# APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING CALIFORNIA LAW REVISION COMMISSION

June 26, 2025

A meeting of the California Law Revision Commission was held in Sacramento and via teleconference on June 26, 2025.

### **ATTENDANCE**

# **Commission**

Present Richard Simpson, Vice-Chairperson

Maria Bee

David A. Carrillo

Ana Cubas

Cara Jenkins, Legislative Counsel

Victor King

Assemblymember Blanca Pacheco

Absent Xochitl Carrion, Chairperson

Senator Catherine Blakespear Amb. (r.) David Huebner

### **Commission Staff**

Sharon Reilly, Executive Director Sarah Huchel, Chief Deputy Director Steve Cohen, Senior Staff Counsel

Christie House, Chief Administrative Officer

Megan Hayenga, Office Technician

## **Antitrust Experts**

Cheryl Johnson, Consultant to the Commission

## Other Attendees<sup>1</sup>

Joan AllenCarl LondonLucy ChinkezianNadia MahallatiEric EnsonMona MasriBen GolombekChris May

Tyler Katzenberger Rhiannon Morales Gilbert Lara Benjamin O'Brien Deanna LaTour-Jarquin Brynne O'Neal

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Members of the public are only identified in the Minutes as attendees if they expressly consented to being identified when registering to attend via teleconference, by completing the voluntary visitor register at an in-person meeting location, or by identifying themselves during public comment.

Andrew Oxford Justin Paddock Kaitlyn Preston Dan Robbins Andrew Rock Robert Singleton Carlia Suba Jennifer Suh Ryan Szczepanik Jadene Tamura Trisha Thao Ashley Tigue Roman Vogelsang

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# APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN

Unless otherwise indicated, the Commission decisions noted in these Minutes were approved by all members present at the meeting. If a member who was present at the meeting voted against a particular decision, abstained from voting, or was not present when the decision was made, that fact is noted below.

#### **MINUTES**

The Commission considered Memorandum 2025-22, presenting draft Minutes of the April 3, 2025, meeting. The Commission approved the Minutes without change.

(Commissioner Cubas was not present when this decision was made. Assemblymember Pacheco abstained.)

## ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

# **Report of the Executive Director**

The Executive Director reported on the following matters:

- SB 740 (Laird) teleconference meeting procedures extension to December 2029
- Budget update
- Hiring update
- Office space
- Updating internal policies and procedures
- Website Contract
- IT support services contract
- New Conflict of Interest statement

# **Commissioner Suggestions**

There were no suggestions made by Commissioners.

# **Commission Handbook Updates**

The Commission will review this issue at its September 18, 2025, meeting.

### 2025 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

The Commission considered Memorandum 2025-24, discussing the Commission's 2025 legislative program. No Commission decisions were required or made.

# STUDY E-200 — RECODIFICATION OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES STATUTES

The Commission considered Memorandum 2025-25, presenting a cumulative draft of proposed recodified provisions of Chapter 6.5 of Division 20 of the Health and Safety Code that have been provisionally approved by the Commission for inclusion in a future tentative recommendation.

No Commission action relating to this memorandum was required or taken.

The Commission also considered Memorandum 2025-26, presenting a staff draft of additional proposed recodified provisions of Chapter 6.5 for provisional inclusion in the future tentative recommendation.

The Commission provisionally approved the inclusion of the proposed revisions presented by Memorandum 2025-26 in that future tentative recommendation.

(Assemblymember Pacheco was not present when this decision was made.)

# STUDY G-300 — STATE AND LOCAL AGENCY ACCESS TO CUSTOMER INFORMATION FROM COMMUNICATION SERVICE PROVIDERS

The Commission considered Memorandum 2025-27, presenting a staff draft recommendation with a proposed revision to a Commission Comment.

Commissioner Carrillo requested that the phrase "prior to" in subdivision (h) of the Comment be changed to "before." The Comment would now read:

Subdivision (h) makes clear that the procedure in this section to provide notice to a consumer <u>prior to before</u> serving a subpoena for the consumer's electronic communication information is inapplicable to a subpoena served in a pretrial investigation.

The Commission, with Commissioner Cubas abstaining, approved the draft recommendation of the proposed revision with the changes suggested by Commissioner Carrillo for submission to the legislature and publication in the Commission's final reports.

# STUDY I-100 — EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

The Commission considered Memorandum 2025-28 presenting public comments, an Executive Order update relevant to the study, and a revised draft tentative recommendation that included amended cross references that were previously presented in a prior staff memorandum.

The Commission agreed with staff's changes and recommendation to resubmit the draft tentative recommendation for public comment.

## STUDY I-200 — TERMINOLOGY RELATING TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The Commission considered Memorandum 2025-29, providing a status report on the study. No Commission action relating to this memorandum was required or taken.

## STUDY B-750 — ANTITRUST LAW

The Commission considered the following memoranda:

- Memorandum 2025-30, presenting analysis of public comment and draft language options for single firm conduct and Supplement 1 thereto
- Memorandum 2025-31, presenting analysis and draft language options for mergers and acquisitions and Supplement 1 thereto
- Memorandum 2025-32, presenting analysis and draft language options for

misuse of market power

• Memorandum 2025-33, presenting the antitrust consultant contract extension

Regarding Memorandum 2025-30, the Commission provided direction to staff on the draft language for Options One and Two and the Legislative Findings and Declarations. The Commission voted to direct staff to discontinue work on Option Three.

Three Commissioners suggested ending work on Option One, but two Commissioners indicated they would like to see it again. The Commission directed staff to continue work on Option One.

The Commission directed staff to revise Option Two in various ways, including:

- Addressing, perhaps in a comment, that harm to competition can occur from one actor
- Clarifying and explaining "to attempt to restrain the free exercise of competition or the freedom of trade or production"
- Incorporating the term "unreasonable" in restraint of trade, possibly in code and/or findings and declarations or a Comment. The staff should review case law on issue
- Incorporating burden shifting, but to be mindful of arbitrary rules.
- Continuing to clarify language relating to federal law

The Commission directed staff to revise the draft language for Findings and Declarations in various ways, including:

- Drafting a basic purpose statement for the Cartwright Act
- Making clarifying changes to the enhanced purpose statement, including editing duplicative language
- Including language about the effect of federal law such as "Federal antitrust law shall not be binding on California courts, but courts may consider federal law persuasive authority to the extent they find it persuasive and consistent with California law and the purpose set forth in [the basic purpose statement]."
- Distinguishing between findings and declarations versus mandatory statutory language
- Considering another term for "maximize"
- Considering Comments to the draft language (including avoiding using case names)

Finally, the Commission considered a public comment suggesting a rulemaking role for

the Attorney General. The Commission directed staff not to propose language related to that suggestion.

The Commission deferred decisions on Memoranda 2025-31 and 32 until the September 18, 2025, meeting to solicit further public comment. The Commission directed the staff to:

• Do no further work on misuse of market power but consider incorporating burden shifting into a single firm conduct option

The Commission considered Memorandum 2025-33, presenting the antitrust consultant contract extension. The Commission voted to approve the contract.

(Commissioner Cubas was not present when this decision was made. Assemblymember Pacheco abstained.)