



(Approved August XX, 2026)

**CALIFORNIA FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
MINUTES OF HEARING, Public Session
Thursday, June 16, 2026
10:00 a.m.**

Present: Chair Adam E. Silver, Commissioner Elsa Ortiz, Commissioner E. Dotson Wilson

Executive Staff Present:

Galena West, Executive Director
Dave Bainbridge, General Counsel
Kendall L.D. Bonebrake, Chief of Enforcement
Shrdha Shah, Chief of Audits and Assistance
Jue Wang, PhD, Chief of Administration
Lindsey Nakano, Senior FPPC Legislative Counsel
Shery Yang, Communications Director

Call to Order.

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

1. Public Comments for items not on the agenda.

Ms. Lauren Danielle Elias Cardinalli made public comment.

2. Approval of May 2026 Commission Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: To approve the May 2026 Meeting Minutes. Moved by Commissioner Ortiz, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion passed 3-0.

3-7. Consent Calendar

3. **In the Matter of Gavin Newsom; FPPC No. 25/1196.**
4. **In the Matter of Citizens for Safe Access 2020, Lynn Ballantyne, Dolores Welty, 100 Hospitality, LLC, and Jacqueline Dilley; FPPC No. 20/1115.**
5. **In the Matter of Nina Johnson, Tony Vallejo, and Nina Johnson for City Council 2021; FPPC No. 21/1020.**
6. **In the Matter of Randy Rowse, Carola Nicholson, and Rowse for Mayor 2021; FPPC No. 21/1056**
7. **In the Matter of Association for the City of La Jolla; FPPC No. 25/1064.**

MOTION: To approve the Consent Calendar. Moved by Chair Silver, seconded by Commissioner Ortiz. The motion passed 3-0.

8-9. Default Proceedings Requesting Commission Action

8. **In the Matter of South Bay SV Community Coalition PAC and Anthony Phan; FPPC No. 19/385.**

Commissioner Wilson asked Enforcement Chief Bonebrake to explain how the proposed penalty amounted to \$56,500. Chief Bonebrake stated that the Commission considers various factors when determining the penalty, including comparable cases used with aggravating or mitigating factors.

9. **In the Matter of Robert Scharffenberg; FPPC No. 24/787.**

Item was pulled.

MOTION: To approve Item 8. Moved by Chair Silver, seconded by Commissioner Ortiz. The motion passed 3-0.

10-15. General Items

10. Motion to Vacate Default Decision and Order, In the Matter of Committee to Elect Stebevonna Evans 2018 Adelanto City Council, Stebevonna Evans for Board of Supervisors 2020, and Stebevonna Evans; FPPC No. 20/1097.

General Counsel Bainbridge provided procedural background. Ms. Evan's counsel presented an argument for the motion to vacate. Commissioner Ortiz stated that a good cause argument would not be valid in this situation. Chair Silver stated he has not seen evidence that meets the standard of mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect to approve this motion.

MOTION: To deny the motion to vacate. Moved by Chair Silver, seconded by Commissioner Ortiz. The motion passed 3-0.

11. Prenotice Discussion, Proposed Amendments to Regulations 18360.1-18360.3; Political Reform Education Program and Streamline Resolution Program for Low-Level Enforcement Violation.

Commission Counsel Simon Russell presented the item. Executive Director West provided history on why streamline authority was delegated to the Chief of Enforcement and stated the current internal procedure in place that any use of discretion is reviewed with the Executive Director. Commissioner Ortiz asked how many exclusions there are and Mr. Russell stated that most violation types generally include at least one type of exclusion that is specific to that kind of violation. Commissioner Ortiz stated if there are too many exclusions it would defeat the purpose of the streamline program. Mr. Russell confirmed for Chair Silver that another level of review will be added when discretion is used for exclusions so that the Commission can review what the Executive Director is approving to ensure consistency with the Commission's direction. Chair Silver emphasized the importance of disclosing when discretion is used in the streamline settlement. He explained that he is open to establishing that requirement in regulation or

Commission policy. Chair Silver disclosed ex-parte communications with Jay Carson and KC Jenkins of CPAA. Commissioner Wilson requested an internal document for the history and evolution of the streamline program. Mr. Rory McNair made public comment.

12. Prenotice Discussion of Proposed Amendments to Regulation 18723.1 to Clarify SEI Filing Requirements for Public Officials with Multiple Positions.

Senior Commission Counsel Joanna Gin presented the item. Ms. Gin confirmed for Commissioner Wilson that the filing officers of each respective agency would be responsible for contacting officials to ensure timely reporting and filing. Ms. Gin clarified for Commissioner Ortiz that this regulation is expanding the exception to include legislators, and every other local official will continue following the existing filing requirements. Chair Silver disclosed ex-parte communications with the City Clerk for the City of Calabasas. He also asked if it would be possible for agencies to amend their conflict-of-interest codes and accept expanded statements that would satisfy the reporting obligation. Ms. Gin said she would look into this further and consult the SEI unit and stakeholders.

13. Legislative Update.

Senior FPPC Legislative Counsel Lindsey Nakano presented the item. Commissioner Ortiz voiced her support for AB 1789 and the importance of candidates and treasurers being trained on campaigns, as there are many rules to follow. Chair Silver agreed that mandatory training is important to avoid unintended violations that can create a lack of public trust and administrative issues. Chair Silver also thanked the author, Assemblymember Boerner, for pursuing this bill. In regards to AB 1130, Chair Silver

disclosed ex-parte communications with Sean McMorris at California Common Cause, Bob Stern at LA Ethics Commission, Nick Sanders at Political Law Group, Emelyn Rodriguez with the Assembly Speaker's Office, and also interviewed with Linh Tat at Southern California News Group, Tyler Katzenberg at Politico, and Robin Epley at Sacramento Bee.

MOTION: Motion to support AB 1130. Moved by Chair Silver, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Approved 3-0.

14. Executive Staff Reports.

Chief Bonebrake presented the Enforcement Division Staff Report as submitted.

Chief of Audits Shrdha Shah presented the Audits and Assistance Division Staff Report as submitted.

General Counsel Bainbridge presented the Legal Division Staff Report and noted that a new YouTube tutorial on behested payments was launched. The next tutorial to be launched in the series will be about the Form 410.

Chief of Administration Dr. Jue Wang presented the Administration and Technology Division Staff Report as submitted. Dr. Wang also stated that the most common reasons for officials filing their Form 700s late were due to technical issues with resetting passwords, issues uploading Excel templates, and confusion about the new e-filing system.

15. Commissioner Comments and Proposed Future Agenda Items.

None.

The meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Davina Vo
Commission Assistant
Approved August XX, 2026

Adam E. Silver, Chair
Fair Political Practices Commission