



**Minutes for the Meeting of
Thursday, June 8, 2023**

Item 1: Call to Order

The Commission Chair called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Item 2: Roll Call

Present – Commission Chair Caridad Sanchez, and Commissioners Tom Hebrank, Jimmie Slack, and Sid Voorakkara

Absent - Commission Vice Chair Paul Cooper

Staff – Executive Director Sharon Spivak, General Counsel Christina Cameron, Investigative Program Manager Kristina Gagné, Legislative Program Manager Megan Curran, and Program Manager of Administration and Training Victoria Velasquez

Item 3: Approval of Commission Minutes of May 11, 2023

Motion:	Approve Minutes
Moved/Seconded:	Voorakkara/Slack
Vote:	Carried Unanimously
Absent:	Cooper

Item 4: Non-Agenda Public Comment

None

Item 5: Commissioner Comment

Chair Sanchez noted that the date of the Ethics Commission meeting in August would be changed from August 10. A special meeting will be called on a different date, to be determined.

Item 6: Executive Director Comment

The Executive Director thanked the former Commissioners who were attending the meeting to receive special recognition for their service (Bill Baber, Fred Kosmo, and Dave Potter), as well as a current Commissioner who will soon be ending his time on the board (Sid Voorakkara).

She noted that staff is continuing to stay on top of all legal developments related to the Fair Political Practices Commission's interpretation of the "pay to play" laws enacted in California Senate Bill 1439. This topic will continue to be monitored by the Commission, although the FPPC has responsibility for enforcement.

The Executive Director also noted that the July 13, 2023 Ethics Commission meeting would be adjourned, with a special meeting to be scheduled in August.

Item 7: General Counsel Comment

None

Item 8: Election of Ethics Commission Chair and Vice Chair for Fiscal Year 2024

This item was continued to August meeting.

Item 9: Informational Item – Recognition of Commissioners

The Executive Director thanked and recognized former Commissioner Dave Potter. She noted that former Commissioners Fred Kosmo and Bill Baber, who were not present during this item, were recognized and thanked prior to the start of the meeting due to a delay in the meeting start time. Commissioner Sid Voorakkara, who is completing his second term, was also thanked by the Commission and staff for his long service on the Commission. All four Commissioners were presented with plaques from Commission staff to recognize their dedicated service.

Item 10: Adjourn to Closed Session

Commission Chair Sanchez adjourned the meeting to closed session at 5:40 p.m. She stated the Commission would reconvene into open session following the conclusion of closed session to report any action taken during the closed session portion of the meeting.

Reconvene to Open Session

Commission Chair Sanchez called the meeting back into open session at approximately 6:18 p.m.

Reporting Results of Closed Session Meeting of June 8, 2023

Ms. Cameron reported the results of the closed session meeting of June 8, 2023. Ms. Spivak reported the results of Item 1 only.:

Attendance:

For Item 1: Executive Director Sharon Spivak, Investigative Program Manager Kristina Gagné, and Program Manager of Administration and Training Victoria Velasquez

(General Counsel Christina Cameron was recused from Item 1, Subitem A, and absent from Item 1, Subitems B, C, and D.)

For Items 2, 3, and 4: Executive Director Sharon Spivak, General Counsel Christina Cameron, Investigative Program Manager Kristina Gagné, and Program Manager of Administration and Training Victoria Velasquez

Item-1: Conference with Legal Counsel (4 potential matters)

Subitem A: Case No. 2023-11

Subitem B: Case No. 2023-12

Subitem C: Case No. 2023-13

Subitem D: Case No. 2023-14

Lobbying Disclosures

Motion: Authorize Investigations

Moved/Seconded: Slack/Hebrank

Vote: Carried Unanimously

Absent: Cooper

Item-2: Conference with Legal Counsel (1 potential matter)

Case No. 2023-16 – Disclosure of Behested Payments

Motion: Authorize Investigation

Moved/Seconded: Hebrank/Slack

Vote: Carried Unanimously

Absent: Cooper

