

# CALIFORNIA JPIA

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

July 19, 2023

7:00 P.M.

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#### CALL TO ORDER

President Finlay called the regular meeting of the of the Board of Directors of the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority to order at 7:05 p.m. in the California Room at the California JPIA, 8081 Moody Street, La Palma, CA 90623.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Manager Brian Villalobos, representing the City of Duarte, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### ROLL CALL

A quorum was established by roll call.

James Bukowski, Agoura Hills Calabasas Community Center  
Rene Trevino, City of Artesia  
Sergio Gonzalez, City of Azusa  
Marco Barcena, City of Bell Gardens  
Sonny Santa Ines, City of Bellflower  
Larry Walsh, Big Bear City Community Services District  
Larry Walsh, Big Bear Fire Authority  
Kendi Segovia, City of Big Bear Lake  
Karen Kong, City of Bishop  
Elysia Lewis, City of Buellton  
James Bozajian, City of Calabasas  
David Tennessen, City of Camarillo  
Lynda Johnson, City of Cerritos  
Ray Marquez, City of Chino Hills  
Sal Medina, City of Claremont  
John Gabbard, City of Dana Point  
Natalia Gonzalez, Desert Recreation District  
Steve Tye, City of Diamond Bar  
Margaret Finlay, City of Duarte  
Erika Herrera, City of Fillmore  
Ted Bui, City of Fountain Valley  
Ariel Pe, Gateway Cities Council of Governments

Bill Hussey, City of Grand Terrace  
Jaculin Peterson, City of Hemet  
Rob Saemann, City of Hermosa Beach  
Larry Weber, City of Hidden Hills  
Rick Gunter, City of La Cañada Flintridge  
Norm Zezula, City of La Habra Heights  
Andrew Sarega, City of La Mirada  
Marshall Goodman, City of La Palma  
Gabriel Quinones, City of La Puente  
Steve Sanchez, City of La Quinta  
Steven Johnson, City of La Verne  
Annie McCary, City of Laguna Woods  
Timothy J. Sheridan, City of Lake Elsinore  
Steve Croft, City of Lakewood  
Robert Pullen-Miles, City of Lawndale  
Jennifer Mendoza, City of Lemon Grove  
Jarb Thaipejr, City of Loma Linda  
Barry Waite, City of Lomita  
Rigoberto Garcia, Los Angeles Interagency Metro  
Police Apprehension Crime Task Force  
Scott Edson, Los Angeles Regional Interoperable  
Communications System  
Marianne Riggins, City of Malibu  
Stefan Jaskulak, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space  
District  
Cynthia Vasquez, City of Mission Viejo  
Becky Shevlin, City of Monrovia  
Tona Belt, City of Needles  
Jennifer Perez, City of Norwalk  
Rose Espinoza, Orange County Council of  
Governments  
Evan Trubee, City of Palm Desert  
Dawn Murdock, Palos Verdes Estates  
Vilma Cuellar Stallings, City of Paramount  
Mary Ann Reiss, City of Pismo Beach  
Corey Calaycay, Pomona Valley Transportation  
Authority  
Steven Gama, City of Port Hueneme  
Jodene Dunphy, City of Poway  
Barbara Ferraro, City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
Bea Dieringer, City of Rolling Hills  
Steve Knoblock, City of San Clemente  
Emmett Badar, City of San Dimas  
Tony Ding, City of San Gabriel  
John Taylor, City of San Juan Capistrano  
Janelle Laughlin, City of San Marcos

Lizette Guerrero, City of San Marino  
Andrew Adams, City of Santa Clarita  
Pedro Chavez, City of Santa Paula  
Gloria Olmos, Southeast Area Animal Control  
Authority  
Thomas Moore, City of Seal Beach  
Alex Miller, City of Seaside  
Keir Jones, City of Signal Hill  
David Brown, City of Solvang  
Gary Taylor, City of Stanton  
Gloria Olmos, City of South El Monte  
Tom Chavez, City of Temple City  
Pam Kobylarz, Town of Mammoth Lakes  
John Higgins, Ventura Port District  
Dolores Gascon, City of Vista  
Nancy Tragarz, City of Walnut  
Brian Tabatabai, City of West Covina  
Lauren Meister, City of West Hollywood

**ATTENDEES:**

Jamie Earl, City of Claremont  
Vinh Truong, City of Duarte  
Brian Villalobos, City of Duarte  
Carole Kendrick, City of Hemet  
Debbie Baker, City of La Palma  
Christopher Macon, City of Laguna Woods  
Jose Gomez, City of Lakewood  
Thaddeus McCormack, City of Lakewood  
Michael Burke, Los Angeles Interagency Metro Police  
Apprehension Crime Task Force (LA IMPACT)  
Lydia Romero, City of Lemon Grove  
Jorge Garcia, City of Pismo Beach  
Paul Seo, City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
Chris Constantin, City of San Dimas  
Brad McKinney, City of San Dimas  
Edward Macias, City of San Gabriel  
My Lam, City of San Gabriel  
Lori Woods, City of Signal Hill  
Rene Salas, City of South El Monte  
Bryan Cook, City of Temple City  
Chris Kustra, Carl Warren & Company  
Byrne Conley, Gibbons & Conley  
Fred Groehler, Protelligent

**STAFF:**

Alexander Smith, Chief Executive Officer  
Michelle Aguayo, Training Coordinator  
Habib Ali, Accounting Specialist

Edith Avina, Administrative Assistant  
Olga Berdial, Communications Director  
Grazyna Buchowiecki, Senior Accountant  
Lyndsie Buskirk, Administrative Assistant  
Toni Consolo, Senior Risk Manager  
Denise Covell, Administrative Assistant  
Maria Daniels, Administrative Assistant  
Melaina Francis, Senior Risk Manager  
Maria Galvan, Senior Risk Manager  
Abe Han, Management Analyst  
Tim Karcz, Senior Risk Manager  
Tony Leite, Senior Risk Manager  
Jason McBride, Finance Director  
Alex Mellor, Senior Risk Manager  
Courtney Morrison, Management Analyst  
Veronica Ruiz, Agency Clerk  
Jeff Rush, Workers' Compensation Program Manager  
Nikki Salas, Administrative Services Director  
Carl Sandstrom, Business Projects Manager  
Ryan Thomas, Senior Training Specialist  
Jim Thyden, Insurance Programs Manager  
Jennifer Torres, Administrative Assistant  
Kelly Trainer Policky, Employment Practices Manager  
Aaron Webb, Data and Underwriting Analyst  
Chris Yanonis, Maintenance Worker  
Paul Zeglovitch, Liability Program Manager

**ORAL  
COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no requests to address the Board of Directors.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
July 20, 2022**

President Finlay presented the minutes of July 20, 2022.

It was moved by Director Marquez, Chino Hills, seconded by Director Trevino, Artesia, and carried by 63 votes; In Favor by Agoura Hills Calabasas Community Center, Artesia, Azusa, Bellflower, Big Bear City Community Services District, Big Bear Fire Authority, Big Bear Lake, Bishop, Buellton, Calabasas, Cerritos, Chino Hills, Claremont, Dana Point, Desert Recreation, Diamond Bar, Duarte, Fillmore, Fountain Valley, Gateway Cities Council of Governments, Grand Terrace, Hemet, Hidden Hills, La Cañada Flintridge, LA IMPACT, La Mirada, La Palma, La Puente, La Quinta, La Verne, Lake Elsinore, Lakewood, Lemon Grove, Lomita, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, Mission Viejo, Monrovia, Needles, Norwalk, Palm Desert, Paramount, Pismo Beach, Pomona Valley Transit Authority, Port Hueneme, Poway, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, San

Dimas, San Marcos, San Marino, Santa Clarita, Seal Beach, Seaside, Signal Hill, Solvang, Southeast Area Animal Control Authority, South El Monte, Stanton, Temple City, Town of Mammoth Lakes, Ventura Port District, Vista, and West Covina; and eleven Abstentions by Bell Gardens, Camarillo, Hermosa Beach, Malibu, San Juan Capistrano, Santa Paula, La Habra Heights, Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System, Orange County Council of Governments, Palos Verdes Estates, and West Hollywood; and zero Oppositions by electronic vote, to approve the minutes of July 20, 2022.

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

President Margaret Finlay

President Finlay presented the Annual Report. Finlay introduced members of the Executive Committee and Chairs of the Managers, Finance Officers and Risk Managers Committees. An overview of the Authority's accomplishments in the past year was shared.

President Finlay recognized the Authority's three newest members: City of Fountain Valley, City of Hermosa Beach, and City of Laguna Hills.

## **PRESENTATION**

Risk Management Awards

President Finlay presented the Risk Management Awards to members who have instituted excellent risk management practices and programs and have achieved superior results as demonstrated by their cost of claims in both the liability and workers' compensation programs.

President Finlay announced the Liability Program winners:

- Non-municipal category:  
Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
- Members without police exposure:  
City of San Marcos
- Members with police exposure:  
Town of Mammoth Lakes

President Finlay announced the Workers' Compensation Program winners:

- Non-municipal category:  
Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
- Members without public safety exposure:  
City of Mission Viejo
- Members with public safety exposure:  
City of Poway

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Vice President Reiss opened nominations to fill one, two-year term for the office of President, and stated there was one announced candidate: Margaret Finlay, City of Duarte.

Hearing no further nominations, nominations were closed.

Those present voted electronically to elect Margaret Finlay, City of Duarte, as President for a full, two-year term.

President Finlay opened nominations to fill three, full, two-year terms for the Executive Committee, and stated there were three announced candidates: Steve Croft, City of Lakewood; Marshall Goodman, City of La Palma; and Sonny Santa Ines, City of Bellflower.

Hearing no further nominations, nominations were closed.

Those present voted electronically to elect Steve Croft, City of Lakewood; Marshall Goodman, City of La Palma; and Sonny Santa Ines, City of Bellflower to the Executive Committee for a full, two-year term.

**PRESENTATION**

Strategic Plan and Operational Overview

Alexander Smith, Chief Executive Officer, presented the Strategic Plan, Operational Overview, and Current Initiatives of the Authority, with emphasis on continued commitment to the foundational principals: Integrity, Excellence, Innovation, and Teamwork.

Mr. Smith presented an overview of the Sequoia Pacific Reinsurance Company which is the captive insurance company for the California JPIA.

Mr. Smith also presented the design concept for the Authority's facility expansion, which will include a state-of-the-art studio for production of risk management and training content for members.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, President Finlay adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

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Tom Chavez, Secretary