



**MINUTES OF THE
ACCEL UNDERWRITING COMMITTEE
MEETING**

Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at 2:00 PM

**LOCATION:
Teleconference**

Link: <https://alliantinsurance.zoom.us/j/99839901031?pwd=RGVjMTRHS2ZJcDFvbTRVUU1jZG9jZz09>

Dial: 1 (719) 359 4580

Meeting ID: 998 3990 1031

Passcode: 790180

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jena Covey, City of Bakersfield
Rhonda Combs, City of Salinas
Mark Howard, City of Santa Barbara
Ross Brandon, City of Santa Cruz
Tracey Matthews, City of Anaheim (Joined at 2:09 PM)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

GUESTS AND CONSULTANTS:

Conor Boughey, Alliant Insurance Services
Thomas Joyce, Alliant Insurance Services
Lorissa Huey, Alliant Insurance Services
Numeya Williams, City of Ontario (Left at 2:36 PM)
Jimmy Chang, City of Ontario (Left at 2:36 PM)
Ron Ivie, City of Ontario (Left at 2:36 PM)

A. CALL TO ORDER

Ross Brandon called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

B1. Approval of Minutes for the September 25, 2023 Underwriting Committee Meeting

A motion was made to approve the Consent Calendar.

MOTION: Mark Howard **SECOND:** Jena Covey **MOTION CARRIED**



	Tracey Matthews	Jena Covey	Rhonda Combs	Mark Howard	Ross Brandon
Aye		X	X	X	X
Nay					
Abstain					

C. REPORTS

C1. UNDERWRITING COMMITTEE’S REPORT

C1ai. City of Ontario – OntarioNet Broadband Network

The City of Ontario is moving to provide a broadband fiber and wireless plan to cover the entire City with affordable, fast, and high-capacity internet service. Internet services are typically provided by private companies and it is becoming increasingly common for public entities to provide internet services. ACCEL’s MOC was written to exclude utilities such as water, electricity, and gas, but it is ambiguous on internet services.

The Committee discussed the intent of the original exclusion as well as the scope of broadband projects being undertaken or being considered by Members. Guests from Ontario gave key insight into this exposure.

A motion was made to direct staff to work with ACCEL’s counsel to draft language broadening the existing exclusion to ban all failure to supply utilities by listing examples and include wording “including but not limited to”. A Special Board Meeting will be scheduled immediately before the March 2024 Board Meeting to review the proposed language.

MOTION: Mark Howard **SECOND:** Jena Covey **MOTION CARRIED**

	Tracey Matthews	Jena Covey	Rhonda Combs	Mark Howard	Ross Brandon
Aye	X	X	X	X	X
Nay					
Abstain					



Claii. City of Visalia – EMS Coordinator

The City of Visalia requested the Underwriting Committee review a new City exposure. The City employs an EMS Coordinator and recent discussions have led the department to believe that coverage through ACCEL’s MOC may not provide coverage for their job duties, and that they may need separate Medical Malpractice coverage.

The Committee discussed the exposure as well as standard market solutions available to ACCEL Members and whether coverage under the MOC should be expanded to cover these professional exclusions.

A motion was made to keep MOC language as is and to recommend to the Member to buy separate coverage elsewhere.

MOTION: Ross Brandon **SECOND:** Rhonda Combs **MOTION CARRIED**

	Tracey Matthews	Jena Covey	Rhonda Combs	Mark Howard	Ross Brandon
Aye	X	X	X	X	X
Nay					
Abstain					

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Ross Brandon adjourned the meeting at 2:48 PM.