



## NOTICE AND AGENDA Commission Meeting<sup>1</sup>

California Fair Political Practices Commission  
1102 Q Street, Suite 3050  
Sacramento, CA 95811

Thursday, March 19, 2026  
10:00 A.M.

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### Welcome

Adam E. Silver, Chair

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## Public Comment

1. **Public Comment for Items not on Agenda.** During this comment period, any person is invited to speak on any topic that is not listed on this agenda. Action may not be taken on any matter raised during this public comment period until the matter is specifically listed on a future agenda. Those who wish to comment on an item that has been listed on this agenda may comment when that item has been opened for consideration by the Commission and before any action is taken.

## Approval of Commission Minutes

2. **Approval of January 2026 Commission Meeting Minutes**

## Consent Calendar 3-9

Items on the consent calendar will be taken up and voted on as a group. A Commissioner may request that an item be removed from consent, in which case it will be discussed separately in the meeting.

3. **Regulation Projects for 2026.** Staff: Dave Bainbridge, General Counsel. The Commission will consider a proposed schedule for regulation projects in 2026.

## Staff Memo

## Conflicts of Interest

4. **In the Matter of Melanie Bagby; FPPC No. 25/594.** Staff: Alex Rose, Senior Commission Counsel and Paul Rasey, Special Investigator. Melanie Bagby, former Cloverdale City Councilmember and Sonoma Clean Power Board Member, is the owner of Sirius Mobile Solutions. Bagby violated the Act by making a contract between Sonoma Clean Power and TLCD Architecture and a contract between the City of Cloverdale and Ross Recreation Equipment, in violation of Government Code Sections 1090 and 87100 (2 counts). **Total Proposed Penalty: \$9,000.**
5. **In the Matter of Jeneé Littrell; FPPC No. 23/386.** Staff: Theresa Gilbertson, Attorney Supervisor and George Aradi, Special Investigator. Jeneé Littrell was the Deputy Superintendent with the San Mateo County Office of Education. In connection with that position, Littrell participated in a governmental decision that was reasonably foreseeable to have a material financial effect on Littrell's financial interest, in violation of Government Code section 87100 (1 count). Additionally, Littrell failed to timely disclose a financial interest on several Statements of Economic Interest, in violation of Government Code section 87300 (2 counts). **Total Proposed Penalty: \$8,000.**

## Mass Mailings at Public Expense

6. **In the Matter of the City of Orange; FPPC No. 21/501.** Staff: Theresa Gilbertson, Attorney Supervisor. The City of Orange was represented by Nathalie Adourian, City Attorney. In early 2021, the City paid for and distributed a newsletter to approximately 47,000 residents featuring

photographs, names, and titles of elected officials, in violation of Government Code Sections 89001 and 89002 (1 count). **Total Proposed Penalty: \$3,000.**

## Advertisements

7. **In the Matter of County of Fresno County Transportation Authority; FPPC No. 22/1043.** Staff: Alex Rose, Senior Commission Counsel and Alethea Perez, Special Investigator. The FCTA is represented by Alison Samarin, Senior Deputy County Counsel. The Fresno County Transportation Authority failed to include the proper advertising disclosures on a video advertisement and their website, in violation of Government Code Sections 84502 (2 counts), failed to timely file three independent expenditure statements, in violation of Government Code Section 84200, subdivision (b) (3 counts), and failed to timely file one 24-Hour Report, in violation of Government Code Section 84204 (1 count). **Total Proposed Penalty: \$27,000.**
8. **In the Matter of Michael Minnix and Committee to Re-Elect Michael Minnix; FPPC Nos. 20/817 & 20/998.** Staff: Laura Columbel, Commission Counsel and Alethea Perez, Special Investigator. Michael Minnix was a successful candidate in the November 3, 2020, General Election. Committee to Re-Elect Michael Minnix was Minnix's candidate-controlled committee. The Committee and Minnix failed to include the proper disclosures on two mailers, in violation of Government Code Section 84305 (1 count). In addition, Minnix failed to timely file a Statement of Organization, in violation of Government Code Section 84101 (1 count), four 24-Hour Reports, in violation of Government Code Section 84203 (1 count), one pre-election campaign statement and one semiannual statement, in violation of Government Code Sections 84200 and 84200.5 (1 count), and six semiannual campaign statements, in violation of Government Code Section 84200 (1 count). **Total Proposed Penalty: \$10,500.**

## Campaign Late Filer

9. **In the Matter of California Republican Party, Greg Gandrud, and Sarah Nelson; FPPC No. 20/1009.** Staff: Theresa Gilbertson, Attorney Supervisor, and Ann Flaherty, Special Investigator. Respondents were represented by Ashlee Titus of Bell, McAndrews & Hiltachk, LLP. The committee, California Republican Party, is a political party committee. Greg Gandrud was the treasurer and Sara Nelson was the principal officer. During the 2020 General Election, the Committee, Gandrud, and Nelson made independent expenditures but failed to timely report those expenditures on a campaign statement, failed to file 24-hour independent expenditure reports, and failed to include the required advertisement disclosure statement for independent expenditures. In this way, the Committee, Gandrud, and Nelson were in violation of Government Code sections 84211, subdivision (k)(5) (1 count), 84204 (4 counts), and 84506.5 (5 counts). **Total Proposed Penalty: \$38,000.**

## Default Proceedings Requesting Commission Action 10-13

10. **In the Matter of Committee to Elect Steevonna Evans 2018 Adelanto City Council, Steevonna Evans for Board of Supervisors 2020, and Steevonna Evans; FPPC No. 20/1097.** Staff: Angela J. Brereton, Assistant Chief of Enforcement and Jay Gehres, Special Investigator. Steevonna Evans for Board of Supervisors 2020 and Steevonna Evans were the subject of an

audit performed by the Audit Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission. Steevonna Evans was a successful candidate for Adelanto City Council in the November 6, 2018 General Election, an unsuccessful candidate for San Bernardino County Board of Supervisor in the March 3, 2020 Primary Election, an unsuccessful candidate for Mayor of Adelanto in the November 8, 2022 General Election, a successful candidate for Adelanto City Council in the November 5, 2024 General Election, and is currently in office as a member of the Adelanto City Council. Committee to Elect Steevonna Evans 2018 Adelanto City Council (the “2018 Committee”) was Evans’ candidate-controlled committee during the November 6, 2018 General Election and Steevonna Evans for Board of Supervisors 2020 (the “2020 Committee”) was Evan’s candidate-controlled committee during the March 3, 2020 Primary Election. Evans did not establish a candidate-controlled committee for the November 8, 2022, and November 5, 2024 General Elections. The 2018 Committee and Evans failed to timely file ten semi-annual campaign statements, in violation of Government Code Section 84200 (4 counts), and six pre-election campaign statements, in violation of Government Code Section 84200.5 (6 counts). The 2020 Committee and Evans failed to timely file one 24-Hour Report, in violation of Government Code Section 84203 (1 count), ten semi-annual campaign statements, in violation of Government Code Section 84200 (4 counts), and six pre-election campaign statements, in violation of Government Code Section 84200.5 (6 counts). Additionally, the 2020 Committee failed to maintain detailed campaign records for contributions received and expenditures made, in violation of Government Code Section 84101 (2 counts). Finally, Evans, as a candidate in the November 8, 2022, and November 5, 2024 General Elections, failed to timely file four pre-election campaign statements, in violation of Government Code Section 84200.5 (4 counts). **Total Proposed Penalty: \$76,500.**

- 11. In the Matter of Thara Innocent; FPPC No. 24/816.** Staff: Kristin E. Goulet, Commission Counsel. Thara Innocent, a former Recreation Director for the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, failed to timely file the Assuming Office, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 Annual, and Leaving Office Statements of Economic Interests, in violation of Government Code Section 87300 (6 counts). **Total Proposed Penalty: \$24,000.**
- 12. In the Matter of Jesse Huang; FPPC No. 24/501.** Staff: Kristin E. Goulet, Commission Counsel. Jesse Huang, a Recreation Director for the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, failed to timely file the Assuming Office and 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 Annual Statements of Economic Interests, in violation of Government Code Section 87300 (5 counts). **Total Proposed Penalty: \$15,000.**
- 13. In the Matter of Steven Sanchez; FPPC No. 22/887.** Staff: Angela J. Brereton, Assistant Chief of Enforcement and Shaina Elkin, Associate Governmental Program Analyst. Steven Sanchez was a successful candidate for the Franklin-McKinley Elementary School Board in the November 8, 2022 General Election. Sanchez failed to timely file a pre-election campaign statement, in violation of Government Code Sections 84200.5 and 84200.8 (1 count) and four semiannual campaign statements, in violation of Government Code Section 84200 (4 counts). **Total Proposed Penalty: \$9,500.**

## General Items 14-20

### **14. Adoption of Proposed Amendments to Regulation 18361.4 – Probable Cause Proceedings.**

Staff: John Feser, Senior Commission Counsel. Staff proposes several changes to the regulation governing probable cause proceedings to streamline the process. The proposed regulation amendments are presented for adoption by the Commission.

#### **Staff Memo**

**Version 1 – Proposed Amendments to Regulation 18361.4 (Without Records Production)**

**Version 2 – Proposed Amendments to Regulation 18361.4 (With Records Production)**

### **15. Launch of New FPPC Website.** Staff: Jesse Hidalgo, Chief Information Officer and Chloe Hackert, Education & External Affairs Unit Manager. Staff will present a demonstration of the FPPC's newly launched redesigned website.

### **16. Form 700 Search.** Staff: Shery Yang, Communications Director. Staff will present the new online Form 700 search portal.

### **17. Generative AI Acceptable Use Policy.** Staff: Galena West, Executive Director and Jesse Hidalgo, Chief Information Officer. Staff will present the agency's draft Generative AI Acceptable Use Policy.

#### **FPPC Gen AI Usage Policy Draft**

### **18. Legislative Update.** Staff: Lindsey Nakano, Senior FPPC Legislative Counsel. The Commission will review and discuss potential sponsored and other legislation. The Commission may provide direction to staff regarding the same.

#### **Legislative Update**

### **19. Executive Staff Reports.**

Enforcement Division. Kendall L.D. Bonebrake, Chief.

Audits and Assistance Division. Shrdha Shah, Chief.

Legal Division. Dave Bainbridge, General Counsel.

Administration and Technology Division. Jue Wang, PhD, Chief.

Executive Director Update. Galena West, Executive Director.

#### **Executive Staff Report**

#### **Stakeholder Engagement Report**

### **20. Commissioner Comments and Proposed Future Agenda Items.**

Note: Although any Commissioner may identify a topic of interest, the Commission may not substantially discuss or take action on any matter raised during the meeting that is not included on this agenda, except to decide to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting. (Government Code Sections 11125 & 11125.7(a).)