#### AGRICULTURAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

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# STATE OF CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2023 10:00 A.M.

# 1500 Capitol Avenue Sacramento, CA 95814

Board: Chair Victoria Hassid

Members Ralph Lightstone, Barry Broad, Isadore Hall, and

Cinthia Flores

Executive Secretary Santiago Avila-Gomez

Chief Board Counsel Todd Ratshin

General Counsel: Julia Montgomery

Administrative

Services Division: Brian Dougherty

<u>Interpreter</u>: Elcy Lemus

These meeting minutes include Appendices, which provide additional information about topics that were addressed during this ALRB Public Board Meeting. Each Appendix is referenced at the appropriate place within these Minutes.

### Open Session

- 1. Call to Order
  - Board Chair Victoria Hassid called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
  - Board Members Broad, Flores, Hall, and Lightstone present.
- 2. Approval of Minutes from Public Board Meeting, January 25, 2023
  - Board Member Broad moved to approve the minutes from the Public Board Meeting, January 25, 2023.

- Board Member Lightstone seconded the motion.
- Motion approved by 5 to 0.

# 3. <u>Board Chair's Report – presented by Victoria Hassid</u>

- Reported on recruitment of two new Administrative Law Judges (ALJs) to replace Judge Mary Cracraft and Judge John McCarrick.
   Welcomed Judge Hermine Rule and Judge Gabriela Martinez-Michael.
- Reported on participation in an event on the Farmworker Health Study released through UC Merced's Labor Center.
- Reported on Regional Director Blaz Gutierrez's exit from the ALRB and extended thanks for service.

# 4. <u>Executive Officer's Report on Elections, Unfair Labor Practice</u> <u>Complaints, and Hearings</u>

• No report, but shared due date of exceptions to Board Decision in 44 ALRB No. 1, ALRB 2012-CE-041-VIS.

# 5. <u>Litigation Report</u>

• None.

### 6. General Counsel's Report

- Reported on participation in the event on the Farmworker Health Study released through UC Merced's Labor Center.
- Reported on outreach and participation with Community-Based Organizations and state agencies in Monterey, Santa Cruz, Santa Barbara, Kings, and Ventura Counties, in addition to participation on a radio program with coverage in Tulare, Kern, Madera, and Fresno Counties.
- Extended thanks to Blaz Gutierrez for his service. Reported on upcoming vacancy for a Regional Director position.

### 7. Division of Administrative Services Report

- Reported on upgrade in network IT infrastructure in Regional Offices overseen by IT Manager Rafael Diaz.
- Reported on legislative budget process. Budget request hearing dedicated for Labor & Workforce Development Agency proposals in

April.

- 8. <u>Legislative Report</u>
  - None.
- 9. Regulations
  - None.
- 10. <u>Public Comment (The Board additionally solicits public comment after discussion of each agenda item of the open meeting.)</u>
  - None.

### **Closed Session**

- 11. Announcements
  - The next Public Board Meeting will be held on February 22<sup>nd</sup> in Sacramento.
- 12. Adjourn Meeting
  - Meeting adjourned at 10:57 am.