CALIFORNIA JPIA

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

July 23, 2025

7:00 P.M.

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 7:03 p.m. in the California Room at the California JPIA, 8081 Moody Street, La Palma, CA 90623.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Miss Abigail Finlay led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was established by roll call.

David Ashman, Area E Disaster Management
Nathan Hamburger, City of Agoura Hills
Caren Ray Russom, City of Arroyo Grande
Ali Sajjad Taj, City of Artesia
Lara Christensen, City of Atascadero
Robert Gonzales, City of Azusa
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
Dennis Freundt, City of Bishop
Elysia Lewis, City of Buellton
Edward Albrecht, City of Calabasas
Sophia Tse, City of Cerritos
Jamie Earl, City of Claremont
John Gabbard, City of Dana Point
Steve Tye, City of Diamond Bar
Margaret Finlay, City of Duarte
John Garnica, City of Fillmore
Jeff Allen, City of Grand Terrace
Clint Weirick, City of Grover Beach
Amelia M. Villegas, City of Guadalupe
Raymond Jackson, City of Hermosa Beach
Dennis Morita, City of Imperial

Stephanie Fossan, City of La Cañada Flintridge
John Pespisa, City of La Habra Heights
Steve Sanchez, City of La Quinta
Steven Johnson, City of La Verne
Ray Gennawey, City of Laguna Niguel
Annie McCary, City of Laguna Woods
Timothy J. Sheridan, City of Lake Elsinore
Benjamin Yu, City of Lake Forest
Steve Croft, City of Lakewood
Robert Pullen-Miles, City of Lawndale
Lydia Romero, City of Lemon Grove
Mark Waronek, City of Lomita
Marianne Riggins, City of Malibu
Ellis Chang, City of Mission Viejo
Becky Shevlin, City of Monrovia
Chris Barrett, City of Moorpark
Janet Jernigan, City of Needles
Jennifer Perez, City of Norwalk
Paul Walkingstick, City of Pacific Grove
Evan Trubee, City of Palm Desert
Craig Quinn, City of Palos Verdes Estates
Isabel Aguayo, City of Paramount
Mike James, City of Pismo Beach
Kate Weihe, City of Poway
Stephen Perestam, City of Rancho Palos Verdes
Bea Dieringer, City of Rolling Hills
Sean Dang, City of Rosemead
Steve Knoblock, City of San Clemente
Brad McKinney, City of San Dimas
Tony Ding, City of San Gabriel
Howard Hart, City of San Juan Capistrano
Kate Auslen, City of San Luis Obispo
Maria Nunez, City of San Marcos
Hunter Chang, City of San Marino
Melody Bartlette, City of Santa Clarita
Juanita Martin, City of Santa Fe Springs
Pedro Chavez, City of Santa Paula
Gary Taylor, City of Stanton
Tom Chavez, City of Temple City
Analisa Holbrook, City of Vista
Brian Gutierrez, City of West Covina
Joanna Stueckle, Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Joanna Stueckle, Coachella Valley Conservation Commission
Rudy Acosta, Desert Recreation District

Phil Moores, Eastern Sierra Transit Authority
John Curley, Foothill Transit
Vilma Cuellar Stallings, Gateway Cities Council of Governments
Tom Frayeh, Los Angeles Interagency Metro Police Apprehension Crime Task Force
Stefan Jaskulak, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District
Kyle Schulty, Mountain Area Regional Transit Authority
John Gabbard, Orange County Council of Governments
Martin Gombert, Palos Verdes Peninsula Transit Authority
Corey Calaycay, Pomona Valley Transportation Authority
Jo Shade, Rossmoor Community Services District
Juanita Martin, Southeast Area Animal Control Authority
Cindy Giraldo, Southern California Association of Governments
Scott Nassif, Town of Apple Valley
Brent Truax, Town of Mammoth Lakes

ATTENDEES:

Rachel Bowman, City of Big Bear Lake
Erica Stephenson, City of Big Bear Lake
Erik Sund, City of Big Bear Lake
Kindon Meik, City of Calabasas
Michael McConville, City of Calabasas
Robert Lopez, City of Cerritos
Kristen Petersen, City of Duarte
Larry Breceda, City of Duarte
Maggie Lee, City of Fountain Valley
James Ranells, City of La Verne
Carol Moore, City of Laguna Woods
Christopher Macon, City of Laguna Woods
Debra Rose, City of Lake Forest
Rafferty Wooldridge, City of La Habra Heights
Jose Gomez, City of Lakewood
Thaddeus McCormack, City of Lakewood
Andrew Vialpando, City of Lomita
Karina Quintanilla, City of Palm Desert
Grissel Chavez, City of Paramount
Edward Macias, City of San Gabriel
My Lam, City of San Gabriel
Michael Lieberman, City of San Marcos

Bryan Cook, City of Temple City
Peggy Kuo, City of Temple City
Roxanna Flores, City of Temple City
Brian Hamblet, Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP
Fred Groehler, Protelligent
Mary Ann Remnet, Rossmoor Community Services District
Sharon Landers, Rossmoor Community Services District
Carmen Flores, Southern California Association of Governments
James Ramirez, Southern California Association of Governments

STAFF:

Alexander Smith, Chief Executive Officer
Michelle Aguayo, Training Coordinator
Habib Ali, Accountant
Edith Avina, Administrative Analyst
Olga Berdial, Communications Director
Lyndsie Buskirk, Administrative Analyst
Toni Consolo, Senior Risk Manager
Denise Covell, Administrative Assistant
Maria Daniels, Administrative Assistant
Melaina Francis, Senior Risk Manager
Maria Galvan, Senior Risk Manager
Chris Gray, Insurance Programs Manager
Abe Han, Senior Risk Manager
Kevin Hanson, Training Specialist
Tim Karcz, Senior Risk Manager
Rezvane Lafmejani, Accountant
Tony Leite, Senior Risk Manager
Jason McBride, Finance Director
Alex Mellor, Risk Services Director
Monique Moctezuma, Senior Training Specialist
Courtney Morrison, Management Analyst
Jessica Ramos, Administrative Assistant
Veronica Ruiz, Agency Clerk
Jeff Rush, Workers' Compensation Program Manager
Nikki Salas, Chief Administrative Officer
Ryan Thomas, Training Manager
Jennifer Torres, Administrative Analyst
Kelly Trainer Policky, Employment Practices Manager
Aaron Webb, Data and Underwriting Analyst
Chris Yanonis, Facilities Specialist
Tracey Yonemura, Accountant
Paul Zeglovitch, Claims and Insurance Director

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were no requests to address the Board of Directors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
July 24, 2024

President Finlay presented the minutes of July 24, 2024.

It was moved by Director Gary Taylor, City of Stanton, seconded by Director Tony Ding, City of San Gabriel, and carried by 65 votes; In Favor by Agoura Hills, Apple Valley, Area E, Arroyo Grande, Artesia, Bellflower, Big Bear Lake, Bishop, Calabasas, Cerritos, Claremont, Dana Point, Diamond Bar, Duarte, ESTA, Fillmore, Foothill Transit, Grand Terrace, Imperial, La Cañada Flintridge, La Habra Heights, LA IMPACT, La Quinta, La Verne, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods, Lake Elsinore, Lake Forest, Lakewood, Lawndale, Lemon Grove, Lomita, Mammoth Lakes, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, Mission Viejo, Monrovia, Moorpark, Mountain Transit, Needles, Norwalk, OCCOG, Pacific Grove, Palm Desert, Palos Verdes Estates, Paramount, Pismo Beach, Pomona Valley Transportation Authority, Poway, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills, Rosemead, Rossmoor CSD, San Dimas, San Gabriel, San Juan Capistrano, San Luis Obispo, San Marcos, San Marino, Santa Clarita, Santa Fe Springs, SCAG, Southeast Area Animal Control Authority, Stanton, Temple City, and Vista; and seven Abstentions by Buellton, Coachella Valley Association of Governments, Coachella Valley Conservation Commission, Guadalupe, Malibu, Santa Paula, and Palos Verdes Peninsula Transit Authority; and zero Oppositions by electronic vote, to approve the minutes of July 24, 2024.

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.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Secretary Tom Chavez 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; Jennifer Perez, City of Norwalk; 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; Jennifer Perez, City of Norwalk; and Sonny Santa Ines, City of Bellflower, to the Executive Committee for a full, two-year term.

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:
  Coachella Valley Association of Governments
- Members without police exposure:
  City of Big Bear Lake
- Members with police exposure:
  City of San Luis Obispo

President Finlay announced the Workers' Compensation Program winners:

- Non-municipal category:
  Southern California Association of Governments
- Members without public safety exposure:
  City of Calabasas
- Members with public safety exposure:
  City of Morro Bay

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 7:57 p.m.

Tom Chavez, Secretary