



(Approved August 20, 2020)
CALIFORNIA FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
MINUTES OF HEARING, Public Session
Friday, July 24, 2020
9:00 a.m.

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

Staff Present: Loressa Hon, Acting Executive Director
Galena West, Enforcement Chief
Dave Bainbridge, General Counsel
Zachary Norton, Senior Commission Counsel
Matthew Christy, Commission Counsel
Jay Wierenga, Communications Director
Sasha Linker, Commission Assistant

A. Call to Order.

Chair Miadich called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

B. Public Comment for Items not on Agenda.

Steve Petzold, Santa Clarita, had an issue on STIP 17-287 where some of his complaints made were not addressed. Mr. Petzold was not notified that the stipulation was on the agenda for approval until a week after it was already approved so he was not able to comment before the Commission took action.

C. Approval of June 2020 Commission Hearing Minutes.

MOTION: Motion to approve the June 2020 meeting minutes. Moved by Commissioner Hayward, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Motion approved 5-0.

D. Approval of Enforcement Consent Calendar.

Chair Miadich stated, at the request from the Chief of Enforcement, item 5 and 7 would be pulled and revisited at a later agenda. Commissioner Wilson requested for item 4 to be removed

from the Consent Calendar and recused himself on item 4 out of an abundance of caution due to a family member participating in a research project with the respondent. Commissioner Hatch recused himself on item 6 out of an abundance of caution due to representing the umbrella group.

MOTION: Motion to approve Enforcement Consent Calendar, items 3,8,9, and 10. Moved by Commissioner Hayward, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Motion approved 5-0.

MOTION: Motion to approve Enforcement Consent Calendar, item 4. Moved by Commissioner Hatch, seconded by Commissioner Hayward. Motion approved 4-0 with Commissioner Wilson recusing.

MOTION: Motion to approve Enforcement Consent Calendar, item 6. Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Hayward. Motion approved 4-0 with Commissioner Hatch recusing.

E. Prenotice Discussion of Proposed Amendments to the Enforcement Division's Streamline and Warning Letter Programs.

Galena West, Enforcement Chief presented an update to the streamline program with a new tier 2. Ms. West highlighted each violation to the Commission and presented policy questions to narrow down a direction to move for adoption. The second tier to the streamline program is a different program altogether that would take some violations currently being pushed into the mainline program and having a tier 2 program that can be handled in an expedited way with higher penalties. Regarding the limits by jurisdiction population, Ms. West urged to keep the limits higher in order to get back to the standard of \$25,000.

Chair Miadich suggested having a program that is not monetary and instead would require offenders to take a training and certify that they completed. This would encourage compliance and could be developed over time into the streamline program.

The Commission adjourned for a break at 10:49 a.m. and reconvened at 11:02 a.m.

F. Prenotice Discussion of Amendments to Regulation 18703.

Chair Miadich suggested tightening the definition of rental residential units.

G. Amendment and Repeal of Various Regulations Due to Statutory Changes.

MOTION: Motion to approve regulation packet. Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Hayward. Motion approved 5-0.

H. Legislative Development.

I. Committee Updates.

Chair Miadich stated committees did not meet in July and will be scheduled to meet in early August.

J. Executive Staff Reports.

K. Closed Session. Personnel Matter.

The Commission adjourned to closed session at 11:27 a.m. and reconvened in open session at 11:53 a.m.

Chair Miadich announced that Galena West has accepted an offer to become the new Executive Director, effective August 15, 2020. Ms. West will serve as both the Executive Director and Chief of Enforcement during the transition between August 15, 2020 and the November election. The plan and delegated duties during this time will be posted to the FPPC website.

L. Commissioner Comments and Proposed Future Agenda Items.

M. Adjourn.

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

Meeting was concluded at 11:56 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sasha Linker
Commission Assistant
Approved August 10, 2020

Richard C. Miadich, Chair
Fair Political Practices Commission