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CALIFORNIA FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
MINUTES OF HEARING, Public Session
Thursday, May 19, 2022
10:00 a.m.

Present: Chair Miadich, Commissioner Baker, Commissioner Wilson, and Commissioner Wood

Staff Present: Galena West, Executive Director
Angela Brereton, Chief of Enforcement
Dave Bainbridge, General Counsel
Loressa Hon, Chief of Administration
Shrdha Shah, Chief of Audits and Assistance
Toren Lewis, Commission Counsel
Zachary Norton, Senior Commission Counsel
Lindsey Nakano, Senior Legislative Counsel
Jay Wierenga, Communications Director
Sasha Linker, Commission Assistant

Call to Order.

Chair Miadich called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

1. Public Comment for Items not on Agenda.

Geoff Ellsworth, Mayor, St. Helena, gave public comment for items not on the agenda.

9. Legislative Update.

Lindsey Nakano, Senior Legislative Counsel, presented updates to Commission sponsored bills and other Commission related bills.

MOTION: To support the bills recommended by the Law and Policy Committee, SB 1439, AB 1783, AB 2158, AB 2528, and to verbally support the PRA provisions of SB 1360. Moved by Commissioner Baker, seconded by Chair Miadich. The motion passed 4-0.

2. Approval of Commission Minutes.

MOTION: To approve April 2022 Commission Meeting Minutes. Moved by Commissioner Wilson; seconded by Chair Miadich. The motion passed 4-0.

3. In the Matter of Anthony Phan and Neighbors for Anthony Phan 2016-City Council, FPPC No. 17/054.

Angela Brereton, Chief of Enforcement, gave an overview of the presented stipulation and discussed her decision to not include the case in the streamline program. Chair Miadich and Commissioner Wilson expressed their belief that minors should not be allowed to be treasurers.

MOTION: To approve item 3. Moved by Chair Miadich; seconded by Commissioner Baker. The motion passed 4-0.

4. In the Matter of Friends of H. Fangary for Hermosa Beach City Council 2013, H. S. Fangary for City Council 2017, Dina Fangary, and Hany S. Fangary; FPPC No. 18/005.

Ms. Brereton pulled item 4 from the agenda.

5. Prenotice Discussion of Proposed Regulatory Changes Specifying the Duties of Filing Officers and Requirements for Referrals.

Toren Lewis, Commission Counsel, gave an overview of the presented regulation package. Tara Stock, Intake Manager, discussed the current process of receiving referrals from filing officers. Don Garcia, LA County, gave public comment on the proposed regulations.

6. Prenotice Discussion of Cryptocurrency Regulation.

Zachary Norton, Senior Commission Counsel, discussed the regulation package and detailed the three options presented.

Commissioner Wood suggested there be perimeters for the third-party payment processors and asked Mr. Norton if he knew some of the different options. Mr. Norton stated staff has already researched perimeters that would be included if the Commission moved forward with an option that includes a third-party payment processor.

Commissioner Baker asked what the rules would be if a person contributed a stock to a campaign. Mr. Norton stated a stock would be an in-kind contribution and valued at the time the contribution is made.

Commissioner Wood asked if a committee could buy crypto as an investment. Dave Bainbridge, General Counsel, stated Staff would bring back more information in July when the regulation comes back for adoption.

MOTION: To move forward with option 3. Moved by Chair Miadich, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion passed 4-0.

7. FY 2021/2022 Third Quarter Expenditure Report.

Loressa Hon, Chief of Administration, presented the third quarter expenditure report as an informational item.

8. Committee Updates.

Chair Miadich gave an update on what was discussed at the May 2022 Law and Policy Committee meeting.

11. Commissioner Comments and Proposed Future Agenda Items.

Commissioner Baker requested an update on whether the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision on repayment of candidates' personal loans under federal law and whether it has any implications for matters within the FPPC's jurisdiction. Chair Miadich requested an update on whether the Act permits a minor to serve as a treasurer for a campaign committee.

Commissioner Baker departed the meeting at 11:59 a.m.

10. Executive Staff Reports.

The Executive Staff Reports were accepted as submitted.

MOTION: To Adjourn the meeting. Moved by Chair Miadich. seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion passed 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sasha Linker
Commission Assistant
Approved June 6, 2022

Richard C. Miadich, Chair
Fair Political Practices Commission