



(Approved February 20, 2020)
CALIFORNIA FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
MINUTES OF HEARING, Public Session
Wednesday, January 15, 2020
10:00 a.m.

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

Staff Present: Thomas Jones, Executive Director
Dave Bainbridge, General Counsel
Brian Lau, Assistant General Counsel
Galena West, Enforcement Chief
Loressa Hon, Chief of Administration
Ruth Yang, Commission Counsel
Phillip Ung, Legislative 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 the Agenda

Scott Vaughan gave public comment to discuss his believed facts regarding a complaint submitted to the Enforcement Division. Chris Stampolis gave public comment to discuss a complaint he had submitted to the Enforcement Division.

C. Closed Session.

In the matter of Friends of Chris Stampolis, Friends of Chris Stampolis for Santa Clara School Board 2012, and Chris Stampolis, FPPC No. 15/1045, OAH No. 201901677, Chair Miadich stated that the Commission would offer the Respondent and the Complainant the opportunity to make argument to the Commission prior to its consideration of the proposed decision of the

Administrative Law Judge. Ruth Yang, Commission Counsel, gave argument as the Complainant. Mr. Chris Stampolis gave argument as the Respondent.

The Commission adjourned for closed session at 10:15 a.m. pursuant to Gov Code 11126 (c) (3) to discuss the proposed decision.

The Commission reconvened in open session at 10:57 a.m.

Chair Miadich reported out of closed session that the Commission voted to reduce the fine for counts 1 and 11 to \$0.00, and otherwise accepts the ALJ proposed fines. The Commission also voted to accept technical changes to the proposed decision.

D. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

MOTION: Approve the December 19, 2019 meeting minutes. Moved by Commissioner Hayward, seconded by Commissioner Hatch. Motion approved 5-0.

E. Approval of Enforcement Consent Calendar.

MOTION: Motion to approve the Enforcement Consent Calendar, agenda items 3-5. Moved by Commissioner Hayward, seconded by Commissioner Hatch. Motion approved 5-0.

F. Assignment of Hearing to Administrative Law Judge (ALJ).

The Commission discussed the assignment of the Matter of City of Fountain Valley, FPPC case No. 16/20109, and whether the Commission should hear the matter itself or assign the case to an Administrative Law Judge. The Commission ultimately decided to hear the case and asked the Enforcement Division to try to get the case moved to Sacramento County.

G. Assignment of Hearing to Administrative Law Judge (ALJ).

The Commission discussed the assignment the Matter of Albert Robles for Carson City Council 2013 and Albert Robles, FPPC case No. 17/1164 and whether the Commission should hear the

matter itself or assign the case to an Administrative Law Judge. The Commission ultimately decided to hear the case.

H. Update on Task Force to Study Best Practices for Regulating Campaign Activity on Digital Media.

Chair Miadich updated the Commission on the Task Force.

I. Budget Process.

Chief of Administration Hon gave an update on the process of keeping the Commission updated on the office budget.

J. FPPC 2020/2021 Governor's Budget.

The Commission received information on the 2020/2021 Governor's budget.

K. Legislative Development.

The Commission discussed its current proposals and directed the Legislative Director to continue to seek authors for the Commission's approved legislative priorities.

L. Discussion of Enforcement Priorities/Processes.

The Commission discussed its top three priorities for the Enforcement Division in 2020: priorities of cases, criteria for mainline cases, and changes to the streamline regulations.

M. Advice Letter Report and Commission Review.

Advice Letter Report accepted as submitted, without further action by the Commission.

N. Executive Staff Reports.

The Executive Staff reports were accepted as submitted, without further action by the Commission.

O. Commissioner Comments and Proposed Future Agenda Items.

P. Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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

Richard C. Miadich, Chair
Fair Political Practices Commission