



(Approved December 19, 2019)
CALIFORNIA FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
MINUTES OF HEARING, Public Session
Friday, November 22, 2019
10:30 a.m.

Present: Chair Miadich, Commissioner Cardenas, Commissioner Hatch (by telephone), and Commissioner Hayward

Staff Present: Thomas Jones, Executive Director
Dave Bainbridge, General Counsel
Galena West, Enforcement Chief
Sasha Linker, Commission Assistant

A. Call to Order

Chair Miadich called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

B. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

There was no public comment for items not on the agenda.

C. Presentation by Galena West, Chief of Enforcement, regarding the following topics for input and discussion from the public and the Commission:

1. **Analysis of 2019 Enforcement Trends**
2. **Summary of Allocation of Enforcement Division Resources - 2019/2020**
3. **Review of Authority for Penalties and Resolutions - 2019/2020**
4. **Review of Criteria for Warning Letters and “Streamline” Cases (18360.1 and 18360.2)**
5. **Summary of Roadblocks and Challenges Confronting Enforcement in Its Efforts to Enforce the PRA**
6. **Discussion of Legislative Proposals for the 2020 Legislative Session**
7. **Discussion of Regulatory Proposals for 2020**
8. **Discussion of 2020 Priorities and Challenges for the Enforcement Division**

A presentation of the above topics was given by Galena West, Chief of Enforcement. Chief West stated that a copy of the presentation materials was posted for the public on the FPPC's web site prior to the presentation. Following Commission discussion and questions, Chair Miadich stated that the Commission would be reviewing the Enforcement program, in light of the presentation, and considering potential legislative and regulatory changes at future meetings.

The Commission adjourned for a break at 11:44 a.m. and reconvened at 12:00 p.m.

Stephen Kaufman, Chair of the Enforcement Review Task Force, gave public comment on the presentation and suggested reforms to the Streamline Regulations (in particular, monetary thresholds; timelines for 24-hour reports; and, inclusion of major donors and behested payments into the Streamline program). Mr. Kaufman also encouraged the Commission to support a legislative change to limit private rights of actions for violations of the Political Reform Act.

Nick Sanders from the California Political Attorney's Association (CPAA) stated that the CPAA Enforcement Subcommittee would be meeting soon and will send in their comments to the presentation at a later date.

D. Adjourn

MOTION: Motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sasha Linker
Commission Assistant
Approved December 9, 2019

Richard C. Miadich, Chair
Fair Political Practices Commission