



**State of Washington
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION**

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MINUTES – Special Meeting

Evergreen Plaza Building, Room 206
711 Capitol Way South
Olympia, Washington

2:30 p.m.

September 15, 2015

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Katrina Asay, Chair
Anne Levinson, Vice Chair
Grant Degginder, Member
John Bridges, Member
Amit Ranade, Member
(Participated via Skype)

STAFF PRESENT

Fred Kiga, Interim Executive Director
Lori Anderson, Communication and Training Officer
Linda Dalton, Sr. Assistant Attorney General
Jana Greer, Executive Assistant

The special meeting of the Public Disclosure Commission was called to order by Commission Chair Asay at 2:35 p.m. in the Evergreen Plaza Building, Room 206 Olympia, Washington.

Opening Comments

Commissioner Asay called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

Executive Session

The Commission went into executive session at 2:40 p.m. To evaluate qualifications of applicants for public employment.

Discussion of pending and potential litigation with legal counsel. Possible action regarding pending litigation following the executive session.

The Commission returned to the public session at 5:50 p.m.

Commissioner Ranade left the meeting.

**Discussion and Possible Approval
of 2016 Agency Request Legislation**

Lori Anderson noted that at the August meeting the Commission reviewed a list of potential agency request legislation for 2016.

The Commission expressed an interest in acting on all of the proposals. The proposals were prioritized and seven were chosen for 2016 request legislation with the remainder to be reconsidered at a later date.

Ms. Anderson informed the Commission that two of the proposals would be inserted in the Commission's agency request bills from 2015 that will be reintroduced in 2016. They are:

- Proposal to allow the Commission to use the brief adjudicative process to consider all reporting modification requests will be inserted in SB 5308, and
- Proposal to amend what the Commission is allowed use as a “received date” for reports that are filed will be inserted in SB 5309.

The Commission considered draft Z-0592 that will expand electronic filing requirements to maximize the types of information available in real time and more easily searchable.

Commissioner Levinson suggested a need for a modification to allow an exemption for hardship not only relating to technical inability. Commissioner Asay noted that certain criteria would be required.

Motion 15-0083

Moved by Commissioner Degginger, seconded by Commissioner Levinson that:

The Commission add Z-0592 to the 2016 agency request legislative agenda as modified.

Commissioner Levinson suggested a friendly-amendment to include any remaining categories of filings to be done electronically as the Commissions technology allows for easy access and compliant filing.

Commissioner Degginger suggested adding a separate section with language to stagger dates of implementation to provide filers with advance notice before the requirement takes effect.

Moved by Commissioner Levinson, seconded by Commissioner Bridges that:

The Commission modify the proposed draft language to include required e-filing by all filers, with a staggered implementation that will allow for the technological improvements; C1, C-1pc and F1 filers electronic filing will be implemented no later than June 30, 2016; and L1 electronic filing will be implemented no later than January 1, 2017.

Motion approved.

The Commission considered draft Z-0588.1 that will require accelerated reporting of large contributions received year round and extend the pre-primary election special reporting period from one to three weeks long during which contributions of \$1,000 are subject to

accelerated reporting.

Motion 15-0084

Moved by Commissioner Levinson, seconded by Commissioner Bridges that:

The Commission add Z-0588 to the 2016 agency request legislative agenda as modified.

Motion Approved.

Commissioner Levinson noted that her purpose in proposing this was to allow for more real time reporting of any significant expenditure. She stated that the \$100,000 threshold is too high and suggested the Commission consider \$25,000.

Motion 15-0085

Moved by Commissioner Levinson, seconded by Commissioner Bridges that:

The Commission add Z-0588 to the 2016 agency request legislative agenda and modify the \$100,000 threshold to \$25,000.

Motion Approved.

The Commission continued to review draft Z-0588.

Commissioner Levinson noted that there is language within that references electronic filing and suggested modifying draft Z-0592 to include the proposed electronic filing requirement for last minute contribution reports.

Motion 15-0086

Moved by Commissioner Levinson, seconded by Commissioner Bridges that:

Further modification be made to the language in Z-0592 to incorporate electronic filing requirement from Z-0588.

Motion Approved.

The Commission reviewed language draft Z-0590 that proposes improving public access to political committee information by making information provided by out-of-state committees searchable and simplifying political committee requirements.

Motion 15-0087

Moved by Commissioner Levinson, seconded by Commissioner Degginger that:

The Commission add Z-0590 to the 2016 agency request legislative agenda.

Motion Approved.

The Commission reviewed draft Z-0589 that proposes establishing reliable reporting of surplus fund accounts by

mandating a reporting schedule.

Commissioner Levinson noted that a proposed electronic filing requirement for surplus funds account reports will need to be added to the language of Z-0592.

Motion 15-0088

Moved by Commissioner Levinson, seconded by Commissioner Bridges that:

The Commission add Z-0589 to the 2016 agency request legislative agenda.

Motion Approved.

Motion 15-0089

Moved by Commissioner Levinson , seconded by Commissioner Bridges that:

The Commission further modify the language of Z-0592 to add surplus funds and any other filing requirements that are part of the agency legislative agenda for 2016.

Motion Approved.

The Commission continued with review of draft Z-0591 that proposes modifying the definition of "contribution" to clarify when reporting is required for certain independent Expenditures.

Commissioner Levinson suggested adding coordination and collaboration language to the draft to clarify that if the activity is not coordinated with the candidate then it is not a contribution.

Motion 15-0090

Moved by Commissioner Degginger, seconded by Commissioner Levinson that:

The Commission add Z-0591 to the 2016 agency request legislative agenda with a revision to section (13)(b)(x) that states, In the absence of coordination as described in section (13)(a)(iii).

Motion Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

September 24, 2015.

Adjourn

Approved