



CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND
1625 N. MARKET BLVD., SUITE N-112 | SACRAMENTO, CA 95834
PHONE: 916-574-7826 | FAX: 916-574-7829 | EMAIL: GUIDEDOGBOARD@DCA.CA.GOV
WWW.GUIDEDOGBOARD.CA.GOV



**California State Board of Guide Dogs for the Blind
Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 9, 2016**

Department of Consumer Affairs – San Francisco Room
1625 N. Market Blvd N-318
Sacramento, CA 95834

6043 Ralston Ave
Richmond, CA 94805

2304 Loma Prieta Rd
Menlo Park, CA 94025

Board Members

Eric Holm, President
Carmen Delgado, Vice President
Don Brown
Catherine Carlton
Rosa Gomez
Gwen Marelli
Joan Patche

Executive Officer

Brian Skewis

Legal Counsel

Shela Barker

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/President's Welcome

President Holm welcomed everyone present and on the phone for the meeting and outlined the groundrules for the meeting.

2. Roll Call/Establishment of a Quorum

EO Skewis took role noting all seven members present and a quorum was established.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes Dated January 25, 2016 and April 8, 2016

Member Patche motioned to approve the minutes dated January 25, 2016

Member Marelli seconded the motion

Motion Passed: 6 ayes, 0 no's, 1 abstention (Brown)



Member Brown motioned to approve the minutes dated April 8, 2016

Vice President Delgado seconded the motion

Motion Passed: 4 ayes, 0 no's, 3 abstentions (Gomez, Marelli, Patche)

4. Legislative Update

a. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Senate Bill 1331 (Pavley)

EO Skewis updated the Board on efforts in voicing opposition to the bill and the current status of the bill including recent amendments and its current location in the legislative process.

EO Skewis explained the following procedural and policy concerns to the Board:

- The lack of enforcement authority
- The lack of a fingerprint requirement
- The loose timeline associated with services provided by unlicensed individuals
- The need for notification to the client that the individual providing services is not licensed by the Board.
- The need for the Board to be able to attain contact information of the client should it determine that the instructor has committed an act substantially related to the profession.

General discussion took place by the Board regarding potential investigative needs, fingerprinting ability and necessity, and notification timelines.

Public comment was made noting the amount of advanced notice clients have received before receiving follow-up services. Representatives from Guide Dogs for the Blind in San Rafael noted that while the Committee analysis noted their support for the bill, that they have significant concerns with the second provision of the bill.

Legal Counsel Barker explained the various different positions that the Board could take on the bill.

General discussion took place regarding the means with which the Board may utilize to voice their opposition and convey necessary messages to members of the legislature.

Member Brown motioned to continue opposition of the bill

Member Marelli seconded the motion

Public comment was made suggesting that the Board propose amendments that would ultimately lead to their support of the bill.

Motion Passed: 5 ayes, 2 no's (Gomez, Patche), 0 abstentions

Legal Counsel Barker fielded questions about the Department of Consumer Affairs' legislative analysis process and where that analysis is ultimately routed.

General Board discussion took place about how to move forward and best present the Board's position on the bill.

Member Brown motioned to direct the Executive Officer to work with the Board President to prepare an analysis of the Board's position of the bill and communicate with interested parties, including but not limited to the Author's Office, Legislative, Departmental, and Governor's Office staff.

Vice President Delgado seconded the motion.

Public comment was made asking that the Board's analysis be shared with the public.

Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 no's.

b. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Assembly Bill 1824 (Chang)

EO Skewis outlined draft language crafted by President Holm and Member Brown.

General Board discussion took place regarding the necessity of adding the phrase "while under the control of its handler" in Penal Code sections 600.2 and 600.5, and replacing the word "intentionally" with "willfully or recklessly" in Penal Code section 600.5.

Legal Counsel Barker explained the legal difference between the phrases, "to permit", "intentionally", "willfully", and "recklessly"

Member Patche motioned not to accept the addition of the phrase "while under the control of its handler" in Penal Code Section 600.2.

Member Gomez seconded the motion

Motion passed 6 ayes, 1 no (Brown)

Member Patche motioned to accept the replacement of the word "intentionally" with "willfully or recklessly" and not to accept the addition of the phrase "while under the control of its handler" in Penal Code Section 600.5.

Vice President Delgado seconded the motion.

Motion passed 7 ayes, 0 no's

5. Practice Task Force Update and Consideration of Recommendations Regarding:



- a. a fact sheet outlining the Board's Arbitration program and authority
- b. The creation of a temporary follow-up instruction permit through legislation and regulation

CLOSED SESSION

- c. The Board will meet in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(c)(1) to consider recommendations related to the preparation, approval, and administration of its licensing examination

OPEN SESSION

Agenda Item 5 was tabled to be added to the agenda of the next meeting.

6. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

No comments made

7. Future Board Meetings

- a. Setting of Board Meeting dates and locations for 2016-2017

EO Skewis outlined the quarterly Board meeting dates for fiscal year 2016-2017 and changed the April 24, 2017 meeting to May 1, 2017.

- b. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

No comments made

8. Adjournment

Member Brown motioned to adjourn at 4:34pm

President Holm seconded the motion

Motion passed 6 ayes, 0 no's, 1 abstention (Delgado)