

**State Of California**  
**California Occupational Safety and Health Appeals Board**  
**Minutes of the Stakeholders' Roundtable**  
**Held on Tuesday, June 27, 2023**  
**State Compensation Insurance Fund Training Center**  
**1010 Vaquero Circle, Sequoia and King Rooms**  
**Vacaville, California**  
**In-Person Meeting**

**Present:**

Ed Lowry, Public Member, Chair  
Judith Freyman, Management Member  
Jeff Mojcher, Chief Counsel  
Patricia Hapgood, Acting Executive Officer  
Kevin Reedy, Presiding Administrative Law Judge  
Sam E. Lucas, Presiding Administrative Law Judge  
Aaron Jackson, Staff Attorney  
Elizabeth Clarke, Staff Attorney  
Vincent Mersich, Staff Attorney  
Kerri Lewis, Administrative Law Judge  
Chris Jessup, Administrative Law Judge  
Meghan Zapata, Staff Services Manager  
Grace Johnson, Associate Governmental Program Analyst  
Janis Jonas, Executive Secretary  
Marlene Harris, Office Technician  
Ashley Ames, Office Technician  
Nichole Franco, Senior Legal Typist  
Kathy Garner  
Kevin Goddard  
Tanya Henson  
Clara Hill-Williams  
Robert Armstrong  
Deborah Bialosky  
Michelle Boswell  
Colton Bryan  
Denise Cardoso  
Rachel Conn  
Victor Copetan  
Joey Crocker  
Andrew Dadasovich  
Dawn Davis  
David Donnell

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James Dufour  
Lisa Friedman  
Colton Kearney  
Charles Keller  
Jeffrey Lawson  
Keith Mackenzie  
Jennifer Martin  
Warren Nelson  
Lauren Ocadiz  
Cynthia L. Perez  
Lisa Prince  
Alka Ramchandani Raj  
Sesilya Saraydarian  
Mayra Sandoval  
Megan Shaked  
Tom Song  
Andrew Summer  
Trevor Thompson  
Kevin Thompson  
Tuyet Tran  
Jora Trang  
Melissa Viramontes  
Fred Walter  
Debbie Weidle  
Bruce Wick  
David Wiseman  
Kathryn Woods  
Noel Zuniga

**Chair's Report**

The Chair Ed Lowry opened a Roundtable meeting at 10:02 a.m. He explained that the meeting had been noticed, and was in compliance with, the requirements of the Bagley-Keene Act. The meeting was called to give interested parties the opportunity to express their thoughts about the efficacy and efficiency of the Appeals Board's operations.

He introduced Board Member Judith Freyman and announced that Board Member Marvin Kropke would not be in attendance. Chair Lowry also announced two Appeals Board staff planned retirements and introduced the remaining Appeals Board staff in attendance. Guests were asked to voluntarily introduce themselves.

**Agenda Items**

- (1) The Board's rules of practice and procedure governing third party status and participation in Board proceedings, and possible amendments thereto.

**Action:** Public comments were requested by the Board and received, and discussion occurred regarding the aforementioned agenda item.

- (2) Improving stakeholder access to, and knowledge regarding, Board decisions and DARs.

**Action:** Public comments were requested by the Board and received, and discussion occurred regarding the aforementioned agenda item.

- (3) Methods of providing third party and stakeholder knowledge regarding the legal issues raised in cases under reconsideration before the Board, to provide greater opportunities for participation, amicus briefs, and/or observation.

**Action:** Public comments were requested by the Board and received, and discussion occurred regarding the aforementioned agenda item.

- (4) Discussion regarding recently approved amendments to California Code of Regulations, title 8, sections 372.6, 372.8, 376, 376.8.

**Action:** Public comments were requested by the Board and received, and discussion occurred regarding the aforementioned agenda item.

- (5) Discussion regarding any changes to pre- and post-COVID operations.

**Action:** Public comments were requested by the Board and received, and discussion occurred regarding the aforementioned agenda item.

- (6) Any proposals for amendments and improvements to the Board's rules of practice and procedure.

**Action:** Public comments were requested by the Board and received, and discussion occurred regarding the aforementioned agenda item.

- (7) Any proposals to enhance the efficacy and efficiency of Board hearings and conferences, including, settlement conferences, prehearing conferences, status conferences, and hearings.

**Action:** Public comments were requested by the Board and received, and discussion occurred regarding the aforementioned agenda item.

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- (8) Any proposals for changes and improvements to the Board's calendaring procedures and processes, pertaining to the calendaring of hearings and conferences before ALJs.

**Action:** Public comments were requested by the Board and received, and discussion occurred regarding the aforementioned agenda item.

The session adjourned at 2:08 p.m.