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CALIFORNIA ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE EXPERIENCE (ABLE) ACT BOARD

Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2017 – 1:00 P.M.  
915 Capitol Mall, Room 587, Sacramento, CA 95814

Public Participation Call-In Number\* (877) 810-9415 and Participant Code: 6535126

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Board members present:

Vincent P. Brown for the State Treasurer, John Chiang  
Alan Lofaso for the State Controller, Betty T. Yee  
Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez for the Director of Finance, Michael Cohen  
Dr. April Lopez, Chairperson, State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Elena Gomez for the Director of Rehabilitation, Joe Xavier  
Eric Gelber for the Director of Developmental Services, Nancy Bargmann

Board members absent:

Linda Schaedle, Chairperson, State Independent Living Council

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 1:01 p.m.

**Agenda Item 1 – Approval of the Minutes of the April 27, 2017 Meeting of the California ABLE Act Board (ACTION ITEM)**

Member Lofaso stated he wanted future minutes to be in a summarized format and Chairperson Brown concurred.

Chairperson Brown asked for public comment. There was none.

Board Action

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2017 meeting of the California ABLE Act Board.

MOTION:	Alan Lofaso	SECONDED:	Dr. April Lopez
AYES:	Eric Gelber, Elena Gomez, Dr. April Lopez, Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez, Alan Lofaso, and Vincent P. Brown		

NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
RECUSE:	None
ACTION:	Motion Passes

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

Executive Director Christina Elliott reported there were no updates since the last meeting.

Chairperson Brown asked for public comment. There was none.

**Agenda Item 3 – 529A Program Consultant Update: Andrea Feirstein (AKF Consulting LLC, dba AKF Consulting Group) (INFORMATION ITEM)**

Andrea Feirstein gave a verbal report on the latest on 529A plans across the nation. Ms. Feirstein stated that Missouri has launched its ABLÉ program by partnering with Ohio and Maryland has decided on requesting proposals for its program manager.

Chairperson Brown asked for public comment. There was none.

**Agenda Item 4 – Presentation: USC Capstone Project on CalABLE (INFORMATION ITEM)**

The Board received a presentation from University of Southern California’s Master of Public Administration Class of 2017. The presentation was a high level review of the work product the Class completed in the Spring semester. Chairperson Chiang and members Lofaso and Lopez commended the Class on their effort. Ms. Elliott stated that staff will put together for the Board a work plan with the Class’ recommendations.

Chairperson Brown asked for public comment. There was none.

**Agenda Item 5 – Resolution No. 2017-05: Resolution of the California ABLÉ Act Board’s Recognition and Profound Appreciation of Distinguished Service by University of Southern California’s Master of Public Administration Class of 2017 (ACTION ITEM)**

Chairperson Brown asked for public comment. There was none.

Board Action

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-05 relating to the California ABLÉ Act Board’s Recognition and Profound Appreciation of Distinguished Service by University of Southern California’s Master of Public Administration Class of 2017.

MOTION:	Eric Gelber	SECONDED:	Elena Gomez
AYES:	Eric Gelber, Elena Gomez, Dr. April Lopez, Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez, Alan Lofaso, and Vincent P. Brown		
NOES:	None		
ABSTAIN:	None		
RECUSE:	None		
ACTION:	Motion Passes		

**Public Comment**

Chairperson Brown asked for public comment. Louis Kat made public comment, requesting a copy of the complete report compiled by University of Southern California’s Master of Public Administration Class of 2017.

**Other Business**

None.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.