Meeting Minutes

Fair Political Practices Commission Public Outreach and Technology Committee Meeting July 8, 2021 1:00 p.m.

The Public Outreach and Technology Committee was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

- 1. Public Comment for items not on the agenda.
- 2. Approval of June 10, 2021 minutes.

MOTION: To approve June 10, 2020 minutes. Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Chair Miadich. The motion was approved 2-0.

3. Website Search Function.

Larry Crabtree, Chief Information Officer, discussed the website search function and how someone could perform a proximity search within a set of words. While this isn't exactly the request from the Committee, IT believes this process reaches the same goal. Rieko Ivaska, Information Technology Specialist, showed a demonstration of the proximity search on the website. Mr. Crabtree showcased the instructions for the proximity search IT has included on the page.

Chair Miadich asked about having the same advanced search options for each of the search categories, Mr. Crabtree stated that they will have different search engines and therefore the proximity search is not an option outside the main search engine at this time.

Commissioner Wilson asked if the new search function would be able to pull anything from the site, including information dating back to the 1990's. Mr. Crabtree said that they can go back to information from 1974.

Chair Miadich asked how quickly they can implement the new search function and said Staff should include a brief message informing the public of the new updates. Mr. Crabtree stated that they can implement it by the end of the month.

4. FPPC Meeting Video Timestamp.

Elwyn Yabut, Information Technology Associate, demonstrated a meeting video timestamp prototype and the various display options.

Commissioner Wilson asked if there are any uniform standards that have been observed on other state websites.

Mr. Yabut gave a demonstration of the California State Personnel Board website and explained how the FPPC's agenda and videos have regularly implemented in comparison due to the differing programs being utilized.

Chair Miadich stated that they should place the timestamp contents on the right side and asked how quickly it can be implemented.

Mr. Yabut stated it can be implemented within a week of each meeting to allow time for the programming of each meeting's timestamps and stated that it may take longer should certain errors occur.

Commissioner Wilson asked if the timestamp would only apply to future meetings as a new policy. Mr. Crabtree stated that it would only apply to future meetings and that they can include information to inform the public of when the timestamp policy began.

Chair Miadich stated that they should begin to implement this for the upcoming July Commission meeting and all public meetings moving forward.

MOTION: To adjourn. Moved by Chair Miadich, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. The motion was approved 2-0.

The meeting concluded at 1:25 p.m.