



(Approved June 18, 2020)
CALIFORNIA FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
MINUTES OF HEARING, Public Session
Thursday, May 21, 2020
10:00 a.m.

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

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

A. Call to Order.

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

B. Public Comment for Items not on Agenda.

C. Approval of April 2020 Commission Hearing Minutes.

MOTION: Approve the April 2020 meeting minutes. Moved by Commissioner Hayward, seconded by Commissioner Cardenas. Motion approved 5-0.

D. Approval of Enforcement Consent Calendar.

In an abundance of caution, Chair Miadich recused himself on Item 4, In the Matter of City of Upland, due to previously representing the City of Upland.

Item 3, In the Matter of Mesa Water District, was pulled from the consent calendar for discussion.

MOTION: Motion to approve Enforcement Consent Calendar, items 5-12. Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Hayward. Motion approved 5.0.

MOTION: Motion to approve item 4. Moved by Commissioner Cardenas, seconded by Commissioner Hatch. Motion approved 4.0, with Chair Miadich recusing himself.

Chair Miadich discussed concerns of penalty amounts and appropriate grouping item three as misuse of public funds is an topic the Commission has agreed should be most egregious. He suggests trying to clarify the standard, bolstering public outreach and education efforts, and levy higher fines.

MOTION: Motion to approve item 3. Moved by Commissioner Hatch, seconded by Commissioner Hayward. Motion approved 5.0.

E. Prenotice Discussion of Proposed Update of Commission Regulations Due to the Enactment of AB 902 and AB 903.

F. Update on Digital Transparency Task Force.

Chair Miadich gave an update on the Digital Transparency Task Force and stated there will be a meeting Friday, May 29, 2020.

G. Legislative Development.

Jay Wierenga, Communications Director, stated that the legislature has stated they are focusing on budget, COVID-19, and fire related bills. Staff has heard that AB 2151 has been moving forward in the legislature and SB 423 has been gutted and amended to a non-PRC bill so Staff suggests removing the Commission position on the bill.

MOTION: Motion to change Commission position from sponsor to no position on SB 423. Moved by Commissioner Hatch, seconded by Commissioner Hayward. Motion approved 5-0.

H. Committee Updates.

Chair Miadich gave an update on the Law and Policy Committee and Commissioner Hayward emphasized the need for people to participate in discussions on behested payments during those meetings.

Chair Miadich has also provided an update on the Budget and Staffing Committee.

I. FY 2019-2020 Third Quarter Expenditure Report.

J. Advice Letter Report and Commission Review.

Dave Bainbridge, General Counsel, discussed a proposal to remove the Advice Letter Report from the Agenda. The Legal Division would create a report at the end of the month and if there are questions, Commissioners are able to address those questions by requesting an advice letter is added to the agenda for discussion.

K. Executive Staff Reports.

L. Closed Session.

The Commission adjourned for closed session at 11:12 a.m. and returned in open session at 11:57 a.m.

Chair Miadich reported out from closed session that the Commission voted to adopt the ALJ proposed decision with minor and technical edits.

Chair Miadich also reported out of closed session that the Commission voted in April 2020 to terminate TJ Jones as Executive Director.

M. Commissioner Comments and Proposed Future Agenda Items.

N. Adjourn.

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

Meeting was concluded at 11:59 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sasha Linker
Commission Assistant
Approved June 8, 2020

Richard C. Miadich, Chair
Fair Political Practices Commission