

**MINUTES OF THE
ACCEL SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING**

Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at 10:00 AM

**LOCATION:
TELECONFERENCE**

Link: <https://alliantinsurance.zoom.us/j/98260717589?pwd=LLUYIa7OSLb32QPAoIYnIBIZa1u8kt.1>

Meeting ID: 982 6071 7589

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Donna Starr, City of Anaheim Alternate
Jena Covey, City of Bakersfield
Alvaro Valdez, City of Burbank Alternate
Matthew Braley, City of Modesto
Rafaela King, City of Monterey
Samhitha Cutshaw, City of Mountain View
Theresa St. Peter, City of Ontario
Kelly-Louise Poggetti, City of Palo Alto
Rhonda Combs, City of Salinas
Mark Howard, City of Santa Barbara
Ross Brandon, City of Santa Cruz
Oles Gordeev, City of Santa Monica
Andrew Guzman, City of Visalia (joined at 10:20 AM)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

GUESTS AND CONSULTANTS:

Lisa Cox, City of Monterey Alternate (left at 10:38 AM)
Ben Oram, George Hills Company
Conor Boughey, Alliant Insurance Services
Lorissa Huey, Alliant Insurance Services
Thomas Joyce, Alliant Insurance Services (joined at 10:15 AM and left at 10:38 AM)
Dan Howell, Alliant Insurance Services (joined at 10:35 AM)

A. CALL TO ORDER

Ross Brandon called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

B. GENERAL RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Oles Gordeev, City of Santa Monica asked for clarification regarding the authority for settlements. The Claims Reporting Handling Policy and Procedure will be sent to the Board for reference.

ACCEL Members are interested in joining the PRISM Medical Malpractice Program. Applications will be sent to the Members once PRISM provides it.

C. REPORTS

C1. Member Payments

Lorissa Huey provided a verbal update that the City of Palo Alto is not going to proceed with requesting a payment installment for the July 1, 2025 ACCEL deposit invoice.

The Finance Committee will be assigned to review the Financial Plan where it explains deposits and add language clarifying that in exchange for payment of premium, coverage is afforded, and premiums must be paid in full.

C2. FY 25/26 Excess Liability Program Renewal Update

Conor Boughey provided the Board an update that the Program Administrators have bound coverage up the Excess Liability Program Tower to \$65,000,000 for all Members, except the Cities of Monterey, Salinas, and Santa Cruz only purchased to \$60,000,000. The \$10,000,000 excess of \$15,000,000 layer to the \$5,000,000 to \$52,500,000 layer have a 4 times aggregate. The layers above \$57,500,000 to \$65,000,000 have a 2 times aggregate.

Conor provided a brief status of what to expect in future renewals due to the state of the insurance market.

No reportable action took place.

C3. Pre-Funding Future Retro Assessments Request

Lorissa Huey reported that per ACCEL's Financial Plan, Members can pre-fund future Retro assessments and the Board must approve the request. The City of Bakersfield has submitted a letter to ACCEL to pre-fund the 2020-2021 test year of \$1,320,223.

A motion was made to approve the pre-funding request.

MOTION: Ross Brandon **SECOND:** Samhitha Cutshaw **MOTION CARRIED**

	Donna Starr	Jena Covey	Alvaro Valdez	Matthew Braley	Rafaela King	Samhitha Cutshaw	Theresa St Peter	Kelly-Louise Poggetti	Rhonda Combs	Mark Howard	Ross Brandon	Oles Gordeev	Andrew Guzman
Aye	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay													
Abstain		X											

C4. Authorization of ACCEL to form a Joint Purchase Agreement for Vehicle Physical Damage

Conor Boughey reported that Members may be able to leverage the size of ACCEL to obtain better Auto Physical Damage (APD) rates and coverage. He explained the different options that are available to Members through Alliant Motor Vehicle Program (AMVP), Alliant Property Insurance Program (APIP), or standalone carrier placements.

A motion was made to form a Joint Purchase Agreement for Vehicle Physical Damage. The goal is to have this effective July 1, 2026, and the Board would like to bring this back at the next Board Meeting.

MOTION: Mark Howard **SECOND:** Rhonda Combs **MOTION CARRIED**

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Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay													
Abstain													

C5. CLOSED SESSION – Pursuant to Gov't Code 54956.95

A motion was made to enter into Closed Session at 10:38 AM.

MOTION: Jena Covey **SECOND:** Alvaro Valdez **MOTION CARRIED**

	Donna Starr	Jena Covey	Alvaro Valdez	Matthew Braley	Rafaela King	Samhitha Cutshaw	Theresa St Peter	Kelly-Louise Poggetti	Rhonda Combs	Mark Howard	Ross Brandon	Oles Gordeev	Andrew Guzman
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay													
Abstain													

A motion was made to come out of Closed Session at 10:59 AM.

MOTION: Jena Covey **SECOND:** Oles Gordeev **MOTION CARRIED**

	Donna Starr	Jena Covey	Alvaro Valdez	Matthew Braley	Rafaela King	Samhitha Cutshaw	Theresa St Peter	Kelly-Louise Poggetti	Rhonda Combs	Mark Howard	Ross Brandon	Oles Gordeev	Andrew Guzman
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay													
Abstain													

Lorissa Huey reported out of closed session that direction was given to the Claims Administrators.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS - There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Lorissa Huey adjourned the meeting at 11:00 AM.