
January 10, 2017

Meeting Minutes

CALIFORNIA ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE EXPERIENCE (ABLE) ACT BOARD

Board members present:

Vincent P. Brown for the State Treasurer, John Chiang
Alan Lofaso for the State Controller, Betty T. Yee
Eraina Ortega for the Director of Finance, Michael Cohen
Dr. April Lopez, Chairperson, State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Jennifer Lim for the Director of Rehabilitation, Joe Xavier
Liz Pazdral for the Chairperson of the State Independent Living Council, Linda
Schaedle
Eric Gelber for the Director of Developmental Services, Nancy Bargmann

Board members absent:

None

CalABLE Board staff present:

Christina Elliott, Executive Director
Carrie Fisher Stone, Deputy Executive Director
Rajeshwari Prasad, Associate Governmental Program Analyst

Chairperson Brown called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Approval of the Minutes of the December 6, 2016 Meeting of the California ABLE Act Board (ACTION ITEM)

Chairperson Brown asked for public comment. There was none.

Board Action

Motion to approve the minutes from the December 6, 2016 meeting of the California ABLE Act Board.

MOTION:	Alan Lofaso	SECONDED:	Vincent P. Brown
AYES:	Vincent P. Brown, Alan Lofaso, Eraina Ortega, Dr. April Lopez, Jennifer Lim, Liz Pazdral, and Eric Gelber		
NOES:	None		

ABSTAIN:	None
RECUSE:	None
ACTION:	Approved

Agenda Item 2 – Executive Director’s Report (INFORMATION ITEM)

Executive Director Christina Elliott presented to the Board a report on CalABLE budget, outreach efforts, and development of the State Regulations for the program.

Chairperson Brown asked for public comment. There was none.

Agenda Item 3 – 2016-2017 Strategic Plan of the California ABLE Act Board (INFORMATION ITEM)

Executive Director Christina Elliott gave a verbal report on the Board’s strategic plan.

Chairperson Brown asked for public comment. There was none.

Agenda Item 4 – 529A Program Consultant Update: Andrea Feirstein (AKF Consulting LLC, dba AKF Consulting Group) (INFORMATION ITEM)

Andrea Feirstein of AKF Consulting gave the Board a verbal report on the latest update on 529A plans across the nation and on the California ABLE Act Board’s anticipated timeline for 2017.

Chairperson Brown asked for public comment. There was none.

Agenda Item 5 – Implementation Plan Phase II Update (INFORMATION ITEM)

Executive Director Christina Elliott gave a verbal report on the Implementation Plan Phase II of the California ABLE Act Board.

Chairperson Brown asked for public comment. There was none.

Public Comment

Chairperson Brown asked for public comment. There was none.

Other Business

None.

The meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.