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California State Board of Guide Dogs for the Blind
Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 18, 2016

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

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Richmond, CA 94805

2304 Loma Prieta Lane
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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

1. Call to Order/President's Welcome
President Holm welcomed everyone present and on the phone for the meeting and outlined the ground rules 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 May 9, 2016 and June 13, 2016
Member Marelli motioned to approve the minutes dated May 9, 2016
Member Patche seconded the motion
Motion Passed: 7 ayes, 0 no's

Member Patche motioned to accept the minutes dated June 13, 2016
Member Delgado seconded the motion
Motion Passed: 7 ayes, 0 no's



4. Executive Officer's Update

a. Budget Update

EO Skewis reported on the financial state of the Board ending fiscal year 2015-16 and beginning 2016-17.

b. Examination Update

EO Skewis reported that the Board will hold its next exam August 8-9 and three applicants will be taking the instructor exam.

c. Website Update

EO Skewis reported that the website redesign is moving along. He is working with the Department's Information Technology and Publications Offices on making the website as accessible as possible while cleaning it up and removing old and unnecessary information.

General conversation took place regarding changes that are being made and how the Board will be able to address additional amendments moving forward.

d. Legislative Update

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

EO Skewis reported on the Board's opportunities to voice opposition of the bill and make amendments since the last Board meeting. He further reported that the Board is not gaining any traction with opposition to the bill. The bill had been amended a few times to address some of the Board's procedural concerns, but the overarching policy concerns still remain.

General discussion occurred regarding procedural and policy concerns with the current version of the bill, specifically if the Board supports the concept of a license exemption.

Member Marelli motioned to continue opposing Senate Bill 1331.

Member Delgado seconded the motion.

Motion Passed: 6 ayes, 1 no (Patche)

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

EO Skewis reported that the Board's suggested amendments, approved on May 9, 2016, were accepted by the author's office. He provided an update of the Board's presence at the Assembly Business and Professions Committee hearing of the bill. The Bill was approved unanimously by the Committee.

Member Patche motioned to support Assembly Bill 1825.

Member 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



EO Skewis reported that draft fact sheets have been discussed by the Task Force but that final drafts have not yet been recommended to the Board for approval.

- b. The creation of a temporary follow-up instruction permit through legislation and regulation

EO Skewis reported that after Task Force discussion, the topic was tabled for a later date.

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

The Board met in closed session regarding the preparation, approval, grading, and/or administration of the Board's licensing examination.

OPEN SESSION

6. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda
None Noted

7. Topics and Meeting Dates for Future Board Meetings
The next quarterly Board meeting was set for October 11, 2016 at 1:00pm.

Member Gomez requested the Board have a discussion regarding a proclamation request from My Service Dog, inc regarding International Assistance Dog Day.

8. Adjournment
Vice President Delgado motioned to adjourn.
Member Marelli seconded the motion.
Motion Passed: 7 ayes, 0 no's