



(Approved January 21, 2021)
CALIFORNIA FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
MINUTES OF HEARING, Public Session
December 17, 2020
10:00 a.m.

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

Staff Present: Galena West, Executive Director
Loressa Hon, Chief of Administration
Angela Brereton, Chief of Enforcement
Dave Bainbridge, General Counsel
Loressa Hon, Chief of Administration
Toren Lewis, Commission Counsel
Alana Jeydel, PhD, Manager, Education Unit
Sukhi Brar, Assistant Chief Counsel
Jay Wierenga, Communications Director
Lindsey Nakano, Legislative Counsel
Sasha Linker, Commission Assistant

A. Call to Order.

Chair Miadich called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Chair Miadich announced that former Assemblymember Catharine Baker has been appointed to the Commission by State Controller Betty Yee.

B. Public Comment for Items not on Agenda.

C. Approval of November 2020 Commission Hearing Minutes.

MOTION: To approve the November 2020 meeting minutes. Moved by Commissioner Cardenas, seconded by Chair Miadich. Motion approved 3-0, Commissioner Hatch was not yet in attendance.

D. Approval of Enforcement Consent Calendar.

MOTION: To approve the Enforcement Consent Calendar Items 3-4. Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Cardenas. Motion approved 3-0,

Commissioner Hatch was not yet in attendance.

E. In the Matter of Friends of Long Beach City College – Yes on Measure LB and Lexi Donovan.

Angela Brereton, Chief of Enforcement, explained that the default judgement results from lack of cooperation from the other party in response to a question by Commissioner Wilson. Ms. Brereton stated that she would provide an update on this case at a future meeting.

F. Updates to Lobbying, Campaign, and Slate Mailer Forms.

Sukhi Brar, Assistant Chief Counsel, stated that CARS is projected to go live on February 28, 2021.

MOTION: To approve the proposed changes to various lobbying forms, campaign forms, and slate mailer forms. Moved by Commissioner Cardenas, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Motion approved 4-0.

G. Pre-Noticed Discussion of Regulations Concerning Campaign Contribution Limits.

Chair Miadich stated that this item would return to the Commission in February 2021.

H. Adoption of Amendment to Regulation 18351.

Chair Miadich asked between now and when notice is received from OAL and AG, would FPPC's Legislative Counsel be subject to the conflict of interest code. Ms. Brar stated the Legislative Counsel currently and would still file under full disclosure after the code is in effect.

MOTION: To approve the adoption of amendment to regulation 18351. Moved by Chair Cardenas, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Motion approved 4-0.

I. Regulation Projects and Schedule for 2021.

Dave Bainbridge, General Counsel, presented the Regulation Calendar for 2021 and stated that the goal was to give the public what the Commission plans to consider for the next year.

MOTION: To approve the regulation project and schedule for 2021 as proposed. Moved by Commissioner Hatch, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Motion approved 4-0.

J. Committee Updates.

Chair Miadich stated that the Law and Policy Committee discussed the Commissioner Compensation Policy options, an interested persons feedback to prenotice amendments to regulations governing enforcement divisions streamline and warning letter programs, received a legislative update from Ms. Nakano, and discussed that a legislative update would be scheduled for the next L&P meeting.

Chair Miadich stated that the Public Outreach and Technology Committee discussed how staff did outreach regarding changes to regulation and had a discussion with feedback.

K. Commissioner Compensation Policy.

Commissioner Cardenas explained the proposal for the compensation policy which would delegate the authority to the Chair.

MOTION: To delegate to the Chair the power to revise the Commissioner Compensation policy after soliciting public comment from interested persons, including former commissioners and governmental ethics experts. Upon completion, the Chair will provide a copy of the updated policy to each Commissioner, and the policy will be posted on the Commission's website. Any public comment received by the Chair related to the policy will be made public. Moved by Commissioner Cardenas, seconded by Commissioner Hatch. Motion approved 4-0.

L. Legislative Update.

Lindsey Nakano, Legislative Counsel, stated that the legislature had convened for organizational session on December 7, 2020 and have adjourned until January 4, 2021. Four PRA bills have been introduced and staff would continue to develop proposal ideas and engage interested parties and potential authors.

M. Executive Staff Reports.

N. Closed Session. Pending Litigation.

The Commission adjourned to closed session at 10:59 a.m. and reconvened in open session at 11:19 a.m.

Chair Miadich stated that the Commission took no reportable action during closed session.

O. Commissioner Comments and Proposed Future Agenda Items.

Chair Miadich stated that hearing in the matter of City of Fountain Valley would be heard by the Commission at the end of January 2021.

P. Adjourn.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting. Moved by Commissioner Cardenas, seconded by Commissioner Hatch. Motion approved 4-0.

Meeting was concluded at 11:21 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sasha Linker
Commission Assistant
Approved January 11, 2021

Richard C. Miadich, Chair
Fair Political Practices Commission