



## FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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**CALIFORNIA FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING, Public Session**

**Thursday, April 25, 2013**

### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ann Ravel called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Fair Political Practices Commission, 428 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Chair Ravel and Commissioners Eric Casher, Gavin Hachiya Wasserman and Tricia Wynne were present and Commissioner Sean Eskovitz was not present.

### WELCOME AND CHAIR'S REPORT

Ann Ravel, FPPC Chair opened the meeting and mentioned an article in the Sacramento Bee, titled [Ravel talks about FPPC's plans for tracking political money](#). Chair Ravel explained that one of her goals for the FPPC was to find ways to make FPPC rules more understandable and clear and less onerous to comply. As a result the FPPC designed a smartphone application that will make it easier for people to comply with the law, while providing more information to the public. The Chair thanked Tam Do for designing the FPPC gift application and Trish Mayer and Tina Bass for assisting in the design of the application.

Chair Ravel announced that the FPPC and Stanford University will host an event on April 30, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the Future of Political Reform with Senator Russell D. Feingold and Judge Ken Starr, moderated by Pamela Karlan. The event will be held in the Paul Brest Hall at Stanford University.

The Chair then presented resolutions to former Commissioner Ronald Rotunda and Commissioner Lynn Montgomery. Chair Ravel also thanked Commissioner Elizabeth Garrett for her contribution to the Commission.

### **1. Public Comment**

Chair Ravel opened the floor for public comment and heard none.

## **PROPOSED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 2 - 37**

### **2. Approval of December 2012 Commission Meeting Minutes.**

Chair Ravel opened the floor to the Commission to remove or discuss an item from the Proposed Consent Calendar.

Commissioner Wasserman removed agenda item #11 from the Consent Calendar.

Chair Ravel removed the minutes from the Proposed Consent Calendar.

Commissioner Wasserman made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 2013, meeting. The motion was seconded by Chair Ravel.

Ayes: Commissioners Wasserman and Wynne, and Chair Ravel.

Abstain: Commissioner Casher

The motion passed 3 to 0.

### **Conflict of Interest**

- 3. In the Matter of Antoinette Renwick, FPPC No. 10/567. Total Proposed Penalty: \$6,500.**

### **Independent Expenditure Committee Coordination**

- 4. In the Matter of Voters for a New California and Joaquin Ross, FPPC No. 10/470. Total Proposed Penalty: \$6,500.**

### **Campaign Reporting**

- 5. In the Matter of George Shirakawa, George Shirakawa For School Board, and Shirakawa For Supervisor, FPPC No. 12/662. Total Proposed Penalty: \$50,000.**
- 6. In the Matter of Dan Hamburg, Dan Hamburg for Supervisor 2010, and Geoffrey Baugher, FPPC Nos. 10/751 and 10/981. Total Proposed Penalty: \$9,500.**
- 7. In the Matter of Marcie Hodge, Hodge for Mayor 2010, and Yvonne Hodge, FPPC No. 11/177. Total Proposed Penalty: \$5,000.**
- 8. In the Matter of Jacob Angel and Jacob Angel for Peninsula Health Care District 2012, FPPC No. 12/287 (Default Decision). Total Proposed Penalty: \$2,000.**
- 9. In the Matter of Lela Henke-Dobroth and Friends to Elect Lela Henke-Dobroth for Judge 2010, FPPC No. 12/418. Total Recommended Penalty: \$3,500.**

10. In the Matter of United Faculty Political Action Committee (PAC) North Orange County Community College District and Queen Peterson, FPPC No. 12/961. Total Proposed Penalty: \$400.

Commissioner Wasserman removed agenda item #11 from the Consent Calendar.

12. In the Matter of Stonewall Young Democrats of San Diego and Ryan Darsey, FPPC No. 12/821. Total Proposed Penalty: \$200.
13. In the Matter of Robert E. Bernosky, Bernosky for Assembly 2012, and Robert E. Bernosky, Treasurer, FPPC No. 12/788. Total Proposed Penalty: \$200.
14. In the Matter of Linda Small for School Board 2009; Linda Small, FPPC No. 12/737. Total Proposed Penalty: \$200.
15. In the Matter of Michael Touhey, Touhey for Upper San Gabriel Valley MWD-(Div 4) 2012, and Debbie Touhey, FPPC No. 13/017. Total Proposed Penalty: \$200.

#### Lobbying Reporting

16. In the Matter of The Surplus Line Association of California and Joy Erven, FPPC No. 12/835. Total Proposed Penalty: \$1,000.
17. In the Matter of All Valley Engineering Corporation, Inc., FPPC No. 12/268. Total Proposed Penalty: \$400.

#### Statement of Economic Interest – Non-Reporting

18. In the Matter of James Cameron, FPPC No. 12/031. Total Proposed Penalty: \$6,500.
19. In the Matter of Mike More, FPPC No. 12/032. Total Proposed Penalty: \$2,000.
20. In the Matter of Andrea Shorter, FPPC No. 12/866. Total Proposed Penalty: \$800.

#### Statement of Economic Interests – Non-Filer

21. In the Matter of Alfonso Perez, FPPC No. 12/748. Total Proposed Penalty: \$400.
22. In the Matter of Ricardo Pacheco, FPPC No. 12/772. Total Proposed Penalty: \$200.
23. In the Matter of Philip Quartararo, FPPC No. 12/706. Total Proposed Penalty: \$200.
24. In the Matter of Bruce Nissen, FPPC No. 12/813. Total Proposed Penalty: \$200.
25. In the Matter of Andrés Soto, FPPC No. 13/098. Total Proposed Penalty: \$200.

26. **In the Matter of Brenda Bourassa, FPPC No. 12/708. Total Proposed Penalty: \$200.**

**Receipt of Gift Over the Limit**

27. **In the Matter of Joshua D. Mitchell, FPPC No. 12/863. Total Proposed Penalty: \$200.**

Commissioner Wasserman made a motion to approve the proposed consent calendar except agenda item #11. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wynne.

Ayes: Commissioners Casher, Wasserman and Wynne, and Chair Ravel.

The motion passed 4 to 0.

11. **In the Matter of AFSCME Local 2006 PAC, FPPC No. 12/973. Total Proposed Penalty: \$400.**

Commissioner Wynne made a motion to approve agenda item #11. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Casher.

Ayes: Commissioners Casher and Wynne, and Chair Ravel.

Abstain: Commissioner Wasserman

The motion passed 3 to 0.

**GENERAL ITEMS 28 - 29**

28. **Adoption of Proposed Amendments to the Conflict of Interest Regulations**

– **Regulation 18700: Basic Rule:** Staff: General Counsel Zackery P. Morazzini and Senior Commission Counsel William Lenkeit. This proposed regulation would restructure the existing conflict of interest analysis by consolidating and reorganizing multiple steps in the analysis. Over the next several months, Commission staff will be continuing its project to revise the Act's conflict of interest regulations, which interpret Section 87100 and Section 87103 of the Act. The goal is to make Commission regulations easier to understand and apply, and more helpful for public officials to determine if a conflict of interest exists under the Act.

Commissioner Wynne made a motion to approve agenda item #28 with the recommended revision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Casher.

Ayes: Commissioners Casher, Wasserman, and Wynne, and Chair Ravel.

The motion passed 4 to 0.

- 29. Report of Sub-Committee for the National Search for Executive Director and Potential action to Appoint Members to Sub-Committee:** The Commission is involved in a national search for an Executive Director. The current sub-committee developed the structure and process to guide the search. We are in the process of accepting applications for the position. With the new commissioners in place, the sub-committee would benefit from additional members.

Commissioner Wasserman made a motion to approve agenda item #29 and add Commissioner Casher and Wynne and retain Former Commissioner Montgomery. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wynne.

Ayes: Commissioners Casher, Wasserman, and Wynne, and Chair Ravel.

The motion passed 4 to 0.

### **EXECUTIVE STAFF REPORTS ITEM 30**

**Executive Director/Administrative Division Report.** Staff: Interim Executive Director, Tina Bass

**Legislative Report.** Staff: Legislative Coordinator, Sukhi Brar

**Litigation Report.** Staff: General Counsel, Zackery P. Morazzini

**Legal Division Report.** Staff: General Counsel, Zackery P. Morazzini

**Enforcement Division Report.** Staff: Chief of Enforcement, Gary Winuk

**Technical Assistance Division Report.** Staff: Chief of T.A.D., Lynda Cassady

Interim Executive Director Tina Bass declared the reports “as submitted.”

Legislative Coordinator, Sukhi Brar declared the legislative report “as submitted.”

Chair Ravel opened the floor to the Commission. Commissioner Wasserman made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wynne.

Ayes: Commissioners Casher, Wasserman, and Wynne, and Chair Ravel.

The motion passed 4 to 0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated:

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Dominique Word  
Commission Assistant

Approved:

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Ann Ravel, Chair  
Fair Political Practices Commission