



(Approved September 17, 2020)
CALIFORNIA FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
MINUTES OF HEARING, Public Session
August 20, 2020
10:00 a.m.

Present: Chair Miadich, Commissioner Cardenas, Commissioner Hatch,
Commissioner Hayward, and Commissioner Wilson

Staff Present: Galena West, Executive Director
Dave Bainbridge, General Counsel
Loressa Hon, Chief of Administration
Jay Wierenga, Communications Director
Sasha Linker, Commission Assistant

A. Call to Order.

Chair Miadich called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Chair Miadich welcomed Galena West as Executive Director and stated Commissioner Hayward will be departing her role as Commissioner.

B. Public Comment for Items not on Agenda.

C. Approval of July 2020 Commission Hearing Minutes.

MOTION: To approve the July 2020 meeting minutes. Moved by Commissioner Hatch, seconded by Commissioner Hayward. Motion approved 5-0.

D. Approval of Enforcement Consent Calendar.

Commissioner Cardenas and Commissioner Hatch asked that item 10 be pulled from the consent calendar for additional consideration.

MOTION: To approve the Enforcement Consent Calendar; items 3-9, 11-12. Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Cardenas. Motion approved 5-0.

A public comment from Steve Petzold, Santa Clarita, stated that he was concerned with the

stipulation on Item 10. Mr. Petzold suggested the Enforcement division to reflect the contributions accurately as a multi-purpose organization.

Galena West, Executive Director, commented that this case was thoroughly investigated and confirmed where the contributions came from. Commissioner Cardenas explained that this foundation had legal obligations to disclose and report but chose not to name anybody on the board. Ms. West responded that if it was found to be a recipient committee then responsible people would need to be named. The records were investigated and concluded that it was non-donor funds that was the amount enough for the contributions.

Chair Miadich proposed to put the stipulation to another meeting while Dave Bainbridge could advise the Commission on the possible options for Enforcement.

MOTION: To hold the stipulation for Item 10 for two meetings. Moved by Commissioner Hatch, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Motion approved 5-0.

E. In the Matter of County of Los Angeles; FPPC Nos. 17/150 and 18/1258.

Chair Miadich stated that he will be recusing himself from the matter of County of Los Angeles in an abundance of caution due to the County being a client of his when he was in private practice.

Galena West, Executive Director, presented the case and explained that both sides agree with the stipulation.

MOTION: To approve stipulation. Moved by Commissioner Hatch, seconded by Commissioner Cardenas. Motion approved 4-0, with Chair Miadich recused.

F. Assignment of Hearing to Administrative Law Judge (ALJ): In the Matter of Gabrielle Dolphin; FPPC No. 18/1423.

Chair Miadich stated that, with no objection, this matter will be referred to an administrative law judge.

G. Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget.

H. Legislative Development.

Dave Bainbridge, General Counsel, stated that AB 2151 is still active and will be going on the Senate floor for a vote on August 20, 2020.

I. Committee Updates.

Chair Miadich stated that the Law and Policy meeting was held on August 7 and received an update on research to behested payments and a schedule of anticipated feedback. Interested persons feedback on prenotice amendments were also received. Commissioner Hayward requested a committee naming fact sheet and received an update from staff that it became available on the website.

Chair Miadich stated that the Budget and Staffing meeting discussed budgetary information from Loressa Hon, Chief of Administration, and had a closed session on a personnel matter.

Chair Miadich stated that the Public Outreach and Technology meeting discussed the educational program and resources to improve educational opportunities. Commissioner Wilson suggested to create a landing page to find training materials. Chair Miadich proposed to recommend staff to develop a landing page on the website to find training material. Chair Miadich also asked the Commission for approval document security software.

Chair Miadich suggested for Commissioner Cardenas to join the Law and Policy Committee and for Commissioner Hatch to join the Budget and Staffing Committee due to the vacant spot caused by Commissioner Hayward leaving.

MOTION: For Commissioner Cardenas to move to the Law and Policy Committee and Commissioner Hatch move to the Budget and Staffing Committee. Moved by Chair Miadich, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Motion approved 5-0.

J. Advisory Committee Procedures.

Commission Hatch suggested to emphasize the Committee chair or the Commission chair when the term ‘chair’ is reflected in the procedure.

MOTION: To approve the Advisory Committee Procedures. Moved by Commission Hatch, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Motion approved 5-0.

K. Executive Staff Reports.

L. Commissioner Comments and Proposed Future Agenda Items.

M. Adjourn.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting. Moved by Commissioner Hayward, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Motion approved 5-0.

Meeting was concluded at 11:56 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sasha Linker
Commission Assistant
Approved September 4, 2020

Richard C. Miadich, Chair
Fair Political Practices Commission