



(Approved January 17, 2019)
CALIFORNIA FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
MINUTES OF HEARING, Public Session
Thursday, December 20, 2018

Chair Germond called the meeting to order at 10:07 am on December 20, 2018, at the Fair Political Practices Commission, 1102 Q Street, Suite 3800, Sacramento, CA 95811. Chair Germond and Commissioner Cardenas, Hatch, and Hayward were in attendance in person.

Chair Germond thanked staff and Commissioners for their work in the recent month. She also thanked Loressa Hon for her work as Acting Executive Director while still completing her role as Chief of Administration.

Mr. Jason Bezis gave public comment asking for the Commission to update regulation 18420.1.

Commissioner Hayward made a motion to approve item 2, November 2018 Minutes. The motion was approved 3-0.

Commissioner Hatch made a motion to approve the consent calendar, items 4-31 after discussion on item 31. The motion was approved 4-0.

After discussion and public comment, Chair Germond made a motion to approve the stipulation for item 3 and to send a letter to the Attorney General and Bay Area District Attorneys' offices asking them to prosecute the misuse of campaign funds. The motion was approved 4-0.

Stephen Kaufman, Chair of Enforcement Review Task Force, gave an update on the most recent Task Force meeting.

There was discussion and public comment on item 34, Prenotice of Regulations 18360.1 and 18360.2.

Commissioner Hayward made a motion to approve item 35. The motion was approved 4-0.

Commissioner Hatch made a motion to add specific language to the Equal Employment Opportunity policy. There was no second. Commissioner Hayward made a motion to approve item 36. The motion was approved 3-1.

Commissioner Hatch made a motion to add specific language to the Prohibit Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation policy. There was no second. Commissioner Hayward made a motion to approve item 37. The motion was approved 3-1.

Commissioner Hatch made a motion to seek authors to sponsor five of the eight proposed legislation packets. The motion was approved 4-0.

Commissioner Hatch made a motion to seek authors for three of the eight proposed legislation packets after minimal changes in each packet. The motion was approved 4-0.

Commissioner Hayward reported the Budget and Personnel Committee met in closed session this month.

Item 40, Advice Letter Report was accepted as submitted after discussion.

Item 41, Executive Staff Reports, were accepted as submitted

Commissioner Hatch proposed a future action to send a letter to the Senate and Assembly to consider the use of public funds under the jurisdiction of the Political Reform Act. He also has an interest in considering regulations that are geared toward staff auditors and their work process.

Chair Germond wants to focus on the macro versus the micro as we prepare for the 2019-2020 election cycle. She anticipates that this clarity will enable the FPPC to be in the vanguard of clean election practices. Among the issues she would like the Commission to consider are regulations regarding text messages, Facebook, Instagram and other new forms of social media. In addition, she would like the Commission to look into further what might be inappropriate uses of Campaign funds, and cited the harassment issue as an example.

The public meeting adjourned for closed session at 1:28 p.m.

The public meeting reconvened at 2:07 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sasha Linker
Commission Assistant
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