



**Minutes for Meeting of
Thursday, August 10, 2017**

Item 1: Call to Order

Commission Chair Cochran called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Item 2: Roll Call

Present – Commission Chair Deborah Cochran, Commission Vice Chair Greg Zinser and Commissioners Bill Baber, Clyde Fuller, Dave Potter, and Sid Voorakkara

Absent – Commissioner Alex Kreit

Staff – Executive Director Stacey Fulhorst, General Counsel Christina Cameron, Education Program Manager Stephen Ross, Investigative Program Manager Kristina Gagné, and Program Coordinator Victoria Velasquez

Item 3: Approval of Commission Minutes of July 13, 2017

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| Motion: | Approve Minutes |
| Moved/Seconded: | Zinser/Fuller |
| Vote: | Carried Unanimously |
| Absent: | Kreit |
| Abstain: | Potter |

Item 4: Non-Agenda Public Comment

None

Item 5: Commissioner Comment

Commissioner Voorakkara inquired about the status of the CalAccess Replacement System. Director Fulhorst replied that the Secretary of State's website does not contain any information other than the notices for the public

hearings that were held earlier this year. She indicated she will contact the staff to inquire about status of this project and report back at the next Commission meeting.

Item 6: Executive Director Comment

None

Item 7: General Counsel Comment

None

Item 8: Proposed Amendments to Election Campaign Control Ordinance

Director Fulhorst provided an overview of the staff report. She explained that the proposed amendments would require principal officers of City committees to sign a form acknowledging that they meet the criteria set forth in state law and understand that they are responsible for compliance with state and local campaign laws. She noted that the amendments were suggested by Commissioner Fuller at the time he was Chair after it became apparent during the course of enforcement actions that some individuals designated as principal officers were either not aware that they had been designated or did not meet the criteria delineated in state law.

Commissioner Baber suggested that, in lieu of the proposed amendments, the Commission direct staff to contact the FPPC and request amendments to state law and the Form 410 Statement of Organization to require signatures by principal officers.

Commissioner Fuller agreed with Commissioner Baber's suggestion but recommended that the Commission adopt the proposed amendments now and withdraw the additional filing requirement if and when the Form 410 is modified to require principal officer signatures. Commissioner Zinser expressed support for Commissioner Fuller's approach.

Commissioner Voorakkara expressed his opinion that the Commission should take an educational approach and send informational materials to those individuals designated by committees as principal officers.

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| Motion: | Approve Proposed Amendments and Direct Staff to Ask FPPC to Pursue Amendments to State Law and Form 410 |
| Moved/Seconded: | Fuller/Zinser |
| Vote: | 4-2 (Baber and Voorakkara voted nay) |
| Absent: | Kreit |

Item 9: Adoption of Commission Calendar for 2018

Motion: Adopt 2018 Meeting Calendar
Moved/Seconded: Potter/Cochran
Vote: Carried Unanimously
Absent: Kreit

Item 10: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Executive Director Compensation

Motion: Approve 2.5% Salary Increase for Executive Director
Moved/Seconded: Potter/Fuller
Vote: Carried Unanimously
Absent: Kreit

Item 11: Adjourn to Closed Session

Commission Chair Cochran adjourned the meeting to closed session at approximately 5:35 p.m. She stated the Commission would reconvene into open session following the conclusion of closed session in order to report any action taken during the closed session portion of the meeting.

Reconvene to Open Session

Commission Chair Cochran called the meeting back into open session at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Reporting Results of Closed Session Meeting of August 10, 2017

Ms. Cameron reported the results of the closed session meeting of August 10, 2017:

Item-1: Conference with Legal Counsel (3 potential matters)

Case No. 2017-25 – Mass Media Advertisements

Motion: Authorize Investigation
Moved/Seconded: Fuller/Potter
Vote: Carried Unanimously
Absent: Kreit

Case Nos. 2017-26 and 2017-27 – Reporting Gifts: Lobbying Firms

Motion: Dismiss
Moved/Seconded: Zinser/Fuller
Vote: Carried Unanimously
Absent: Kreit

Item-2: Conference with Legal Counsel (2 potential matters)

Case No. 2016-41 – Failure to Disclose \$10k Donors on Ads

Motion: Approve Stipulation
Moved/Seconded: Fuller/Potter
Vote: Carried Unanimously
Absent: Kreit

Case No. 2017-17 – Failure to Timely Pay Vendors

Motion: Dismiss
Moved/Seconded: Potter/Zinser
Vote: Carried Unanimously
Absent: Kreit

Item-3: Conference with Legal Counsel (1 potential matter)

Advantage Towing Company and Ayman Arekat v. San Diego Ethics Commission, San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2016-00025238-CU-WM-CTL

No Reportable Action

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:05 p.m.

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Deborah Cochran, Chair
Ethics Commission

Victoria Velasquez, Program Coordinator
Ethics Commission

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