



**MINUTES OF THE
ACCEL UNDERWRITING COMMITTEE
MEETING**

Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 1:00 PM

**LOCATION:
Teleconference**

Link: <https://alliantinsurance.zoom.us/j/91887988810?pwd=RnpaanE0OWc2K0ZhRXVkamhwTnk2dz09>

Dial: (669) 900-6833

Meeting ID: 918 8798 8810

Passcode: 702219

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jena Covey, City of Bakersfield (*left at 2:02 PM*)
Rhonda Combs, City of Salinas
Mark Howard, City of Santa Barbara
Ross Brandon, City of Santa Cruz
Oles Gordeev, City of Santa Monica

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

GUESTS AND CONSULTANTS:

Byrne Conley, Gibbons & Conley
Conor Boughey, Alliant Insurance Services
Lorissa Huey, Alliant Insurance Services
Michael Simmons, Alliant Insurance Services
Marcus Beverly, Alliant Insurance Services

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mark Howard called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM.

B. Consent Calendar

B1. Approval of Minutes for the December 16, 2020 Underwriting Committee Meeting

A motion was made to approve the consent calendar.



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

	Jena Covey	Rhonda Combs	Mark Howard	Ross Brandon	Oles Gordeev
Aye	X	X	X	X	X
Nay					
Abstain					

C. REPORTS

C1. Underwriting Committee’s Report

C1a. ACCEL’s Memorandum of Coverage (MOC): Review of Claim Control

Conor Boughey reported that as a result of a changing claims environment in which more claims show excess liability exposure, the Board discussed how ACCEL’s MOC determines who has authority to settle a claim.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss adding language to the MOC about taking control or limiting the excess pool’s liability where the pool may want to settle but the Member may not.

Byrne Conley, ACCEL’s Legal Counsel compared ACCEL’s current MOC language to another similar excess liability pool, CJPRMA’s MOC. The Committee discussed and requested that the ACCEL MOC be amended to include additional language that would allow the ACCEL Board to cap ACCEL’s liability on a claim, if a settlement opportunity is presented and acceptable to the Board.

A motion was made to direct Byrne Conley to draft the proposed changes to the MOC as discussed and recommend to the Board to accept the proposed changes effective July 1, 2021 at the June 2021 Board Meeting.

MOTION: Rhonda Combs **SECOND:** Oles Gordeev **MOTION CARRIED**

	Jena Covey	Rhonda Combs	Mark Howard	Ross Brandon	Oles Gordeev
Aye		X	X	X	X
Nay					
Abstain					



D. PUBLIC COMMENTS - No public comments were made.

ADJOURNMENT

Mark Howard adjourned the meeting at 2:17 PM.