

**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY  
CAMPAIGN ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION**

**Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 3:00 PM**

**Registrar of Voters CSG Conference Room  
777 E. Rialto Ave.  
San Bernardino, CA 92415**

**Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Joani Finwall called the meeting to order 3:04 P.M.

**Roll Call**

**Commission Members Present:**

Mark A. Creffield  
Mark D. Stanson  
Kevin G. Cisneroz  
Paul M. Rasso  
Jeff Patterson  
Jake Scruggs  
Michelle Hardesty  
Armando Valles

**Staff:**

Joani Finwall, Registrar of Voters  
Yvonne Flores, Chief Deputy Registrar of Voters - Administration  
Jolena Grider, County Counsel  
Arely Gutierrez, Elections Specialist  
Melissa Eickman, Communications Officer  
Paula James, Elections Supervisor  
Ivy Zhang, Staff Aide  
Lily Gutierrez, Elections Technician

**Commission Members Absent:**

Jennifer Karpinski

**INFORMAL ITEMS**

- 1) Oath of Office for Campaign Accountability Commissioners  
Oath administered by Joani Finwall to the Board members in attendance.
- 2) Review of Brown Act Meetings and Form 700 Disclosure  
Jolena Grider gave a brief review of the Brown Act and Form 700 disclosure, which is required by the Board members.
- 3) Review the Mission and Purpose of the Campaign Accountability Commission  
Joani Finwall explained the role of the Campaign Accountability Commission as stated within the County' Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance and stated that it will be up to the Commission to determine its specific mission and purpose.
- 4) Review of Term Lengths, Seat Information, and Ethics Training Requirement  
Joani Finwall reviewed the term limits and seat information for each Commissioner.

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

- 5) Establishing the date, time and location for meetings of the Campaign Accountability Commission  
Commission meetings will take place every third Tuesday of the month at 3:00 P.M. at the Registrar of Voters CSG Conference Room.

6) Nomination and Election of Chair and Vice Chair

MOTION #1: Kevin G. Cisneroz to serve as Chair of the Campaign Accountability Commission.

MOTION #2: Mark D. Stanson to serve as Vice-Chair of the Campaign Accountability Commission.

**APPROVED – MOTION #1**

Motion/Second: Mark D. Stanson/Mark A. Creffield

AYES: Mark A. Creffield, Mark D. Stanson, Kevin G. Cisneroz, Paul M. Rasso, Jeff Patterson, Jake Scruggs, Michelle Hardesty, Armando Valles.

**APPROVED – MOTION #2**

Motion/Second – Kevin G. Cisneroz/Mark A. Creffield

AYES: Mark A. Creffield, Mark D. Stanson, Kevin G. Cisneroz, Paul M. Rasso, Jeff Patterson, Jake Scruggs, Michelle Hardesty, Armando Valles.

7) Presentation of Proposals for Outside Counsel RFP by County Counsel

MOTION: Create Ad Hoc Committee with Armando Valles, Michelle Hardesty, and Paul M. Rasso to review and recommend which firm will serve as outside counsel for the Commission.

**APPROVED**

Motion/Second: Mark D. Stanson/Mark A. Creffield

AYES: Mark A. Creffield, Mark D. Stanson, Kevin G. Cisneroz, Paul M. Rasso, Jeff Patterson, Jake Scruggs, Michelle Hardesty, Armando Valles.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

**CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS' ITEMS**

Commissioner Creffield stated it was a pleasure to be with everyone and he is looking forward to working with everyone on the Commission and the staff.

Chair Cisneroz asked for future agendas to include the names of the Commissioners. He also thanked staff for their support, and is looking forward to serving the County, constituents, and officeholders.

Commissioner Rasso stated that he was thankful for being brought on board to the Commission and he is excited to put something together that was last in the County for a long time. He looks forward to working with everyone.

Commissioner Patterson stated that he was brand new to boards and commissions, but he is looking to learn a lot and do whatever he can to help.

Commissioner Scruggs stated that he was also completely new to everyone and is excited to work with everyone and learn a lot.

Commissioner Hardesty stated that the Campaign Accountability Commission is also the first commission she has ever been on, so she is very excited. She thanked Chairman Cisneroz and Vice-Chair Stanson for their guidance and for stepping up. She also thanked the staff and is looking forward to being helpful.

Commissioner Valles thanked everyone for having him here. He stated it is an honor and privilege to be able to serve in this capacity. He offered staff his full support and is excited to pave the way for a Commission that will stand for a very long time and set precedence for what the County does for transparency and accountability. He also asked for a contact sheet of the Commissioners' information to be distributed.

Vice-Chair Stanson offered his guidance, experience, and help to those who are new. He stated that he is always there to help and loves being on commissions to help the County.

Chairman Cisneroz reminded the Commission to return their Oath of Offices and W-9s to Ivy Zhang.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Cisneroz adjourned the meeting at 3:52 P.M.