



# The State Bar of California

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## Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees Teleconference

Open Session Minutes  
Saturday, December 3, 2022  
9:03 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

**Time meeting Commenced:** The Board meeting commenced in open session at 9:03 a.m. The Board moved into closed session at 9:15 a.m. The Board returned to open session at 12:12 p.m.

**Time meeting Adjourned:** 12:15 p.m.

**Chair:** Ruben Duran

**Board Secretary:** Louisa Ayrapetyan

**Members Present:** Mark Broughton, Hailyn Chen, José Cisneros, Ruben Duran, Greg Knoll, Melanie Shelby, Arnold Sowell, Brandon Stallings, Mark Toney

**Members Absent:** Juan De La Cruz, Sean SeLegue

### OPEN SESSION

#### ROLL CALL

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order by Chair Duran. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Duran called for public comment, inquiring as to whether there were person(s) who wished to comment on any agenda item. The following comment was provided to the Board:

1. Todd Hill:
  - Todd Hill expressed frustration about a personal matter, and concerns about the limitations set for public comment.
2. Nick Holden
  - Nick Holden expressed that a request for a copy of a false report has been submitted under the Freedom of Information Act.

#### 50 CONSENT AGENDA

##### 50-1 Approval of Specified Contracts Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 6008.6

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees approves execution of the contracts listed herein.

*Moved by Broughton, seconded by Knoll*

*Ayes – (9) Broughton, Chen, Cisneros, Knoll, Sowell, Shelby, Stallings, Toney, Duran*  
*Noes – (0)*  
*Abstain – (0)*  
*Absent – (2) De La Cruz, SeLegue*

*Motion carries.*

Chair Duran stated that pursuant to Government Code section 11126(a)(1), Government Code section 11126(c), and Government Code section 11126(e)(2)(B)(i): 1 case, the Board of Trustees will move to closed session to consider the items listed on the closed session agenda.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

#### **7000 MISCELLANEOUS**

##### **7001 Discussion Regarding Audit of Closed Office of Chief Trial Counsel Files**

*\*Closed pursuant to Government Code §§ 11126(a)(1) and 11126(c).*

##### **7002 Conference with Legal Counsel—Anticipated Litigation**

*\*Closed due to significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code § 11126(e)(2)(B)(i): 1 case*

### **OPEN SESSION**

The Board returned to open session and reported on the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees establishes a special committee of the Board, to be known as the Ad Hoc Committee on Oversight and Accountability Reforms, to develop and recommend to the Board structural, operational, or other appropriate reforms to address and improve oversight of the State Bar’s enforcement and prosecutorial functions of the disciplinary system and accountability of the State Bar to stakeholders and the public; and it is

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board directs the Ad Hoc Committee on Oversight and Accountability Reforms to recommend to the Board necessary and appropriate actions in response to the findings in the report of the independent investigation by Halpern May Ybarra Gelberg LLP on whether the handling of any past discipline complaints against Thomas Girardi was affected by his connections to or influence at the State Bar.

No further discussion took place in open session.

### **ADJOURN**