



(Approved January 15, 2026)

**CALIFORNIA FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
MINUTES OF HEARING, Public Session
Thursday, November 20, 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 10:00 a.m.

1. Public Comments for items not on the agenda.

No comments.

2. Approval of October 2025 Commission Meeting Minutes.

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

3-4. Consent Calendar

3. In the Matter of Miguel Pulido; FPPC No. 19/531.

4. In the Matter of County of San Benito; FPPC No. 23/006.

Item 4 was pulled from the Consent Calendar.

5. In the Matter of Oceanside Unified School District; FPPC No. 24/1211.

Enforcement Chief Kendall Bonebrake stated a corrected version of this stipulation was sent to the Commissioners which made minor edits explaining the School Board's process of approving payments and clarified one member of the School Board was on the upcoming ballot. Three public comments were submitted and reviewed by Chief Bonebrake with none objecting to passing the stipulation. Commissioner Wilson confirmed and Chief Bonebrake agreed that the proposed \$4,000 fine would be paid by Oceanside Unified School District. Commissioner Ortiz clarified this case is about the board members' photos being featured on the mailers and is not about information versus advocacy. Chief Bonebrake agreed. Mr. Todd Madison, the complainant in the case, made public comment. Ms. Emily Ortz Wichmann made public comment. Ms. Rosie Higuera made public comment. Ms. Strange made public comment. Commissioner Ortiz confirmed the FPPC can pursue and investigate further violations regarding Oceanside Unified School District in the future. Chief Bonebrake agreed.

MOTION: To approve Items 3 and 5 on the Consent Calendar. Moved by Chair Silver, seconded by Commissioner Ortiz. Motion passed 5-0.

5-6. Pre-Notice Default

6. In the Matter of Committee to Elect Stevevonna Evans 2018 Adelanto City Council, Stevevonna Evans for Board of Supervisors 2020, and Stevevonna Evans; FPPC No. 20/1097.

Pre-notice default.

7. In the Matter of Steven Sanchez; FPPC No. 22/887.

Pre-notice default.

8-15. General Items

8. Adoption of the 2025/2026 Statement of Economic Interests, Form 700.

Manager of External Affairs and Education Unit Chloe Hackert presented the item. Chair Silver thanked Assemblymember Boerner for introducing the legislation to create this requirement of disclosing prospective employment. Chair Silver stated his support of Option 1 as advised by the Legal team and feedback from vendors. Commissioner Brandt asked Ms. Hackert if there had been any other requests regarding changes to the Form 700 from the regulated community or staff. Ms. Hackert highlighted electronic filing and technology, which will help make the filing process more intuitive for filers, and explained that staff incorporates comments for changes that they receive throughout the year. Chair Silver stated he has met with jurisdictions all over California and has received positive feedback regarding electronic filing. Commissioner Ortiz and Wilson both agreed Option 1 was the best option.

MOTION: To adopt Option 1. Moved by Commissioner Ortiz, seconded by Commissioner Brandt. The motion passed 5-0.

9. Adoption of Updated Form 463, Report of Security Expenses

Ms. Hackert presented the item. Commissioner Wilson asked if the \$10,000 cap could be subject to adjustment of “COLA” (cost of living arrangements) and Ms. Hackert stated it would not be unless new legislation is introduced to change it. Commissioner Zettel asked if the funds can be used for private security guards and General Counsel Dave Bainbridge stated it would be allowed as long as the private security guards were not on the list of who cannot be paid with security expenses from a campaign committee.

MOTION: To adopt the updated Form 463. Moved by Chair Silver, seconded by Commissioner Ortiz. The motion passed 5-0.

10. Adoption of Proposed Regulation 18430.1 and Amendments to Regulation 18421.3 and 18401, Limitations on Prepaid Cards and Recordkeeping Requirements for Contract Vendors.

Senior Commission Counsel Zachary Norton and Supervising Special Investigator Lance Hachigian presented the item. The Chair and Commissioners thanked Mr. Norton and the Enforcement Division for their hard work on this regulation.

MOTION: To adopt Proposed Regulation 18430.1 and amendments to Regulation 18421.3 and 18404. Moved by Chair Silver, seconded by Commissioner Brandt. The motion passed 5-0.

11. Presentation of New FPPC Logo.

Senior Commission Counsel Kevin Cornwall presented the item.

12. The FPPC Streamline Program: How It Works (Part 3).

Senior Commission Counsel Marissa Corona and Commission Counsel Chance Felkins presented the item. Chair Silver stated interest in potentially re-evaluating the streamline process in accordance with Regulation 84308. Commissioner Wilson provided background regarding the streamline process highlighting Executive Director Galena West’s presentation

and implementation of the streamline process back in 2019 in her role as Chief of Enforcement.

13. Government Agency Campaign Rules.

General Counsel Bainbridge presented the item.

14. Legislative Update.

Senior FPPC Legislative Counsel Lindsey Nakano presented the item. Commissioner Brandt clarified the proposed legislative ideas being presented by Ms. Nakano are ideas to be pursued, but there is no current bill language. Ms. Nakano agreed.

MOTION: To accept legislative proposals as ideas for future development by staff, working with the regulated community, legislative staff, and other generally interested parties, to develop proposals for future Commission consideration. The Commission further delegates its authority to the Law and Policy Committee to take action on legislative proposals as necessary to comply with legislative deadlines. Moved by Commissioner Brandt, seconded by Commissioner Zettel. The motion passed 5-0.

15. Executive Staff Reports.

Chief Bonebrake presented the Enforcement Division Staff Report with an update to remove the matter of Antonio Lopez from the unexecuted streamline stipulations for further review.

Senior Management Auditor Gabrielle Gilmore presented the Audits and Assistance Division Staff Report as submitted.

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

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

Executive Director West highlighted the upcoming COGEL Conference.

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

The Commission unanimously voted to deny the City of Norco's petition for reconsideration.

17. Commissioner Comments and Proposed Future Agenda Items.

Commissioner Zettel suggested setting limitations on the recipients of payments related to security expenses that would require hired private security guards to have licensure.

The meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Davina Vo
Commission Assistant
Approved January 15, 2026

Adam E. Silver, Chair
Fair Political Practices Commission