



The State Bar of California

Audit Committee Teleconference

Open Session Minutes
Thursday, March 16, 2023
9:04 a.m.–9:26 a.m.

Time Meeting Commenced: The Audit Committee meeting commenced in open session at 9:04 a.m.
Time Meeting Adjourned: 9:26 a.m.
Chair: Melanie Shelby
Committee Coordinator: Justin Ewert
Members Present: Mark Broughton, Melanie Shelby, Mark Toney
Members Absent: Hailyn Chen

OPEN SESSION

ROLL CALL

The Audit Committee was called to order by Chair Shelby. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Shelby 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 Committee:

1. Jeremy Sorenson
 - Jeremy Sorenson stated they are a plaintiff in a class action lawsuit: Sorenson v Delta. They filed complaints against their former attorneys and are unhappy with the progression of their complaints.
2. Jean Cha
 - Jean Cha represented Jeremy Sorenson in their complaint with the State Bar. Former State Bar prosecutor Jean Cha stated that the complaints would be closed. They asked the Audit Committee to investigate further why these complaints are being closed.

3. Lori Taylor

- Lori Taylor requested the Board of Trustees adopt the proposed rule of professional conduct 8.3 paragraph C. They indicated they had worked with COPRAC to address a concern about the rule's impact on reproductive rights and supports the new language.

I. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Shelby provided an oral report.

II. MINUTES

A. Approval January, 2023, Open Session Meeting Minutes

Moved by Toney, seconded by Broughton

Ayes – (3) Broughton, Shelby, Toney

Noes – (0)

Abstain – (0)

Absent – (1) Chen

Motion carries.

III. CONSENT

The following agenda item was pulled from the consent calendar for a separate discussion:

A. Approval of 2022 Quarter Four Board and Management Travel Expense Report

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the Audit Committee, approves the fourth quarter of 2022 Board and management travel expense report in the form presented this day before the Board, for the three months ended December 31, 2022, as certified by the chief financial officer, and on file with the San Francisco office of the State Bar.

Moved by Toney, seconded by Broughton

Ayes – (3) Broughton, Shelby, Toney

Noes – (0)

Abstain – (0)

Absent – (1) Chen

Motion carries.

IV. BUSINESS

A. Update Regarding Ongoing Audits of the State Bar

Presenter: Justin Ewert, Finance Manager, Office of Finance

Presentation and discussion only.

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