



# The State Bar of California

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## Ad Hoc Committee on Oversight & Accountability Reforms Teleconference

Open Session Minutes  
Tuesday, April 25, 2023  
1:04 p.m.–3:17 p.m.

**Time Meeting Commenced:** The Ad Hoc Committee on Oversight & Accountability Reforms meeting commenced in open session at 1:04 p.m. The committee moved into closed session at 1:52 p.m. The committee returned to open session at 3:16 p.m.

**Time Meeting Adjourned:** 3:17 p.m.

**Chair:** Arnold Sowell

**Committee Coordinator:** Louisa Ayrapetyan

**Members Present:** Hailyn Chen, Melanie Shelby, Arnold Sowell

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Leah Wilson, Ellin Davtyan

### OPEN SESSION

#### ROLL CALL

The Ad Hoc Committee on Oversight & Accountability Reforms was called to order by Chair Sowell. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

#### CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Sowell called for public comment, inquiring as to whether there were person(s) who wished to comment on any agenda item.

1. Justin Beck:
  - Justin Beck encouraged attendees to visit [stopcorruptlawyers.com](http://stopcorruptlawyers.com) to learn more about two federal, alleged RICO and antitrust cases by the State Bar. The federal case numbers are 3:22-CV-01616-BAS-DDL and 3:23-CV-0164-BAS-DDL.
2. Nan Carlson:
  - Nan Carlson, speaking on behalf of the Consumer Bar, wanted to make note that the State Bar's chronology of reform lacks a mention of the April 2021 failed audit. Carlson further iterated that the changes mentioned in the audit have not filtered down to the Office of Chief Trial Counsel and Complaint Review Unit at the functional level. Carlson asked the State Bar to focus on improving the investigation and review process at the functional level.

**700 MISCELLANEOUS**

**701 Discussion Regarding Independent Board Secretary**

Discussion and Presentation only.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**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 pursuant to Government Code §§ 11126(e)(2)(B)(i): 1 case*

**7003 Conference with Legal Counsel—Anticipated Litigation**

*\*Closed pursuant to Government Code §§ 11126(e)(2)(C): 1 case*

**OPEN SESSION**

The committee returned to open session and reported that there is no action to report from closed session.

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