

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-03

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO CREATE COMMITTEES

WHEREAS, the California Hope, Opportunity, Perseverance, and Empowerment (HOPE) for Children Trust Account Program, established pursuant to Assembly Bill 156 (Chapter 569, Statutes of 2022) and codified in Chapter 16.1 (commencing with section 18997.5) of the Welfare and Institutions Code (“Act”), aims to close the racial wealth gap and confront the issue of intergenerational poverty by creating a new financial investment program specifically catered to vulnerable children throughout the state (“Program”);

WHEREAS, the Act requires the Program board of directors (“Board”) to administer the Program and the funds appropriated for the Program in alignment with the intent of the Legislature to create opportunities, economic autonomy, and hope, and to promote wealth and asset building for an eligible child and eligible youth to address California’s record levels of inequality;

WHEREAS, the on January 31, 2023, Treasurer convened the California Hope, Opportunity, Perseverance and Empowerment (HOPE) Advisory Workgroup, as required by section 18997.54 of the Act, to work in coordination with the board on the program design, including, but not limited to, data sharing with relevant governmental agencies and departments, outreach to families of an eligible child and to eligible youth, and the process for program enrollment and continuous measurement of outcomes of the HOPE trust accounts;

WHEREAS, the advisory workgroup included participation of representatives from the following entities, as required by the Act: (1) Representatives from the California Health and Human Services Agency, the State Department of Social Services, the State Department of Public Health, the State Department of Health Care Services, and the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, (2) Community stakeholders with knowledge and experience in poverty alleviation, youth development, access to banking for underbanked individuals, asset building, race-wealth gap, consumer protections, and wealth coaching; (3) Representatives of county human services agencies; (4) The exclusive representatives of county child welfare workers; (5) Tribal leaders and representatives of tribal service providers, tribal advocates, and tribal members; and (6) Representatives of the foster youth advocacy community with personal experience in the foster system;

WHEREAS, throughout 2023, the workgroup has worked to determine the following, as required by the Act: (1) who is included as an “eligible child” and “eligible youth” under this chapter, including the ability to include individuals without social security numbers or individual tax identification numbers, the responsible agency for determining eligibility, and estimates of likely program enrollees by year; (2) necessary available data and data sharing agreements needed between government entities to meet the requirements of this chapter; (3) application of appropriate privacy protections under state and federal law in the identification of, and outreach to, an eligible child and eligible youth; (4) acceptable investment products, strategies, risk guidelines, and management requirements to ensure a balance

between safety of the principal, liquidity, and expected yield or return; (5) actuarial estimates of the amount of investment per program enrollee and the range of financial outcomes; (6) effective outreach strategies to ensure accounts are established for the maximum amount of children who may be an eligible child and moneys are drawn down by eligible youth when available; (7) determination of necessary administrative components, such as information technology services, recordkeeping, and other services, as well as the ability to use state agency resources or the need for third-party administrators; (8) additional areas determined as critical to the implementation of the program, as identified during the course of the workgroup; and (9) timelines for implementation of this chapter; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board to authorize both the chair and the executive director to form committees so these and other matters may be further developed in order to launch the HOPE program as effectively as possible,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board as follows:

Section 1. The Chair may form committees. Specifically, the Chair may appoint a committee of two or more board members plus any additional stakeholders to advise it on any matter within the power of the Board itself to perform. These may be either standing or ad hoc committees. The committee chair is empowered to communicate directly to the Board.

Section 2. The executive director may form committees. Specially, the executive director may appoint a committee of no more than two board members plus any additional stakeholders to advise the Board on any matter within the power of the Board itself to perform. These may be either standing or ad hoc committees. The committee chair is empowered to communicate directly to the Board.

Section 3. Members of the HOPE Advisory Workgroup and other community stakeholders may be invited to participate in committees.

Section 4. This Resolution becomes effective upon its adoption by the Board.

Attest: _____
Chairperson

Date of Adoption: _____