

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH APPEALS
BOARD**

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING

**Held on October 28, 2020
on Zoom**

PRESENT:

Ed Lowry, Chair, Public Member
Judith Freyman, Management Member
Marvin Kropke, Labor Member
Patricia Hapgood, Acting Executive Officer
Jeff Mojcher, Chief Counsel
Kevin Reedy, Presiding Administrative Law Judge
Ursula Clemons, Presiding Administrative Law Judge
Aaron Jackson, Industrial Relations Counsel
Autumn Gonzalez, Industrial Relations Counsel
Andia Farzaneh, Attorney
Lee Berlin, Staff Services Manager
Janis Jonas, Management Services Technician
Christopher Jessup, Administrative Law Judge

NEW BUSINESS:

(The Appeals Board hears and discusses new reports presented by staff.)

ACTION: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

(The Appeals Board hears and/or discusses matters on a follow-up basis.)

- Board to discuss progress on implementing Video Hearings.

ACTION: Presiding Administrative Judge Ursula Clemons reported on a hearing held by Judge Mario Grimm. The hearing process went well on the zoom platform and all parties were comfortable with the platform.

STAFF REPORTS:

(Reports from the Presiding ALJ and the Chief Counsel regarding matters from the Hearing Operations and Legal Units.)

- Discuss recent appeals filed which are related to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

ACTION: The Board reviewed a report submitted listing cases appealed involving COVID related citations. COVID related cases will be treated with priority and will be scheduled as an expedited appeal.

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Any matter not completed at this meeting may be continued to subsequent meetings. If the closed session agenda is not completed on the scheduled day, the closed session will continue from day to day until completion and adjournment.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

(Public comment will be entertained during discussion of each agenda item of the Open Meeting.)

ACTION: There were no public comments.

The Board recessed to its closed session.

CLOSED SESSION:

The Board discussed correspondence received and drafted a reply.

The Closed Session was adjourned at 10:38 a.m. and the Board returned to the Public Meeting. The Appeals Board incorporated by reference its ACTIONS in the Closed Session, as indicated above. The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.