
FEBRUARY 7, 2017

Meeting Minutes

CALIFORNIA ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE EXPERIENCE (ABLE) ACT BOARD

Board members present:

Alan Gordon for the State Treasurer, John Chiang
Alan Lofaso for the State Controller, Betty T. Yee
Eraina Ortega for the Director of Finance, Michael Cohen
Joe Xavier, Director, Department of Rehabilitation
Liz Pazdral for the Chairperson of the State Independent Living Council, Linda
Schaedle

Board members absent:

Dr. April Lopez, Chairperson, State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Nancy Bargmann, Director, Department of Developmental Services

CalABLE Board staff present:

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

Chairperson Gordon called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Approval of the Minutes of the January 10, 2017 Meeting of the California ABLE Act Board (ACTION ITEM)

Chairperson Gordon asked for public comment. There was none.

Board Action

MOTION:	Eraina Ortega	SECONDED:	Alan Lofaso
AYES:	Liz Pazdral, Eraina Ortega, Alan Lofaso, and Alan Gordon		
NOES:	None		
ABSTAIN:	Joe Xavier		
RECUSE:	None		
ACTION:	Motion Passes		

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 Gordon asked for public comment. There was none.

Agenda Item 3 – Second Reading: 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 Gordon asked for public comment. An individual made public comment on the frequency of the strategic plan.

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.

Chairperson Gordon asked for public comment. There was none.

Agenda Item 5 – Resolution No. 2017-01: Resolution of the California ABLE Act Board Relating to the Approval to Issue a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for Investment Consultant Services (ACTION ITEM)

Chairperson Gordon asked for public comment. Marcella Downing made a public comment about the RFP evaluation committee.

Board Action

MOTION:	Eraina Ortega	SECONDED:	Alan Lofaso
AYES:	Liz Pazdral, Joe Xavier, Eraina Ortega, Alan Lofaso, and Alan Gordon		
NOES:	None		
ABSTAIN:	None		
RECUSE:	None		
ACTION:	Motion Passes		

Agenda Item 6 – Resolution No. 2017-02: Resolution of the California ABLE Act Board Relating to the Approval to Issue a Request for Proposals for Program Administrator and Investment Manager Services (ACTION ITEM)

Chairperson Gordon asked for public comment. An individual made public comment on CalABLE projections. Marcella Downing made public comment about making the CalABLE Program accessible to people with disabilities.

Board Action

MOTION:	Eraina Ortega	SECONDED:	Joe Xavier
AYES:	Joe Xavier, Eraina Ortega, Alan Lofaso, and Alan Gordon		
NOES:	None		
ABSTAIN:	Liz Pazdral		
RECUSE:	None		
ACTION:	Motion Passes		

Agenda Item 7 – Resolution No. 2017-03: Resolution of the California ABLE Act Board Relating to the Approval of Emergency Regulations for the California ABLE Program (ACTION ITEM)

Chairperson Gordon asked for public comment. Marcella Downing made public comment about Senate Bill 833, which limited Medi-Cal recovery on estates.

Board Action

MOTION:	Alan Lofaso	SECONDED:	Joe Xavier
AYES:	Liz Pazdral, Joe Xavier, Eraina Ortega, Alan Lofaso, and Alan Gordon		
NOES:	None		
ABSTAIN:	None		
RECUSE:	None		
ACTION:	Motion Passes		

Public Comment

Chairperson Gordon asked for public comment. There was none.

Other Business

None.

The meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.