

Regulations Addressing Late  
Evidence  
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## Section 11327. Enforcement Hearing Procedure.

(j) the enforcement committee or Commission shall rule on any objections to the admissibility of evidence or the acceptance of late evidence and identify any evidence submitted but rejected because it was not filed in a timely manner or in violation of Section 11328.

## Section 11324. Distribution of the Violation Report, Complaint, Statement of Defense Form(s), and Recommended Enforcement Decision.

At least ten (10) days prior to the enforcement hearing, the Executive Director shall make available on the Commission's website and shall mail by first class mail or send by email the following materials to each respondent, to the committee members if the enforcement hearing will be held before the enforcement committee or to the Commission if the enforcement hearing will be held before the Commission, and to the Deputy Attorney General advising the enforcement committee or Commission:

- (1) the violation report and/or complaint for administrative civil liability and all documents or other evidence cited therein or listed on an index of supporting documents or evidence attached thereto,
- (2) each completed statement of defense form and the enclosed exhibits, with a notation that indicates if any of the statements have been filed in an untimely fashion, and
- (3) a recommended enforcement decision that complies with Section 11326.

# Section 11328. Acceptance of Late Evidence.

The introduction of surprise testimony and exhibits at enforcement hearings shall be discouraged. All documents and declarations under penalty of perjury shall be submitted with the violation report and/or complaint or the completed statement of defense form, except to the extent otherwise provided by Section 11322(d) or the Executive Director has extended the time for such submittal pursuant to Section 11322(f), or the Commission or enforcement committee admits the testimony into the record pursuant to Section 11327(f) and this section. To this end, the Commission or the enforcement committee shall not accept into the record or consider any statement of defense form or any written evidence not filed in a timely manner unless the Commission or enforcement committee finds that

- (1) the person seeking to introduce the evidence made all reasonable efforts to obtain and submit the evidence in a timely manner but was unable to do so and would be substantially prejudiced if the evidence were not admitted and
- (2) no other party would suffer substantial prejudice by its admission.

# Section 11329. Admissibility of Evidence.

- (a) Any relevant evidence shall be admitted if it is the sort of evidence on which responsible persons are accustomed to rely in the conduct of serious affairs, regardless of the existence of any common law or statutory rule that might make improper the admission of such evidence over objection in civil actions.
- (b) Hearsay evidence, including but not limited information provided by the public to the Commission or staff or in public comments, may be admitted and used for the purpose of supplementing or explaining other evidence but shall not be sufficient in itself to support a finding unless it would be admissible over objection in a civil action or unless it is in the form of a declaration under penalty of perjury and the declarant is subject to cross-examination as provided in Sections 11322 and 11327.
- (c) The rules of privilege shall be effective to the extent that they are otherwise required by statute to be recognized at the hearing, and irrelevant or unduly repetitious evidence shall be excluded.
- (d) The Chair or the enforcement committee chair shall have the final authority to determine whether any evidence whose admissibility is challenged by objection shall be admitted into evidence and become part of the record.
- (e) In determining whether to admit testimony or exhibits into the record over objection, the Chair or the enforcement committee chair shall consult with the Deputy Attorney General advising the Commission or enforcement committee at the hearing.

End.

# Extra Slides

Section 11322. Respondent's Required Response to the Violation Report or Complaint, the Executive Director's Consideration of the Respondent's Response, and Extensions of Time.

(d) If the staff wants to cross-examine any person whose declaration under penalty of perjury has been submitted with a respondent's completed statement of defense form, the staff shall, within seven days of receiving the completed statement of defense form, mail to all respondents a list of all persons whose declaration under penalty of perjury has been submitted by respondent that the staff wants to cross examine, all documents referred to in such person's declaration about which staff wants to cross-examine the person, a description of the area or areas of knowledge about which the staff wants to cross-examine the witness, and the information that the staff hopes to elicit in cross-examination.



## Section 11322. Respondent's Required Response to the Violation Report or Complaint, the Executive Director's Consideration of the Respondent's Response, and Extensions of Time.

(f) If the Executive Director issues a violation report only, and not a complaint for administrative civil liability, the Executive Director shall for good cause extend the 35-day time limit imposed by subsection (a) upon receipt within the 35-day time limit of a written request for such extension and demonstration of good cause. If the Executive Director issues a violation report and complaint for administrative civil liability or only a complaint for administrative civil liability, the Executive Director shall for good cause extend the 35-day time limit imposed by paragraphs (a) and (c) of this section upon receipt within the 35-day time limit of a written request for such extension, demonstration of good cause, and waiver of and consent to extend the 60-day time limit for a hearing on the complaint under Government Code Section 66641.6(b). Any extension shall be valid only to those specific items or matters that the Executive Director identifies to the requesting party as being exempt from the 35-day filing requirement and shall be valid only for such additional time as the Executive Director allows.

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(f) presentations made by the staff, a respondent, and the public shall be limited to responding to (1) evidence already made part of the enforcement record and (2) the policy implications of such evidence; the enforcement committee or the Commission shall not allow oral testimony unless the committee or Commission believes that such testimony is essential to resolve any factual issues that remain unresolved after reviewing the existing written record and whose resolution is essential to determining whether a violation has occurred or to determining what remedy is appropriate. If the committee or Commission allows oral testimony, such testimony shall be taken under oath, and all representatives of the staff and all respondents shall be given a right to examine or cross-examine all witnesses who are allowed to testify.

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(g) cross-examination of any witness whose declaration under penalty of perjury has become part of the enforcement record shall be permitted only if the party who wishes to cross-examine has identified in writing pursuant either to Section 11322(b) or Section 11322(d) the person to be cross-examined, the area or areas of information into which the cross-examination will delve, and the information sought to be uncovered. Following cross-examination of a witness whose declaration under penalty of perjury has become part of the enforcement record, a representative of the opposing party shall be entitled to examine the witness on the area or areas of information addressed during cross-examination. Neither cross-examination nor direct examination shall be allowed of any person who has not submitted a declaration under penalty of perjury which has become part of the enforcement record and who has not been identified in writing pursuant to either Section 11322(b) or Section 11322(d), including any member of the public who has commented on an enforcement matter or submitted information related to an alleged violation.