will find the additional savings for the future years. Ms. Hon stated that they will have to allocate money into different categories in order to make up the difference from the audit years and the non-audit years.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting. Moved by Chair Miadich, seconded by Commissioner Cardenas. The motion was approved 2-0.

The meeting concluded at 1:17 p.m.