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#### **APPEARANCES**

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David Thomas, Chair

Barbara Burgel, Occupational Health Representative

Dave Harrison, Labor Representative

Nola Kennedy, Public Member

Chris Laszcz-Davis, Management Representative

Laura Stock, Occupational Safety Representative

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Michael Manieri, Principal Safety Engineer

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Sarah Money, Executive Assistant

Eric Berg, Deputy Chief of Health

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Elizabeth Treanor, Phylmar Regulatory Roundtable

Ian O'Brien, Free Speech Coalition

Mark Schechter

Alan Evans, Adult Performers Actors Guild

Tim Woodman, Adult Performers Actors Guild

Kevin Bland, Western Steel Association, California Framing Contractors Association, and Residential Contractors Association

Stephen J. Derman, MediSHARE Environmental Health and Safety Services

# APPEARANCES

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Gloria Chan, California Industrial Hygiene Council

### 1 PROCEEDINGS

- 10:03 A.M.
- 3 SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2019
- 4 CHAIR THOMAS: Good morning. This
- 5 meeting of the Occupational Safety and Health
- 6 Standards Board is now called to order.
- 7 Let's stand for the flag salute.
- 8 (The Pledge of Allegiance is recited.)
- 9 CHAIR THOMAS: Thank you. I'm Dave
- 10 Thomas, Chairman. And the other Board Members
- 11 present today are: Ms. Barbara Burgel,
- 12 Occupational Health Representative; Mr. David
- 13 Harrison, Labor Representative; Ms. Nola Kennedy,
- 14 Public Member; Ms. Chris Laszcz-Davis, Management
- 15 Representative; and Ms. Laura Stock, Occupational
- 16 Safety Representative.
- 17 Also present from our staff for today's
- 18 meeting are: Ms. Christina Shupe, Executive
- 19 Officer; Mr. Michael Manieri, Principal Safety
- 20 Engineer; Mr. Peter Healy, Legal Counsel; Ms.
- 21 Lara Paskins, Staff Services Manager; Mr. David
- 22 Kernazitskas, Senior Safety Engineer; and Ms.
- 23 Sarah Money, Executive Assistant.
- 24 Present today from the Division of

- 1 Occupational Safety and Health is Eric Berg,
- 2 Deputy Chief of Health.
- If you have not already done so, we
- 4 invite you to sign the attendance roster, which
- 5 is located at the table at the entrance to the
- 6 room. It will become part of the official record
- 7 of today's proceedings. When you sign the
- 8 attendance roster, please be sure to write
- 9 legibly so that we have your correct name and
- 10 contact information for the record. A copy of
- 11 today's -- copies of today's agenda and other
- 12 materials related to today's proceedings are also
- 13 available on the table next to the attendance
- 14 roster.
- 15 As reflected in the agenda, today's
- 16 meeting consists of two parts. First, we will
- 17 hold a public meeting to receive public comments
- 18 for proposals on occupational safety and health
- 19 matters. Anyone who would like to address any
- 20 occupational safety and health issue should come
- 21 up to the microphone when I ask for public
- 22 comment during the public meeting.
- 23 After the public meeting, we will conduct
- 24 the second part of our meeting which is the
- 25 business meeting, to act on those items listed on

- I the business meeting agenda. The Board does not
- 2 accept public comment during its business meeting
- 3 unless a Member of the Board specifically
- 4 requests input.
- 5 We will now proceed with the public
- 6 meeting. Anyone who wishes to address the Board
- 7 regarding matters pertaining to occupational
- 8 safety and health is invited to comment, except,
- 9 however, the Board does not entertain comments
- 10 regarding variance decisions. The Board's
- 11 variance hearings are administrative hearings
- 12 where procedural due process rights are carefully
- 13 preserved. Therefore, we will not grant requests
- 14 to address the Board on variance matters.
- 15 So at this time is there anyone who would
- 16 like to comment on any matters concerning
- 17 occupational safety and health? If you want to
- 18 make comments, please come up to the microphone.
- 19 I see you're already there. And state your name
- 20 and affiliation for the record.
- 21 MS. TREANOR: I just don't know my own
- 22 strength here.
- 23 CHAIR THOMAS: It will work without that.
- MS. TREANOR: Okay. My name is Elizabeth
- 25 Treanor. I'm Director of the Phylmar Regulatory

- 1 Roundtable, a group of companies that is
- 2 committed to improving occupational safety and
- 3 health.
- I know you all see me frequently at these
- 5 meetings. And sometimes you see other of the PRR
- $6\,$  members, for instance, Mr. MacKenzie and Mr.
- 7 Carlisle, who come to speak before you. The
- 8 people that you don't see are the passionate
- 9 safety and health professionals that participate
- 10 in our groups.
- 11 And yesterday, we had a meeting at
- 12 Allergan up in Irvine and they talked about lock-
- 13 out/tag-out machine guarding, ergonomics, best
- 14 practices, how we can make things better in the
- 15 workplace. And this is why we have the
- 16 Regulatory Roundtable.
- 17 A side piece of it is regulatory
- 18 advocacy. And these people are committed to
- 19 advancing excellence in safety performance at
- 20 their companies and improving culture as well.
- 21 So I just wanted to respond to Board
- 22 Member Stock's comment last month at the close of
- 23 the meeting about there's no requirement for
- 24 consensus in any of the advisory committee
- 25 meetings. And she is absolutely correct. There

- 1 never has been a requirement for consensus. And
- 2 actually, I don't think most of us expect that
- 3 we're going to have consensus.
- 4 What we were asking for was more of a
- 5 dialogue to understand because there's interests
- 6 and values at stake that may be behind the
- 7 language that we propose. And there's interest
- 8 and values that are behind other opinions, other
- 9 views, as well. And it's useful to have an
- 10 understanding of those values so that changes can
- 11 be made that could possibly work for both. It
- 12 may not work for the Division. They may say,
- 13 well, I don't care what you all came up with. We
- 14 want to do it this way. But I think then people
- 15 will understand better, oh, I get it, now I
- 16 understand, which is not something that we have
- 17 right now in some of the interactions.
- 18 It's not really a dialogue. It's more
- 19 like a public forum, similar to this, where
- 20 people come forward and say their piece, and then
- 21 they sit down, and then the Division works very
- 22 hard and diligently on language and comes back,
- 23 and then we do the same thing.
- 24 But that's what we were looking for. And
- 25 we're not saying that there needs to be a

- 1 consensus. We were just saying it would be
- 2 helpful to have more of an exchange of views.
- 3 And so I just wanted to be clear.
- 4 Thank you for your time.
- 5 MR. O'BRIEN: Good morning. My name is
- 6 Ian O'Brien. I'm the Deputy Executive Director
- 7 of the Free Speech Coalition, also referred to as
- 8 FSC. Our mission is to advocate for the rights
- 9 and protections of all members of the adult
- 10 industry. We also operate the Performer
- 11 Availability Screening Service Program, or PASS,
- 12 which administers the industry's sexually-
- 13 transmitted infection testing protocol. We work
- 14 with performers, production, and everybody in
- 15 between.
- 16 Today we're commenting on Petition 576
- 17 that proposes the new regulations for the adult
- 18 industry. We believe that the petition is
- 19 unnecessary because there is no medical evidence
- 20 of an emerging health issue within the industry.
- 21 And nearly all of the recommendations are already
- 22 being implemented.
- 23 FSC has built a strong coalition of
- 24 stakeholders from across the industry. And we've
- 25 worked tirelessly to ensure the health and safety

- 1 of performers, to codify standards of conduct,
- 2 both for performers and producers.
- 3 FSC has built a strong coalition of
- 4 stakeholders from across the industry. As
- 5 mentioned, we operate and administer the PASS
- 6 program and testing databases that tracks
- 7 performer clearance for work.
- 8 We administer the Performer Subsidy Fund
- 9 which offsets the cost of testing for performers.
- 10 We have developed a code of ethics that
- 11 all members agree to abide by.
- 12 And we also have coalition partners, like
- 13 APAC, the Adult Performer Advocacy Committee,
- 14 which you'll probably hear from, as well, and
- 15 production companies, like MindGeek or Geek.com
- 16 (phonetic) have built the Performer Bill of
- 17 Rights and Code of Conduct for producers.
- 18 We also have the INSPIRE Program which is
- 19 an onboarding toolkit for performers new to the
- 20 industry and instructs them about their rights
- 21 and protections and how to have a safe and
- 22 healthy work experience.
- 23 If the Board does decide to grant the
- 24 petition and move forward with an advisory
- 25 committee, FSC would like to be a part of that

- 1 Committee. And we recommend that it be limited
- 2 in scope to the five points of the Board Staff
- 3 evaluation. This would exclude much of the
- 4 original petition and the points in the Division
- 5 evaluation that go beyond the focus of health and
- 6 safety standards.
- 7 I do -- would like to reiterate that we
- 8 believe that continuing with the petition beyond
- 9 today's meeting is unnecessary because there's no
- 10 evidence of an emerging health issue within the
- 11 industry. Our work and that of our coalition
- 12 partners have been effective to date. And we are
- 13 expanding our programs and decreasing our efforts
- 14 to the continued health and safety of the
- 15 performers and plans by producers. These efforts
- 16 specifically address the five points in the Board
- 17 Staff evaluation. Item one reads, "When and how
- 18 producers could be required to pay for a PASS
- 19 system testing."
- 20 First off, many large production
- 21 companies do already pay for testing for the
- 22 performers. For performers who do pay for their
- 23 own test, the Performers Subsidy Fund helps to
- 24 offset that cost. The largest contributor to the
- 25 fund is MindGeek, who we are actively growing the

- 1 fund, seeking additional contributors for -- and
- 2 larger contributions. Our goal is to have each
- 3 test fully paid for through the subsidy.
- 4 Item two is about testing requirements
- 5 and the expansion of blood tests to include swab
- 6 tests. Making a rule that mandates specific
- 7 testing protocols makes it hard for us to be
- 8 responsive to the changing needs of population
- 9 health. It also prevents us from taking
- 10 advantage of the state-of-the-art tests and
- 11 testing procedures as they are developed and
- 12 makes it from being able to use effective and
- 13 lower-cost tests as they become available.
- 14 That being said, to address this, we have
- 15 convened a PASS advisory committee, half of whom
- 16 are performers and workers in the industry, but
- 17 also includes medical professionals, infectious
- 18 disease specialists, and other industry
- 19 stakeholders. The PASS advisory committee has
- 20 approved the current testing protocol and is
- 21 comprised of a blood test and urine test. It
- 22 includes HIV, syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia,
- 23 trichomoniasis, hep B and hep C.
- 24 Swabbing tests for gonorrhea and
- 25 chlamydia and other could protect infections in

- 1 other areas of the body, mostly pharyngeal and
- 2 rectal. But the most recent evidence that we
- 3 have, based on a pilot test, was no -- we found
- 4 it increased no significant detection of
- 5 infections. However, the PASS advisory committee
- 6 is actively monitoring this. And should we
- 7 determine that this is something that needs to be
- 8 mandated for the industry, we wouldn't hesitate
- 9 to do so. It isn't recommending adopting this at
- 10 this time because of a limited scope of
- 11 effectiveness currently, and also the high cost.
- 12 We'd almost double the cost of the testing for
- 13 performers, adding the swab to the protocol.
- 14 Item three mentions reporting
- 15 requirements for FSC regarding production holds.
- 16 We have well-documented procedures for calling a
- 17 production hold that start with receiving report
- 18 of any potential significant increase of risk to
- 19 the performer pool, such as a potential HIV
- 20 infection. These procedures have been developed
- 21 to protect the medical privacy of the performer
- 22 with the positive test, and as well as protect
- 23 all other in the industry.
- 24 Production is stopped immediately.
- 25 Anyone that could potentially be exposed is

- 1 notified. And all performers, regardless of
- 2 exposure, have their testing set as reset in
- 3 PASS. It must be -- get a new test to be
- 4 eligible to work once the production hold is
- 5 lifted, should that be deemed the most
- 6 appropriate course of action.
- 7 To this date, there has not been a single
- 8 transmission of HIV on a PASS-regulated set.
- 9 Item four requires that all testing in
- $10\,$  PASS System are CLEA (phonetic) certified. We
- 11 currently require that all of our contractual
- 12 partners be testing certified. So everyone in
- 13 PASS is already CLEA compliant and all contracts
- 14 already have that written in.
- 15 Item five requires that education for
- 16 performers about PrEP, HIV pre-exposure
- 17 prophylaxis, again, we already have programs on
- 18 this. We educate performers about PrEP
- 19 specifically, as well as other health concerns,
- 20 partially through our INSPIRE Program, which is
- 21 an onboarding program for new performers in the
- 22 industry, as well as through a relationship with
- 23 community health centers to do PrEP navigation.
- We agree with the Board that the health
- 25 and safety of performance is of the utmost

- 1 importance to the adult industry. And we are
- 2 staunchly committed to ensuring their well-being.
- 3 Our current practices and our increasing efforts
- 4 demonstrate not only this commitment but their
- 5 effectiveness in keeping our community safe.
- 6 We respectfully ask for the Board to
- 7 reject the petition on the basis there is no
- 8 emerging health issue in the adult industry.
- 9 Thank you.
- 10 CHAIR THOMAS: Thank you.
- 11 MR. SCHECHTER: Good morning, ladies and
- 12 gentlemen. My name is Mark Schechter. I've been
- 13 in the adult industry now for just over 20 years
- 14 in various capacities, my last seven years as an
- 15 active owner of one of the largest talent
- 16 agencies in the industry. I'm also serving on
- 17 the Board of Directors for the Free Speech
- 18 Coalition. And I'm also a participant in the
- 19 PASS advisory committee Board. So as you can
- 20 see, I'm very well active within the industry and
- 21 for the protection and health and safety for all
- 22 people within the industry.
- 23 I'd like to just point out a few points
- 24 in regards to the Petition number 576 that I
- 25 personally vehemently disagree with the petition

- 1 and request that it be denied.
- 2 I validate that there is a desired -- a
- 3 desire and a need for continued improvement with
- 4 regards to the health and safety of the workers
- 5 within the adult industry. Over the past few
- 6 years there have been monumental changes and
- 7 awareness to these issues.
- 8 The industry leaders and stakeholders,
- 9 like myself, will continue to devote the time and
- 10 energy towards the health and safety matters
- 11 pertaining to the workers within the industry. I
- 12 urge the Board to listen, involve and engage with
- 13 industry leaders and stakeholders, like myself,
- 14 to further understand the health and safety
- 15 issues and concerns of the workers and to
- 16 properly put in place policies and procedures to
- 17 assist us.
- 18 An anonymous petition has no credibility.
- 19 And it was drafted by a former disgruntled
- 20 industry worker. And from my recollection and
- 21 some information that I personally received, it's
- 22 known who this person is, so it's not even
- 23 anonymous.
- 24 After reading the petition there appears,
- 25 as it starts out, a personal axe to grind against

- 1 one of the companies in the industry, MindGeek.
- 2 You can't hold a single entity responsible for
- 3 the entire industry's policies and procedures and
- 4 responsibility for covering the cost of the
- 5 performers' testing. I mean, that's just one
- 6 company. Whether it's a major company in the
- 7 industry or a minor company, this anonymous
- 8 person just pointed out this one company. That,
- 9 in itself, is wrong. You can't hold one company
- 10 of an entire industry financially responsible.
- 11 The proposal alone should invalidate the
- 12 credibility of the petition. Most, if not all,
- 13 of the mentioned regulations in the petition, the
- 14 proposed regulations in the petition, are already
- 15 widely used and adapted by most of the major
- 16 production studios, as Ian, the gentleman just
- 17 before me, pointed out. There certainly are
- 18 variations to these regulations from studio to
- 19 studio. But the industry has a very sound and
- 20 regulated policy and procedures to ensure the
- 21 health and safety for its workers.
- With that said, what is missing is
- 23 something I personally have drawn attention to
- 24 and awareness to is the lack and absence of a
- 25 regulatory committee that not only has a first-

- 1 hand receptor of complaints and concerns but,
- 2 more importantly, has the power of authority to
- 3 act upon any and all violations of regulations.
- 4 Any proposed -- oh, sorry.
- 5 Last but not least, I would like to draw
- 6 attention to the inclusion of the social media
- 7 content that was included in this petition. The
- 8 use of social media as a platform for expressing
- 9 concerns and issues within our industry, or any
- 10 industry for that matter, should be of great
- 11 concern to all of us. Young, innocent lives are
- 12 being destroyed by the proliferation of bullying
- 13 and hateful content, most of which are
- 14 unsubstantiated and without merit. Of course,
- 15 there is elements of truth, but social media
- 16 should not be the forum used to disseminate this
- 17 type of information.
- 18 I will share with you that I currently am
- 19 under attack on social media by a former
- 20 performer who I recently released from
- 21 representation by my agency primarily due to
- 22 constant bullying and attacking of industry
- 23 professionals on social media. I mean, the irony
- 24 of that. The result of my actions is now a
- 25 permanent social media account of false

- 1 information about me and my agency.
- 2 So part of that petition included social
- 3 media that you are reviewing. So I urge you to
- 4 not consider the social media as part of your
- 5 decision making.
- 6 The reason I bring this up to bring
- 7 awareness to the Members of the Board that in
- 8 order to properly and successfully continue to
- 9 improve the health and safety of the industry
- 10 workers, this can only be accomplished with the
- 11 participation of stakeholders and industry
- 12 leaders, like myself. I would like to state, for
- 13 the record, my desire and interest to be involved
- 14 if there is a formation of a proposed committee
- 15 by the Standards Board to further assist us in
- 16 the health and safety of our workers.
- I thank you for your time.
- 18 CHAIR THOMAS: Thank you.
- 19 MS. EVANS: Good morning, ladies and
- 20 gentlemen. My name is Alana Evans. I am the
- 21 President of the Adult Performers Actors Guild.
- 22 We are not affiliated with FSC or with APAC. We
- 23 are the federally-recognized union for adult
- 24 performers in our industry. I'm speaking here
- 25 this morning on behalf of our members and workers

- 1 in the industry to voice our concerns and
- 2 opinions of this petition.
- 3 Petition 576 lists many concerns and
- 4 issues within the industry without realizing the
- 5 work of the union. Within the last two years,
- 6 our Guild has worked to change testing protocols
- 7 in our business beyond FSC's current guidelines.
- 8 Due to our work, clinics within the
- 9 business have added additional HIV testing to the
- 10 panel, regardless of FSC's control of the past
- 11 system. We are working to add swabbing to the
- 12 panels without need of forced regulation. We
- 13 currently assist performers in obtaining health
- 14 insurance. And we are creating a test -- excuse
- 15 me. We have created a testing system of our own
- 16 that does not violate HIPAA. It provides
- 17 performers the opportunity to be reimbursed by
- 18 their insurance.
- 19 As for PrEP, we believe it is
- 20 irresponsible to require employers, adult film
- 21 company owners, to teach performers about
- 22 medication. They have no medical background to
- 23 entertain such a conversation. Many performers
- 24 already use PrEP, while others have chosen not to
- 25 because of its major risks to women's health and

- 1 numerous, excuse me, side effects. At no point
- 2 should anyone be required to take medication to
- 3 work.
- 4 We do not agree that MindGeek should be
- 5 required to pay for testing for all performers.
- 6 Today's industry has changed. Companies, like
- 7 Gamma, Evil Angel, Wicked Pictures, Naughty
- 8 America, and Kink, film just as much content and
- 9 just as many performers as MindGeek.
- 10 As a 20-year veteran performer for
- 11 myself, I have spent more time on set with the
- 12 companies that I've listed as opposed to
- 13 MindGeek. So it's kind of insane to me to expect
- 14 MindGeek to pay for testing for performers who
- 15 might not even walk onto their set.
- 16 When performers complain of abuse on set,
- 17 workplace hazards of testing issues, the union
- 18 steps in. We have helped dozens of performers
- 19 with complaints, including many that were
- 20 mentioned in the tweets that were submitted in
- 21 Petition 576. And numerous of those performers,
- 22 thanks to the union, actually received financial
- 23 compensation from those companies that have
- 24 wronged them.
- We help performers leave bad agencies.

- 1 But most importantly, we give performers, now
- 2 truly considered employees, the power to
- 3 collective bargain. We believe that many of the
- 4 listed concerns are already being handled by the
- 5 union. We believe that, given the opportunity,
- 6 if the Division decides to move forward to
- 7 creating this committee and continue to look at
- 8 Petition 576, we would like to have a member of
- 9 our group, the Adult Performers Actors Guild, be
- 10 included in this committee. We would like to
- 11 take the opportunity to open a dialogue with the
- 12 Board in hopes that communication can create a
- 13 healthy workforce and that we can continue self-
- 14 regulation.
- 15 Thank you.
- 16 CHAIR THOMAS: Thank you.
- 17 MR. WOODMAN: Good morning. My name is
- 18 Tim Woodman. I'm the recently elected Vice
- 19 President of APAC, who, I believe, you've already
- 20 heard of, so I won't go into that. My comments
- 21 will be regarding decision 576, as well --
- 22 Petition 576. I'm here to put a human face on a
- 23 group that is too often dehumanized and treated
- 24 with contempt and disregard.
- You know better than I whether your

- 1 participation is needed in this situation, and I
- 2 will accept your decision either way. If you
- 3 should decide that an advisory committee is a
- 4 good idea at this time, we would simply that you
- 5 please allow us, the stakeholders, to be
- 6 involved. We know what we're doing. Despite
- 7 years of being mistrusted by government and
- 8 politicians, this body, OSHA, has proven willing
- 9 to listen to our input.
- 10 Facts have already been laid out for you.
- 11 There is no emerging health or safety crisis at
- 12 this time. You have evaluated our system before
- 13 and you know it works. I'm not here to ask you
- 14 to trust us or to leave us alone. I'm here to ask
- 15 you to help us to trust you by showing that you
- 16 are listening to us and treating us like you
- 17 would any other workforce under your
- 18 jurisdiction.
- 19 Thanks very much for listening. I hope
- 20 that we can work together whenever appropriate.
- 21 Thank you.
- 22 CHAIR THOMAS: Thank you.
- MR. BLAND: Good morning, Chairman
- 24 Thomas, Board Members, Board Staff, Division.
- 25 Kevin Bland. For the first part, I'm

- 1 representing the Western Steel Council,
- 2 California Framing Contractors Association, and
- 3 the Residential Contractors Association.
- I wanted to urge some movement, if we
- 5 can, on the construction personnel hoist issue,
- 6 Petition 577, in which we -- I forgot the term we
- 7 used -- ultra-expedited rulemaking, or something
- 8 to that effect, in which we were hoping, that was
- 9 back in June, to get somewhere with that very
- 10 quickly because it was an emergency. But we were
- 11 under the understanding that this would be faster
- 12 than actually doing an emergency regulation if we
- 13 could push it through.
- 14 So if we could get some feedback on where
- 15 we are on that, Christina, not to point you out
- 16 exactly but we're looking at each other, and the
- 17 Board for -- because the members are very
- 18 interested in getting that moving forward because
- 19 there's a lot of construction going on, a lot of
- 20 CPHs going on, a lot of confusion now throughout
- 21 the industry on that. So thank you. Any
- 22 movement we can get on that would be appreciated.
- 23 Briefly, I also -- separate hat. I
- 24 haven't been retained by anybody in the adult
- 25 film for this portion. But as you all know, I

- 1 was heavily involved in the prior rulemaking.
- 2 And I want to remind everyone of how many years
- 3 and how much time and effort was spent during
- 4 that period of time. And we feel like -- or I
- 5 feel like, based on what my experience is with
- 6 this Board, with the Division, and with this
- 7 issue, that I would urge to not move forward with
- 8 another ruling because I think we're going to --
- 9 we're not going to get where you expect we would.
- 10 And we've heard from everyone thus far here. I
- 11 haven't heard anyone necessarily in favor of it
- 12 moving forward. I don't think that there's a lot
- 13 of health and safety issues. The industry has
- 14 come a long way, actually, based on all the
- 15 activities and stuff we had before.
- 16 With that being said, if you do decide to
- 17 devise an advisory committee, I would urge the
- 18 participation and the makeup to be different than
- 19 the first go-around. I remember the first go-
- 20 around had like members that worked in a Nevada
- 21 brothel. That's a totally different industry,
- 22 totally different issue, folks that were not
- 23 directly involved in the industry. You heard
- 24 folks today talk about we're in the industry,
- 25 we're doing it today, we're firsthand. We have

- 1 the Guild. We have FSC. We have Mark. So any -
- 2 I won't go through a list of folks that would
- 3 participate because I'm hoping there's a no vote
- 4 on the petition moving forward and won't have to
- 5 give it. But if there is, please reach out to me
- 6 and the folks to help assemble a good advisory if
- 7 that does move forward.
- 8 Thank you.
- 9 CHAIR THOMAS: Thank you.
- 10 MR. DERMAN: Good morning, Chairman,
- 11 Members of the Board. My name is Steve Derman
- 12 and I am from MediSHARE Environmental Health and
- 13 Safety Services, which is an organization that
- 14 primarily has been working with healthcare
- 15 organizations and biotech in developing and
- 16 establishing best practices.
- 17 Some of you may recognize me because I am
- 18 not only an industrial hygienist, I have been
- 19 very active with the American Industrial Hygiene
- 20 Association as past chair and now current lead
- 21 for the Healthcare Working Group that has
- 22 passed -- well, as past chair for the Biological
- 23 and Environmental Microbiology Committee for
- 24 AIHA, and as well as controlled banding. So I'm
- 25 not talking to you as somebody who, you know, is

- 1 discussing this out of the blue, but rather
- 2 somebody who has really paid attention to the
- 3 issues.
- 4 And over the years, we have actually
- 5 worked with FSC in reviewing the processes and
- 6 procedures to try to make sure that there are no
- 7 exposures and exposures can be as limited as
- 8 possible. And I think that what we've heard
- 9 today and what we've seen is that the past
- 10 system, the training, the effective cooperation
- 11 between the production studios, as well as the
- 12 performers, is something that works. It has been
- 13 extremely effective. And for numerous years
- 14 there haven't been any noted exposures, as was
- 15 demonstrated when the past system had been
- 16 reviewed.
- 17 I know that in the petition there were
- 18 several comments that were made regarding, let's
- 19 just say, human decency and interactions with
- 20 people. And let me just say that that is
- 21 something that cannot be condoned. That is
- 22 completely inappropriate under any circumstances.
- 23 Discrimination is something that I think we all
- 24 have the same values for. And if people are
- 25 treated inappropriately, there are appropriate

- 1 legal and civil standards and remedies that
- 2 should be addressed.
- 3 So I know that you were looking at the
- 4 five issues. And I would say, based upon, you
- 5 know, my interaction, and as well as my
- 6 organization's interaction with FSC, that it
- 7 seems like things are working. And if things are
- 8 working, you know, there's no exposure. And if
- 9 there's no exposure, then what's the hazard?
- 10 That's a question I throw out to you.
- I thank you very much.
- 12 CHAIR THOMAS: Thank you.
- MS. CHAN: Hi. I'm Gloria Chan. I'm
- 14 representing California Industrial Hygiene
- 15 Council today.
- 16 And I just wanted to put on record that
- 17 the CIHC did submit comments on the discussion
- 18 draft of 5141.1, Protection for Wildfire Smoke.
- 19 CIHC was founded in 1999 and represents
- 20 the occupational and environmental health
- 21 professions in California and is also affiliated
- 22 with the National AIH.
- 23 CIHC is of the opinion that the original
- 24 intent of the petition and request for regulation
- 25 has been lost. And CIHC appreciates your

- 1 consideration and look forward to your response
- 2 to our comments if you guys decide to go forward
- 3 with the temporary emergency regulations to a
- 4 permanent one.
- 5 Thank you.
- 6 CHAIR THOMAS: Thank you.
- 7 Is there anyone else who wishes to
- 8 address the Board at this time?
- 9 Seeing that there aren't any, thank you
- 10 very much for your comments. The Board
- 11 appreciates your testimony. And the public
- 12 meeting is adjourned and the record is closed.
- 13 We will now proceed with the business
- 14 meeting. The purpose of the business meeting is
- 15 to allow the Board to vote on the matters before
- 16 it and to receive briefings from staff regarding
- 17 the issues listed on the business meeting agenda.
- 18 The Board does not accept public comments during
- 19 its business meeting unless a Board Member
- 20 specifically requests public input.
- 21 Proposed petition decisions for adoption.
- 22 Petition File number 576, Petitioner
- 23 requests adult film regulations to supplement
- 24 Title 8, General Industry Safety Orders, Section
- 25 5193, Bloodborne Pathogens.

- 1 Ms. Shupe, will you please brief the
- 2 Board?
- 3 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHUPE: Am I on? Am I
- 4 on? Yeah. Okay. Thank you.
- 5 The Petitioner requests the Board adopt
- 6 certain Title 8 General Industry Safety Order
- 7 requirements specific to the adult film industry.
- 8 The petition has been thoroughly evaluated by
- 9 both Division and Board Staff.
- 10 The Petitioner requests the Board adopt
- 11 new regulatory requirements including but not
- 12 restricted to: new definitions specific to the
- 13 adult film industry; establish an adult
- 14 performers occupational safety health complaint
- 15 line; establish requirements for the provision of
- 16 medical monitoring and related testing for adult
- 17 film performer at no expense to employees;
- 18 require performers to sign a worker consent
- 19 contract that specifies a scene intensity index;
- 20 establish a code of conduct and performers bill
- 21 of rights.
- The Board has received multiple petitions
- 23 specific to the adult film industry in recent
- 24 years. And those have informed both the Division
- 25 and Board Staff evaluations. In each of these

- 1 prior instances, the Board granted the petition
- 2 in part, and advisory committee process was
- 3 undertaken, and a Division rulemaking proposal
- 4 was formally considered but not adopted by the
- 5 Board.
- 6 This background illuminates the number of
- 7 challenging issues associated with potential
- 8 rulemaking specific to this industry.
- 9 While both Board Staff and the Division
- 10 acknowledge specific issues of concern in the
- 11 petition, several petitioner requests were
- 12 identified as falling outside the jurisdiction of
- 13 the Board and Cal/OSHA. The Division, therefore,
- 14 recommends the petition be approved to the extent
- 15 that an advisory committee be convened by
- 16 Division to create a regulation to protect adult
- 17 film workers that contains elements specific to
- 18 employer-provided safeguards, medical testing,
- 19 workplace violence, consent provisions, and safe
- 20 and healthful work practices.
- 21 Similarly, Board Staff recommends the
- 22 petition be approved to the extent an advisory
- 23 committee be convened by the Division to consider
- 24 a regulation to adult -- to protect adult film
- 25 workers that contains elements specific to

- 1 employee medical tests, reporting requirements,
- 2 certification of testing labs, and employee
- 3 training.
- 4 Consistent with the analysis and
- 5 recommendations of both Division and Board Staff,
- 6 the decision before you today proposes granting
- 7 the petition to the limited extent the Division
- 8 is requested to convene an advisory committee of
- 9 stakeholders, inclusive of Petitioner, to further
- 10 discuss potential development of a proposal for
- 11 safety order protections specific to the adult
- 12 film industry.
- 13 The advisory committee topics for
- 14 discussion should be restricted to items
- 15 consistent with: one, the existing requirements
- 16 of Title 8, Section 5193, Bloodborne Pathogens;
- 17 two, recommendations of Board Staff and Division
- 18 evaluations for Petition 576; and three, the
- 19 subject matter jurisdiction of the Board.
- The decision is now ready for your
- 21 consideration.
- 22 CHAIR THOMAS: Thank you, Ms. Shupe.
- 23 Do I have a motion to adopt the petition
- 24 decision?
- 25 BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: Are we going to

- 1 discuss it? Don't we discuss it first?
- 2 CHAIR THOMAS: If you want to discuss it
- 3 but I usually ask for the motion first. So if
- 4 you --
- 5 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: So moved.
- 6 CHAIR THOMAS: Do I have a second?
- 7 BOARD MEMBER LASZCZ-DAVIS: Second.
- 8 CHAIR THOMAS: Is there anything on the
- 9 question?
- 10 BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: Yes.
- 11 CHAIR THOMAS: Go ahead.
- 12 BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: How -- I am
- 13 interested in pursuing --
- 14 CHAIR THOMAS: I think your mike is not
- 15 on
- 16 BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: Oh. Thank you.
- 17 Okay. Thank you.
- 18 CHAIR THOMAS: There you go.
- 19 BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: I am interested in
- 20 reviewing the Division recommendations, there
- 21 were eight points, specifically around workplace
- 22 violence, which is not really mentioned or
- 23 brought up in our staff report. And so I think
- 24 that the petition specifically brought up,
- 25 certainly, bloodborne pathogens and some of the

- 1 sexually-transmitted infections. But I think the
- 2 other major concerns was workplace violence.
- 3 And I know that we have a discussion
- 4 around a general industry workplace violence
- 5 standard then going forth. And so I'm just
- 6 wondering if there was some way we could merge
- 7 the adult film industry concerns with that
- 8 general industry violence prevention standard?
- 9 So that's just a comment.
- 10 I certainly am interested in looking at
- 11 the eight points from the Division analysis and
- 12 integrating them into the five points for
- 13 advisory committee discussion.
- 14 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHUPE: Let me just
- 15 address --
- 16 BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: I'm not sure if
- 17 that's right but --
- 18 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHUPE: I'm going to
- 19 address very quickly.
- 20 So the Division evaluation, the proposed
- 21 decision before you, recommends considering those
- 22 in total. So it's not --
- BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: Okay.
- 24 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHUPE: -- it's not a
- 25 competing --

- 1 BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: Okay. All right.
- 2 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHUPE: -- solution.
- BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: Thank you.
- 4 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHUPE: Yeah.
- 5 BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: Thank you. So they
- 6 would both --
- 7 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHUPE: They would --
- 8 BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: -- both reports?
- 9 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHUPE: Both reports --
- 10 BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: Okay.
- 11 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHUPE: -- would be
- 12 taken into --
- BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: All right.
- 14 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHUPE: -- context
- 15 when --
- 16 BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: Thank you.
- 17 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHUPE: -- as part of
- 18 the A/C.
- 19 And as for including that in the larger
- 20 workplace violence regulation, given the unique
- 21 concerns of the adult film industry, I think that
- 22 the consensus would most likely be that this
- 23 would be a more effective way to establish change
- 24 for this particular --
- 25 BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: Industry.

- 1 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHUPE: -- issue.
- 2 Yeah.
- 3 BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: Thank you.
- 4 CHAIR THOMAS: Question?
- 5 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: I was actually just
- 6 going to say what you just said, Christina, that
- $7\,$  my understanding at the -- of it is that it does
- 8 include both of them.
- 9 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHUPE: Yes.
- 10 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: So what we would be
- 11 voting on is an advisory committee that would
- 12 consider both the Division recommendation and the
- 13 Board recommendations?
- 14 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHUPE: Yes.
- 15 CHAIR THOMAS: Any other questions?
- 16 Hearing none, Ms. Money, will you please
- 17 call the roll?
- MS. MONEY: Ms. Burgel?
- 19 BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: Yes.
- MS. MONEY: Mr. Harrison?
- 21 BOARD MEMBER HARRISON: Aye.
- MS. MONEY: Ms. Kennedy?
- BOARD MEMBER KENNEDY: Aye.
- MS. MONEY: Ms. Laszcz-Davis?
- 25 BOARD MEMBER LASZCZ-DAVIS: Aye.

- 1 MS. MONEY: Ms. Stock?
- 2 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: Aye.
- 3 MS. MONEY: Chair Thomas?
- 4 CHAIR THOMAS: Aye. And the motion
- 5 passes. And here we go again. Thank you.
- 6 Proposed variance decisions for adoption
- 7 are listed on the consent calendar.
- 8 Mr. Healy, will you please brief the
- 9 Board?
- 10 MR. HEALY: Good morning, Chair Thomas,
- 11 Board Members.
- 12 Regarding Consent Calendar items on your
- 13 agenda today, it's asked that Consent Calendar
- 14 Item O in File number 18-V-364 not be taken up by
- 15 the Board at this time to allow for Hearing Panel
- 16 consideration of recently received submissions
- 17 from the parties.
- 18 As for Items A through N, I believe there
- 19 are no unresolved procedural issues and believe
- 20 Consent Calendar Items A through N are ready for
- 21 your consideration on the question of adoption.
- 22 CHAIR THOMAS: Thank you, Mr. Healy.
- 23 So do I have a motion to adopt the
- 24 Consent Calendar A through N and --
- 25 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHUPE: Excluding --

- 1 CHAIR THOMAS: -- excluding O?
- 2 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHUPE: Right.
- 3 BOARD MEMBER HARRISON: So moved.
- 4 CHAIR THOMAS: Do I have a second?
- 5 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: Second.
- 6 CHAIR THOMAS: I have a motion and a
- 7 second. Is there anything on the question?
- 8 Hearing none, Ms. Money, will you please
- 9 call the roll?
- MS. MONEY: Ms. Burgel?
- BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: Aye.
- MS. MONEY: Mr. Harrison?
- BOARD MEMBER HARRISON: Aye.
- MS. MONEY: Ms. Kennedy?
- BOARD MEMBER KENNEDY: Aye.
- MS. MONEY: Ms. Laszcz-Davis?
- 17 BOARD MEMBER LASZCZ-DAVIS: Aye.
- MS. MONEY: Ms. Stock?
- 19 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: Aye.
- MS. MONEY: Chairman Thomas?
- 21 CHAIR THOMAS: Aye. The motion passes.
- 22 Rulemaking progress update.
- Ms. Shupe, will you please brief the
- 24 Board?
- 25 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHUPE: Thank you,

- 1 Chair Thomas. I'm going to address just a couple
- 2 of the more high-profile rulemakings that we're
- 3 working on right now.
- 4 For the Wildfire Emergency rulemaking, we
- 5 will be agendizing a 90-day re-adoption for the
- 6 emergency regulation at the December Board
- 7 meeting. This is the first of two anticipated
- 8 90-day re-adoptions that will allow the emergency
- 9 regulation to stay in effect through July of
- 10 2020.
- 11 The Standards Board has received a number
- 12 of questions from Department of Finance, who will
- 13 need to approve the fiscal analysis prior to any
- 14 permanent adoption of a wildfire smoke
- 15 regulation. And Board Staff is currently working
- 16 with Division to respond to those questions to
- 17 Department of Finance's satisfaction.
- 18 Upcoming November, Fall Protection and
- 19 Telecommunications. This regulation will be
- 20 agendized for a Board vote next month in order to
- 21 meet the OAL deadline for adoption within the 12
- 22 months allowed for rulemaking. At this point,
- 23 though, we do not have a final signed fiscal
- 24 approval from Department of Finance. This
- 25 regulation entered fiscal review on August 1st.

- 1 And the Standards Board has clearly -- Standard
- 2 Board Staff has clearly communicated the OAL
- 3 deadlines for adoption. We're anticipating that
- 4 approval is forthcoming. But if we do not
- 5 receive it, we will need to pull the proposal
- 6 from the agenda and restart the rulemaking
- 7 process.
- 8 For Construction Personnel Hoists,
- 9 section 1630, draft language for this regulation,
- 10 which Mr. Bland requested information about
- 11 earlier, that was completed by the end of June.
- 12 And Board Staff spent approximately six weeks
- 13 preparing a fiscal analysis for Labor Agency and
- 14 Department of Finance review and approval.
- 15 The proposal was forwarded to DIR for a
- 16 Secretary Action Request review, which is the
- 17 fiscal -- first step in the fiscal review. On
- 18 August 9th, we responded to guestions and
- 19 received a signed 399 from DIR on September 18th
- 20 with notification of a pending approval.
- 21 However, on October 3rd, we received
- 22 another round of questions on the fiscal analysis
- 23 for that rulemaking and we're currently waiting
- 24 to find out how that goes. If we don't receive
- 25 that by Monday, it will not be able -- we won't

- 1 be able to notice it this year. It won't go out
- 2 until January.
- 3 One other. We also have an IIPP. The
- 4 SAR has been submitted and was approved. It is
- 5 currently -- the 399 is over at Finance. And I'm
- 6 sorry, I don't have full information on that.
- 7 So, yeah, that's what I have for you
- 8 today.
- 9 CHAIR THOMAS: Thank you.
- 10 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHUPE: YES.
- 11 CHAIR THOMAS: Any questions?
- 12 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: I just want to ask
- 13 about a couple of others.
- 14 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHUPE: Yes.
- BOARD MEMBER STOCK: So the workplace
- 16 violence in a general industry -- or maybe that's
- 17 Eric who would be able to give the update?
- 18 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHUPE: That would be
- 19 Eric.
- 20 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: Can I ask him now?
- 21 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHUPE: Yes.
- 22 CHAIR THOMAS: Would you like to give an
- 23 update, Eric?
- 24 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHUPE: Are you
- 25 prepared?

- 1 MR. BERG: We still haven't -- should I
- 2 come to the mike?
- 3 CHAIR THOMAS: Come up to the mike
- 4 please. Not to put you on the spot or anything,
- 5 but --
- 6 MR. BERG: My name is Eric Berg. B-E-R-G
- 7 is the name, last name.
- 8 Yeah, no, we haven't posted yet a new
- 9 draft. We're still working on that but we'll
- 10 post it soon, an update on workplace violence in
- 11 the general industry, but it will be much -- it
- 12 will be much more generic than something that
- 13 would be found in the adult film.
- 14 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: Right.
- MR. BERG: Yeah.
- 16 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: And when you say it
- 17 hasn't been posted yet, can you estimate when
- 18 that might happen or what might influence the
- 19 timeframe?
- MR. BERG: Well, there's other work we're
- 21 doing on that's delaying this, lead, wildfire
- 22 smoke --
- 23 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: So as a result of
- 24 that --
- MR. BERG: -- and other --

- 1 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: -- what would you
- 2 estimate when that might be able to --
- 3 MR. BERG: Hopefully within -- by the
- 4 next meeting. That's our plan, to get it done
- 5 this month.
- 6 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: Wait. What? I
- 7 sorry. Could you just say --
- 8 MR. BERG: To post a draft, hopefully,
- 9 by -- well, we have to get approvals, too,
- 10 internally, but hopefully within --
- 11 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: Of the workplace
- 12 violence in general industry?
- MR. BERG: Yeah, a draft for people --
- 14 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: There might be --
- MR. BERG: -- to comment on.
- 16 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: -- a draft posted --
- MR. BERG: Yeah.
- 18 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: -- by the next
- 19 meeting?
- 20 MR. BERG: And we'd ask for people to
- 21 comment on it.
- BOARD MEMBER STOCK: Okay.
- MR. BERG: Yeah.
- 24 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: Well, that's
- 25 helpful.

- 1 MR. BERG: Yeah. I mean, that's
- 2 what's -- that's our plan. That might not --
- BOARD MEMBER STOCK: Okay.
- 4 MR. BERG: -- come to fruition, but I
- 5 hope.
- 6 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: Maybe we could just
- 7 plan, you know, just have it as a running agenda
- 8 item to just --
- 9 MR. BERG: Yeah.
- 10 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: -- give you a little
- 11 bit, so that you don't be on the spot to kind
- 12 of -- anything more you have to report, that
- 13 would be great, but that would -- that's been in
- 14 the pipeline a long time.
- 15 And then just sort of similarly, indoor
- 16 heat, is that still just getting the financial
- 17 review?
- 18 MR. BERG: Yeah, we're doing this. We
- 19 are working with a contractor. They've come up
- 20 with a draft SRIA and we have a lot of input on
- 21 that.
- 22 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: Um-hmm.
- 23 MR. BERG: So we're still working with
- 24 them on the SREAs. But --
- BOARD MEMBER STOCK: Okay.

- 1 MR. BERG: -- that will take some time
- 2 to --
- BOARD MEMBER STOCK: Do you have any
- 4 ballpark estimate of a time for that?
- 5 MR. BERG: Probably be done by sometime
- 6 early next year.
- 7 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: Okay.
- 8 CHAIR THOMAS: Bless you.
- 9 BOARD MEMBER LASZCZ-DAVIS: Now I'm just
- 10 unsure on something else.
- 11 CHAIR THOMAS: Yeah. Sure.
- BOARD MEMBER LASZCZ-DAVIS: You know,
- 13 actually, you don't need to step down. Who
- 14 knows. You may be part of the response here.
- 15 You know, when we had the wildfire
- 16 advisory safety committee meetings in Oakland, I
- 17 know there were a number of concerns expressed
- 18 during and after the meeting that revolved around
- 19 not having the opportunity to dialogue. And has
- 20 there been any thought given as to -- as we move
- 21 forward, what will change process-wise, so there
- 22 is more exchange than we evidenced at that
- 23 meeting?
- MR. BERG: Yeah. We'd want to try
- 25 for -- I guess once the regulation is finalized,

- 1 I mean, get into more details on that for, I
- 2 guess -- what do you call it? -- Version 3.0. I
- 3 mean, the emergency regulation, we call it
- 4 Version 1.0, finalizing that into a regulation so
- 5 it doesn't expire what we call 2.0, and we don't
- 6 have time to do advisory committee for that. But
- 7 after that's done, then we plan on doing one more
- 8 like the Standards Board Staff does their
- 9 advisory meetings, so more with, I guess, like a
- 10 roundtable with participants dialoguing back and
- 11 forth.
- 12 BOARD MEMBER LASZCZ-DAVIS: Okay.
- 13 CHAIR THOMAS: And that would be for 3.0?
- MR. BERG: 3.0, yeah.
- 15 CHAIR THOMAS: Okay.
- MR. BERG: Because 2.0, we're out of time
- 17 already, so --
- 18 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHUPE: Then I'd like
- 19 to raise that we just had the cone and bar
- 20 barricade A/C, which was very much stakeholder
- 21 involved. And Eric brought several of his senior
- 22 safety engineers to that.
- BOARD MEMBER LASZCZ-DAVIS: Okay.
- MR. BERG: Yeah. It was a good learning
- 25 experience for us. I thought it worked really

- 1 well, so --
- BOARD MEMBER LASZCZ-DAVIS: Okay. Good.
- 3 CHAIR THOMAS: Any other questions?
- 4 Anything else?
- 5 Legislative Update.
- 6 Mr. Healy, will you please brief the
- 7 Board?
- 8 MR. HEALY: Thank you again, Chair Thomas
- 9 and Board Members. We do have a few remaining
- 10 bill statuses to provide.
- 11 AB 35, concerning worker safety and blood
- 12 lead level reporting, the bill establishes within
- 13 the Health and Safety Code a 20 microgram of lead
- 14 per deciliter of an employee's blood as a
- 15 threshold level within a laboratory report at or
- 16 above which the State Department of Public Health
- 17 would need to forward the reported results to the
- 18 Division, Cal/OSHA as a complaint charging a
- 19 serious violation of Division-enforced safety
- 20 orders.
- 21 It also establishes within the Labor
- 22 Code, per New Section 147.3, a requirement that
- 23 the Division treat any such report as a
- 24 governmental agency charging a serious violation.
- 25 And as such, per existing Labor Code

- 1 requirements, initiate an investigation within
- 2 three days of receipt. And on October 10th,
- 3 2019, that was approved by the Governor, so that
- 4 is now law. That explains the present tense
- 5 description.
- 6 AB 203, concerning valley fever hazard,
- 7 requires construction employees engaged in
- 8 specific -- or construction employers engaged in
- 9 specific work activities or vehicle operations in
- 10 counties where valley fever is highly endemic,
- 11 defined as one case per 5,000 population per
- 12 year, to provide effective initial and annual
- 13 awareness training on valley fever to all
- 14 potentially exposed employees, typically those
- 15 within proximity of reasonably-anticipated dust
- 16 disturbances, construction excavation being the
- 17 most prominent amongst them.
- 18 The bill also requires dust exposure
- 19 mitigation measures where feasible and,
- 20 otherwise, when those are not feasible,
- 21 respirator use. And AB 203 does not specifically
- 22 call of the Standards Board to regulate in this
- 23 subject area but, instead, sets out the
- 24 mitigation, protection and training requirements
- 25 directly in the Labor Code, and that was approved

- 1 by the Governor on October 10th.
- 2 SB 1 would have required specific
- 3 agencies to take prescribed actions regarding
- 4 certain federal requirements and standards
- 5 pertaining to air, water, protected species, and
- 6 labor protections, and also occupational safety
- 7 and health standards. It would have established,
- 8 as a protective baseline, federal regulations as
- 9 they existed on January 19th, 2017, and would
- 10 have called of the agencies, including the
- 11 Standards Board, to publish, at least quarterly,
- 12 a list assessing whether any ensuing changes to
- 13 Fed OSHA requirements or those other applicable
- 14 federal regulations were less stringent than
- 15 those existing on the January 19th, 2017. And if
- 16 reductions were found to have occurred, the
- 17 agencies were then called upon to at least
- 18 consider emergency rulemaking to preserve
- 19 California's preexisting protections.
- 20 And that was vetoed by the Governor on
- 21 September 27th. It is in the senate for
- 22 consideration of the override but at this point
- 23 it is a vetoed bill.
- 24 And there's -- the last one is SB 364.
- 25 And this is concerning violent incident reporting

- 1 for state hospital facilities. SB 364 would have
- 2 required three types of state hospital facilities
- 3 to confidentially -- and those three being those
- 4 of the Department of State Hospitals,
- 5 Developmental Services, and Corrections and
- 6 Rehabilitations -- for these types of state
- 7 hospital facilities to confidentially report the
- 8 total number of assaults against employees on a
- 9 quarterly basis to bargaining unit
- 10 representatives of affected employees and
- 11 annually to the legislature. That was vetoed by
- 12 the Governor on October 13th.
- 13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHUPE: Peter, just to
- 14 clarify, you said SB 364, but the --
- MR. HEALY: 363.
- 16 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHUPE: Thank you.
- 17 MR. HEALY: It does make a difference.
- 18 Yes, 363.
- 19 And that concludes the Legislative
- 20 Update.
- 21 CHAIR THOMAS: Thank you, Peter -- or Mr.
- 22 Healy. Sorry.
- 23 Executive Officer's Report.
- Ms. Shupe, will you please brief the
- 25 Board?

- 1 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHUPE: I have nothing
- 2 to report at this meeting. Thank you.
- 3 CHAIR THOMAS: And I think we've covered
- 4 future agenda items.
- 5 At this time, we're going to move into
- 6 closed session, so we're going to have to excuse
- 7 you guys, leave the room. And -- but we'll call
- 8 the meeting back to order after we go through our
- 9 closed session. We don't have anywhere else to
- 10 go.
- 11 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHUPE: We need you to
- 12 read that card.
- 13 CHAIR THOMAS: Oh, I have to read this
- 14 first, so pursuant to Government Code sections
- 15 11125.4(a)(1), the Board shall enter a closed
- 16 session to confer with Counsel regarding pending
- 17 litigation matters listed on today's agenda.
- 18 We ask that the members of the public and
- 19 staff please clear the room at this time.
- 20 After the closed session is concluded I
- 21 will reconvene the meeting and we will report on
- 22 any closed session action.
- Thank you.
- 24 (Off the record at 10:56 a.m.)
- 25 (On the record at 11:14 a.m.)

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            CHAIR THOMAS: We're back in order.
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            During closed session, no action was
3 taken.
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            So the next -- huh? -- yeah, the next
   Standards Board regular meeting and hearing is
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  scheduled for November 21st, 2019, in Oakland.
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            There being no further business to attend
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   to, this business meeting is adjourned.
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            Thank you.
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  (The Board meeting concluded at 11:15 a.m.)
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