



(Approved November 20, 2025)

**CALIFORNIA FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
MINUTES OF HEARING, Public Session
Thursday, October 16, 2025
10:00 a.m.**

Present: Chair Adam E. Silver, Commissioner Alf W. Brandt, Commissioner Elsa Ortiz, Commissioner E. Dotson Wilson, Commissioner Charlene Zettel

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 10:04 a.m.

1. Public Comments for items not on the agenda.

Mr. Dean Getz made public comment.

2. Approval of September 2025 Commission Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: To approve the September 2025 Meeting Minutes. Moved by Commissioner Ortiz, seconded by Commissioner Zettel. The motion passed 5-0.

Consent Calendar

**3. In the Matter of New Car Dealers Association Issues PAC and Thomas Hiltachk;
FPPC No. 22/928.**

MOTION: To approve the Consent Calendar. Moved by Chair Silver, seconded by Commissioner Ortiz. The motion passed 5-0.

Pre-Notice Default

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

Pre-notice default.

5-9. General Items

**5. Prenotice Discussion of Proposed Amendments to Regulation 18361.4 – Probable
Cause Proceedings.**

Senior Commission Counsel John Feser presented the item. Chair Silver clarified the current PC Conference timeline. Mr. Feser confirmed for Commissioner Zettel that Respondents will have all the facts of what is being charged against them with a summary of evidence as stated in the statute. Commissioner Wilson asked if there has been any opposition or concerns expressed from the regulated community regarding this item and Mr. Feser stated he has not yet heard anything as of to date. Chair Silver disclosed ex-parte communications with K.C. Jenkins, an attorney with Bell, McAndrews Hiltachk and President of the Regulations Committee for the California Political Attorneys Association. The Chair also disclosed ex-parte communications with Gary Winuk, an attorney with Kaufman Legal Group. Both attorneys indicated they plan to provide feedback in anticipation of adoption.

6. Adoption of Proposed Amendments to Regulation 18404, Termination of Filing Requirements, Repeal and Adoption of Regulation 18404.1, Terminating Section 82013(a) Committees, and Adoption of Regulation 18404.3, Reopening a Terminated Section 82013(a) Committee.

Senior Commission Counsel Karen Harrison presented the item. Ms. Harrison identified for Commissioner Ortiz a few ways that a terminated committee could handle a refund from a vendor without needing to reopen. General Counsel Dave Bainbridge reiterated that a campaign statement must still be filed, documenting the transaction that took place.

Commissioner Zettel asked for clarification on what entities are approved in statute to receive a transfer of refunds. Commissioner Wilson suggested providing an FAQ sheet and a comparative chart that reflects the before and after for the regulatory changes. Chair Silver flagged an on-demand video that committees can view when terminating, which may need revisions after the proposed changes are made. Commissioner Brandt suggested providing a joint training with FPPC and Secretary of State.

MOTION: To adopt the proposed amendments. Moved by Commissioner Ortiz, seconded by Commissioner Brandt. The motion passed 5-0.

7. The FPPC Streamline Program: How It Works (Part 2).

Senior Commission Counsel Theresa Gilbertson and Commission Counsel Jonathan Rivera presented the item. Commissioner Brandt complimented the streamline program and the evaluation process for discerning penalties per case.

8. Legislative Update.

Senior FPPC Legislative Counsel Lindsey Nakano presented the item. Ms. Nakano clarified for Commissioner Wilson that the funding portion of a bill comes up during the

appropriations process to determine the fiscal cost if new FPPC positions or additional resources are required. Ms. Nakano confirmed for Commissioner Zettel that funding for bills relies on general fund money from the FPPC. Chair Silver welcomed any legislative ideas or suggestions from stakeholders and citizens as the next legislative package is being developed. The Chair also stated that the FPPC is always looking for bipartisan authorship on our bills.

9. Executive Staff Reports.

Chief Bonebrake presented the Enforcement Division Staff Report as submitted.

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

General Counsel Dave Bainbridge presented the Legal Division Staff Report as submitted.

Chief Wang presented the Administration and Technology Division Staff Report as submitted.

10. Closed Session. Administrative Adjudication (Gov. Code §§ 11126(c)(3), 11517(c)(2).)

Closed session.

11. Commissioner Comments and Proposed Future Agenda Items.

No comments.

The meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Davina Vo

Commission Assistant
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Adam E. Silver, Chair
Fair Political Practices Commission