



**(Approved April 16, 2020)**  
**CALIFORNIA FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF HEARING, Public Session**  
**Thursday, April 02, 2020**  
**10:00 a.m.**

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

Staff Present: Thomas Jones, Executive Director  
Dave Bainbridge, General Counsel  
Loressa Hon, Chief of Administration  
Sasha Linker, Commission Assistant

Chair Miadich called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Chair Miadich asked if there was any public comment for any items not on the agenda.

Kevin Carlin dialed in to make a public comment stating that he objects to the meeting proceeding without full compliance with the Bagley Keene Open Meeting Act. He further stated that there were no items on the agenda that are so urgent that they could not be held until Bagley-Keene could be fully complied with.

**A. FPPC Response to COVID-19 pandemic, including considering extending the 2019 annual statement of economic interest filing deadline.**

Thomas Jones, Executive Director, discussed the current status of the FPPC office converting into a full telework office. The office will be closed with exception to mail processing and the IT department staff. Over the next few weeks, telephone meetings will be converted into video meetings after an expansion of the office bandwidth. The office plans to extend the telework schedule to match the current orders by the County of Sacramento and State of California.

Chair Miadich stated that the Commission is considering adopting an emergency regulation that will extend the filing deadline for statements of economic interest.

Dave Bainbridge, General Counsel, described the two step process to adopt an emergency regulation: it includes first, finding that the emergency circumstance exists, and second, the Commission can discuss and vote on whether to adopt the regulation.

Chair Miadich then stated that there is more than sufficient reason to justify that the COVID-19 pandemic is enough reason to make an emergency finding in order to extend the statement economic interest filing deadline by 60 days.

Commissioner Wilson asked whether the regulation could be drafted to give the Chair the flexibility to extend the 60 day deadline to coincide with any additional executive order the Governor might issue.

Dave Bainbridge, General Counsel, stated that another emergency regulation would need to be adopted if an there's another order that goes past the deadline in the emergency regulation if adopted today.

**MOTION:** Motion to make a finding that the COVID-19 pandemic constitutes a crippling disaster and a public health crisis that impairs the ability to comply with the SEI filing deadline as it is currently set and justifies the Commission taking action. Moved by Chair Miadich, seconded by Commissioner Hayward. Motion approved 5-0.

Commissioner Hatch asked if staff reached out to other agencies informing them that this regulation might be adopted since the deadline for SEIs had already passed prior to today's meeting.

Chair Miadich stated an advisory had been sent informing the public that the FPPC intended to extend the April 1 deadline prior to April 1. The emergency regulation language was also posted 48 hours prior to the meeting.

**MOTION:** Motion to approve the extension of the 2019 annual statement of economic interest filing deadline by 60 days. Moved by Chair Miadich, seconded by Commissioner Hayward. Motion approved 5-0.

**The Commission adjourned to closed session at 10:19 a.m.**

**The Commission reconvened from closed session at 10:56 a.m.**

Chair Miadich reported out from closed session that the Commission voted to authorize the request to file civil action against Mr. Aguirre and his committee. The commission voted to adopt the Administrative Law Judge proposed decision with minor, technical edits by the Legal Division.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sasha Linker  
Commission Assistant  
Approved April 6, 2020

Richard C. Miadich, Chair  
Fair Political Practices Commission