

**ACCEL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING**

Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 10:00 AM

Friday, January 16, 2026, at 8:30 AM

LOCATION:

Burbank Administrative Services Building

301 E. Olive Avenue

Burbank, CA 91502

Training Room ASB 102

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Donna Starr, City of Anaheim Alternate
Jena Covey, City of Bakersfield
Alvaro Valdez, City of Burbank
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
Selina Andrews, City of Salinas Alternate
Greg Milligan, City of Santa Barbara
Ross Brandon, City of Santa Cruz
Oles Gordeev, City of Santa Monica
Andrew Guzman, City of Visalia

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

GUESTS AND CONSULTANTS:

Taylor Wofford, City of Bakersfield Alternate *(left at 3:50 PM on Thursday, January 15, 2026)*
Lisa Cox, City of Monterey Alternate *(left at 3:50 PM on Thursday, January 15, 2026)*
Derek Rampone, City of Mountain View Alternate *(left at 3:50 PM on Thursday, January 15, 2026)*
Keith DeMartini, City of Santa Barbara Alternate *(left at 3:50 PM on Thursday, January 15, 2026)*
Marlene Kim, City of Burbank Alternate *(left at 3:50 PM on Thursday, January 15, 2026)*
Ben Oram, George Hills Company
(Thursday, January 15, 2026 only, excused from the meeting room from 10:55 AM to 11:55 AM)
Samantha Morgan, George Hills Company
(excused from the meeting room from 10:55 AM to 11:55 AM on Thursday, January 15, 2026)
Daniel Howell, Alliant Insurance Services
(excused from the meeting room from 10:55 AM to 11:55 AM on Thursday, January 15, 2026)
Conor Boughey, Alliant Insurance Services
(excused from the meeting room from 10:55 AM to 11:55 AM on Thursday, January 15, 2026)



Lorissa Huey, Alliant Insurance Services

(excused from the meeting room from 10:55 AM to 11:55 AM on Thursday, January 15, 2026)

Thomas Joyce, Alliant Insurance Services

(excused from the meeting room from 10:55 AM to 11:55 AM on Thursday, January 15, 2026, and left at 3:50 PM on Thursday, January 15, 2026)

Mike Davidson, Alliant Insurance Services

(Thursday, January 15, 2026 only, arrived at 1:05 PM, left at 2:30 PM)

Karl Merg, Chandler Asset Management

(Thursday, January 15, 2026 only, arrived at 12:00 PM, left at 1:00 PM)

Rob Powers, R.E. Powers Company

(Thursday, January 15, 2026 only, arrived at 12:00 PM, left at 1:48 PM)

Craig Schweikhard, R.E. Powers Company

(Thursday, January 15, 2026 only, arrived at 12:00 PM, left at 1:48 PM)

A. CALL TO ORDER

Ross Brandon called the meeting to order on Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 10:00 AM.

Ross Brandon called the meeting to order on Friday, January 16, 2026 at 8:30 AM.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

B1. Approval of Minutes for the October 16 & 17, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting

B2. Alliant Crime and Errors & Omissions Liability Certificates

A motion was made to approve the consent calendar.

MOTION: Jena Covey **SECOND:** Matthew Braley **MOTION CARRIED**

	Donna Starr	Jena Covey	Alvaro Valdez	Matthew Braley	Rafaela King	Samhitha Cutshaw	Theresa St. Peter	Kelly-Louise Poggetti	Selima Andrews	Greg Milligan	Ross Brandon	Oles Gordeev	Andrew Guzman
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay													
Abstain													

C. GENERAL RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Matthew Braley, City of Modesto inquired about risk transfer in SaaS agreements regarding cyber security. Thomas Joyce, Alliant pointed out that the Insurance Requirements in Contracts has language on this.



Oles Gordeev, City of Santa Monica stated that the City of Los Angeles is engaging in an audit on risk management and third party liability claims. The City of Los Angeles approached the City Santa Monica and wanted to learn about Santa Monica’s Loss Prevention Programs. Oles asked the group if any other ACCEL Cities were approached.

Jena Covey, City of Bakersfield brought up AB 406 which expands job protected leave for employees who are victims of violence and allows them to use paid sick leave and take unpaid safe leave for court appears such as sentencing or plea hearings related to qualifying crimes and covers attending victim services, or seeking counseling protecting them from employer retaliation. Jena asked if any of the Members are adding this information to its entity’s Workplace Violence Prevention Program.

Donna Starr, City of Anaheim Alternate commented that the City has not heard more about the City taking on the Anaheim Transportation Network.

Ci. Paradigm “Certainty for Your Most Complex Cases” Presentation

Conor Boughey provided the Board information about Paradigm’s services. Paradigm Corporation is a specialty care-management company that helps people with complex catastrophic injuries and diagnoses in Workers’ Compensation.

Members asked questions, which were addressed.

D. REPORTS

D1. Ad Hoc Committee’s Report

D1a. Program Administration and Brokerage Services

Ross Brandon reported that the Board created an Ad Hoc Committee composed of Tracey Matthews, City of Anaheim, Kelly-Louise Poggetti, City of Palo Alto, and Andrew Guzman, City of Visalia to discuss Program Administration and Brokerage Services.

Andrew Guzman and Kelly-Louise Poggetti provided a verbal update that the Committee has decided not to take any action at this time.

D2. Service Provider’s Report

D2a. Service Providers Evaluations

D2ai. Claims Administrators

D2aii. Program Administrators

Lorissa Huey reminded the Board that it decided to only evaluate the Program Administrators and Claims Administrators each year at the October Board Meeting in person starting in 2023. If a Member



had an issue with the other Service Providers, they are directed to bring it to the Committee that oversees that Service Provider. This item was deferred from the October 2025 Board Meeting to today's meeting.

An Excel spreadsheet with metrics was sent to the Board separately from the agenda packet. In addition, the Scope of Work for each Administrators' Contracts were provided to help guide the discussion.

George Hills and Alliant excused themselves from the meeting room while the Board conducted the Service Provider Evaluations.

Ross Brandon, ACCEL President and Tracey Matthews, ACCEL Vice President will have a meeting with the Claims Administrators, George Hills, and the Program Administrators, Alliant to discuss the results.

The Board agreed that these Service Provider Evaluations will be conducted every two years at the Strategic Planning. The next time this will occur will be at the 2028 Strategic Planning.

D3. President's Report

D3a. Board Member Peer Program

Lorissa Huey announced that ACCEL has a Peer Program to help with onboarding of new Board Members. Included in the agenda packet is the Area Specialty list of all Board Members which can be utilized for Members to reach out to each other on a specific topic and Job Description for a Board Member.

Oles Gordeev, City of Santa Monica volunteered to be a mentor to Greg Milligan, City of Santa Barbara's New Risk Manager.

Taylor Wofford has been appointed City of Bakersfield's Alternate Board Member. Andrew Guzman, City of Visalia has volunteered to be a mentor.

D3b. Resolution 2526-05, Recognizing the Contributions of Mark Howard

Lorissa Huey presented the resolution that recognizes Mark Howard who served on the Board since 2010. Mark had roles such as President, Vice President, Claims and Underwriting Committee Chair, and a Member of the Claims, Finance, and Underwriting Committees. The resolution was printed on design paper and placed in an elegant frame.

A motion was made to approve the Resolution 2526-05, Recognizing the Contributions of Mark Howard.



MOTION: Greg Milligan **SECOND:** Samhitha Cutshaw **MOTION CARRIED**

	Donna Starr	Jena Covey	Alvaro Valdez	Matthew Braley	Rafaela King	Samhitha Cutshaw	Theresa St. Peter	Kelly-Louise Poggetti	Selina Andrews	Greg Milligan	Ross Brandon	Oles Gordeev	Andrew Guzman
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay													
Abstain													

D4. Executive Committee’s Report

D4a. Updating 2025-26 Committee Assignments

Lorissa Huey reported that there is one vacant position in each of the Underwriting and Finance Committees.

A motion was made to appoint Jena Covey, City of Bakersfield to the Underwriting Committee and Greg Milligan, City of Santa Barbara to the Finance Committee for the remainder of 2025-26.

MOTION: Samhitha Cutshaw **SECOND:** Oles Gordeev **MOTION CARRIED**

	Donna Starr	Jena Covey	Alvaro Valdez	Matthew Braley	Rafaela King	Samhitha Cutshaw	Theresa St. Peter	Kelly-Louise Poggetti	Selina Andrews	Greg Milligan	Ross Brandon	Oles Gordeev	Andrew Guzman
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay													
Abstain													

D5. Underwriting Committee’s Report

D5a. Verbal Update of the Exposures Reviewed by the Underwriting Committee:
i. City of Modesto - Turlock Modesto Administrative Services Contract

Thomas Joyce provided the Board an update that the City of Modesto submitted a New Exposure Questionnaire to discuss the agreement about the City of Modesto receiving a fee from the City of Turlock in exchange for Fire personnel. The Underwriting Committee (UC) met on January 6, 2026 to discuss.



Conor Boughey commented that the unique issue about this is that Modesto is being compensated by a contract for providing a service, ACCEL does not have a mechanism to charge premium. In contrast, when other Members of ACCEL increase personnel and payroll, ACCEL collects payroll information and charges premiums.

The UC made a motion to direct the Program Administrators to draft a letter to the City regarding mutual indemnification and primary and contributory language.

Direction was given to the UC to review the Understanding Standards Policy and Procedure language about permanent versus temporary services to neighboring agencies.

D5b. Proposed Changes to ACCEL’s Memorandum of Coverage (MOC): Pollution

Thomas Joyce reported that the Underwriting Committee discussed at its September 4, 2025 and January 6, 2026 Meetings amending the language in ACCEL’s \$4,000,000 excess \$1,000,000 MOC that would explicitly state that there is coverage for third party liability for sewer backups with no time element for reporting.

Byrne Conley, ACCEL’s General and Coverage Counsel has drafted proposed language to add to the current Exclusion H., “This exclusion does not apply to claims arising from sudden and accidental sewer backups into a home or business” and add a subsection to Exclusion I., “claim or suit brought under the Clean Water Act, including state or federal enforcement actions under 33 U.S. Code sections 1319, et seq.; citizen suits brought under sections 1365, et seq.; or state enforcement actions brought under the California Water Code sections 13385, et seq.; or claims or suits brought under any similar law relating to discharge permit violations.”

A motion was made to approve the proposed changes effective July 1, 2026.

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	Selina Andrews	Greg Milligan	Ross Brandon	Oles Gordeev	Andrew Guzman
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay													
Abstain													

D6. Program Administrator's Report

D6a. 2026 State of the Market Report

Dan Howell gave the Board a presentation on the 2026 State of the Market Report. Dan discussed underwriting and loss trends, and what to expect for renewal premiums for liability and property coverages. The property market is improving and rates are going down. Dan mentioned to expect at least a 10% increase for the liability renewal.

Members asked questions, which were addressed by Alliant.

D6b. ACCEL Website Overview

Lorissa Huey stated that each year in January, the Program Administrators go over the ACCEL Website. Lorissa went over on how to submit a post on the Discussion Forum for any risk management question. Each Board Member will receive an e-mail notification that another Board Member has posted a question and can respond accordingly.

Members provided positive feedback on the ACCEL Website.

D6c. ACCEL's Target Equity Ratios

Lorissa Huey presented the annual Target Equity Ratios Presentation. This is reviewed annually and is one of the requirements of CAJPA for Accreditation with Excellence.

The ratios show that ACCEL is making progress towards a recovery. This is the second year in a row that ACCEL is in positive net position.

Members asked questions, which were addressed.

D6d. Annual Update of the Insurance Requirements in Contracts (IRIC) Manual

Thomas Joyce presented to the Board updates of the Insurance Requirements in Contracts (IRIC) Manual. In 2026, the updates were changes to the cyber, marine exposure, contractor's builders risk, and airport exhibits. Also, the Insurance Service Office endorsements for Artificial Intelligence were discussed and included in the agenda packet.

Thomas answered questions from the Members.

D6e. CAJPA Protecting Public Funds Report

Conor Boughey reported that CAJPA released the Protecting Public Funds Report, which discussed how unsustainable the increase in cost of liability claims and insurance coverages are.

Direction was given to survey the Members and ask who each Members' lobbyists are regarding tort reform, and bring back to the Board for the next steps.



D7. Claims Committee’s Report

D7a. 2025 Liability Claims Audit

ACCEL’s Claims Auditor, Rob Powers walked through the 2025 Liability Claims Audit with the Board. Rob discussed the general findings and provided a high level summary.

Rob introduced Craig Schweikhard who is new to the Claims Audit Team. Craig provided an introduction and the Board welcomed Craig. Craig presented to the Board on ACCEL’s Third Party Administrators’ portion of the Claims Audit.

A motion was made to receive and file the 2025 Liability Claims Audit.

MOTION: Andrew Guzman **SECOND:** Kelly-Louise Poggetti **MOTION CARRIED**

	Donna Starr	Jena Covey	Alvaro Valdez	Matthew Braley	Rafaela King	Samhitha Cutshaw	Theresa St. Peter	Kelly-Louise Poggetti	Selina Andrews	Greg Milligan	Ross Brandon	Oles Gordeev	Andrew Guzman
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay													
Abstain													

D7b. Proposed Changes to ACCEL’s Claims Reporting and Handling Policy and Procedure: Settlement Authority

Lorissa Huey reported that at the October 2025 Board Meeting, the Board gave direction to the Claims Committee to revise Section VII. Settlement Authority Process in the Claims Reporting and Handling Policy and Procedure. The new language memorialized authority that can be delegated by the Board only if the Board has approved an ACCEL Reserve, to an Executive Committee Member or any Committee Chair and the Claims Litigation Manager to settle a claim where it determines that the circumstances of a claim warrant delegation of such authority to effect timely and efficient resolution.

A motion was made to accept the proposed changes as shown in the agenda packet.



MOTION: Andrew Guzman **SECOND:** Alvaro Valdez **MOTION CARRIED**

	Donna Starr	Jena Covey	Alvaro Valdez	Matthew Braley	Rafaela King	Samhitha Cutshaw	Theresa St. Peter	Kelly-Louise Poggetti	Selina Andrews	Greg Milligan	Ross Brandon	Oles Gordeev	Andrew Guzman
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay													
Abstain													

D7c. CLOSED SESSION – Pursuant to Gov’t Code 54956.95

A motion was made to enter into Closed Session at 3:51 PM.

MOTION: Andrew Guzman **SECOND:** Samhitha Cutshaw **MOTION CARRIED**

	Donna Starr	Jena Covey	Alvaro Valdez	Matthew Braley	Rafaela King	Samhitha Cutshaw	Theresa St. Peter	Kelly-Louise Poggetti	Selina Andrews	Greg Milligan	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 4:35 PM.

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

	Donna Starr	Jena Covey	Alvaro Valdez	Matthew Braley	Rafaela King	Samhitha Cutshaw	Theresa St. Peter	Kelly-Louise Poggetti	Selina Andrews	Greg Milligan	Ross Brandon	Oles Gordeev	Andrew Guzman
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay													
Abstain													

RECONVENE - DISPOSITION OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS



Lorissa Huey reported out of Closed Session that direction was given to the Claims Administrators.

D8a-e. Financial and Treasurer's Report

Thomas Joyce and Oles Gordeev walked through the financial items.

ACCEL offers Automated Clearing House (ACH) payments for reimbursements to Members. If any Members are interested, they are directed to reach out to the Program Administrators.

Thomas noted that ACCEL is in compliance with its Investment Policy as shown in the September, October, and November 2025 Chandler Statements.

A motion was made to accept the Financial and Treasurer’s Reports as presented.

MOTION: Jena Covey **SECOND:** Samhitha Cutshaw **MOTION CARRIED**

	Donna Starr	Jena Covey	Alvaro Valdez	Matthew Braley	Rafacla King	Samhitha Cutshaw	Theresa St. Peter	Kelly-Louise Poggetti	Selina Andrews	Greg Milligan	Ross Brandon	Oles Gordeev	Andrew Guzman
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay													
Abstain													

D9. Finance Committee’s Report

D9a. Chandler Asset Management – Investment Report

Karl Meng from Chandler presented to the Board the annual investment report. The Board was informed of the status of ACCEL’s finances with Chandler as well as a forecast of what market changes were likely on the horizon. Members asked questions, which were address by Karl.

No reportable action took place.

D9b. ACCEL’s Investment Policy: Proposed Changes by Chandler

Lorissa Huey explained that every year Chandler reviews ACCEL’s Investment Policy.

Carlos Oblites from Chandler provided a memo of the proposed changes, which was included in the agenda packet. The memo outlined the following changes: 1) Section 5.4 Commercial Paper - Pursuant to SB 595 add language that states, “Under a provision sunseting on January 1, 2031, no more than 40% of the total portfolio may be invested in Commercial Paper if the Authority’s investment assets under management are greater than \$100,000,000,” and change the maximum maturity from 270 to 397 days;



2) Add Section 5.16 Shares of Beneficial Interest Issued by a Joint Powers Authority (JPA); and 3) Section 6.0 Prohibited Investments - Pursuant to SB 595 change the sunset date to July 1, 2031 from July 1, 2026.

A motion was made to accept the proposed changes as presented.

MOTION: Matthew Braley **SECOND:** Andrew Guzman **MOTION CARRIED**

	Donna Starr	Jena Covey	Alvaro Valdez	Matthew Braley	Rafaela King	Samhitha Cutshaw	Theresa St. Peter	Kelly-Louise Poggetti	Selina Andrews	Greg Milligan	Ross Brandon	Oles Gordeev	Andrew Guzman
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay													
Abstain													

D9c. Status on Financial Auditor Request for Proposal (RFP)

Thomas Joyce reported that the Board took action at the October 2025 Board Meeting to issue a Financial Auditor Request for Proposal (RFP). The Board delegated to the Finance Committee to oversee the RFP process.

The RFP was issued on December 15, 2025 with a due date of February 9, 2026. The Program Administration team have posted the RFP on the PARMA and ACCEL Websites.

The Finance Committee will review the responses in early March 2026 and report back to the Board at the March 19 and 20, 2026 Board Meeting.

D9d. Late Payment of Premium

Thomas Joyce reported that at the October 2025 Board Meeting, the Board gave direction to the Program Administrators to work with Byrne Conley, ACCEL’s Legal Counsel to draft language in ACCEL’s Governing Documents to address penalties for late payments.

The Finance Committee has reviewed Byrne’s proposed changes to the ACCEL Bylaws and \$4,000,000 excess \$1,000,000 Memorandum of Coverage (MOC).

The change to the MOC is in Section VI. Conditions, H. Withdrawal and Cancellation and the Bylaws are in Article XII Liability Program, a new Section H. Default in Payments.

A motion was made to accept the changes to the \$4,000,000 excess \$1,000,000 MOC effective July 1, 2026 as presented. Also, direction was given to the Program Administrators to agendize the ACCEL



Bylaws at the March 2026 Board Meeting as any proposed Bylaws amendments require a thirty day notice prior to Board approval.

MOTION: Jena Covey **SECOND:** Donna Starr **MOTION CARRIED**

	Donna Starr	Jena Covey	Alvaro Valdez	Matthew Braley	Rafaela King	Samhitha Cutshaw	Theresa St. Peter	Kelly-Louise Poggetti	Selina Andrews	Greg Milligan	Ross Brandon	Oles Gordeev	Andrew Guzman
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay													
Abstain													

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

E1. Master Builders Risk Program

Mike Davidson from Alliant’s Construction Team presented to the Board for a second time regarding a potential ACCEL Master Builders Risk Program.

The Board discussed the following timeline for the next steps:

1. By the March 2026 Board Meeting: The Board requested a simple bullet point list explaining the benefits of Builders Risk to provide to City Leadership and provide a recorded webinar to the Members’ Public Works Departments. If any of the Members request an in person meeting, Mike can schedule it separately. Jena Covey, City of Bakersfield would like Mike to attend an in person meeting with the City’s Public Works Department.
2. At the March 2026 Board Meeting: The Board will seek feedback from interested Members and collect data.
3. At the June 2026 Board Meeting: Request Mike to attend.

F. NEW BUSINESS

F1. New Member Marketing

Conor Boughey reported to the Board that a California City is interested in joining ACCEL effective July 1, 2026 and has submitted its application to ACCEL.

The Underwriting Committee has been informed and will review the application prior to the March 2026 Board Meeting.

Members asked questions, which were addressed by the Program Administrators.

Direction was given that Tracey Matthews, Underwriting Committee Chair be looped in with any questions that the new applicant may have.

At the Strategic Planning, the Board would like to discuss the size of ACCEL.

F2. ACCEL Retrospective Rating Calculation (RPC) Estimated Results

Lorissa Huey explained that the Rating Plan Calculation (RPC) determines each Member's potential refunds and assessments for each program year. Historically, the first draft is presented at the March Board Meeting and then at the June Board Meeting for approval. The Board has requested an earlier estimate for the July 1, 2026 results, which are included in the agenda packet.

Lorissa stated that the July 1, 2025 Retro was 100% restricted per Board action. Prior to the July 1, 2026 Retro, we refund the money to each Member in whole. From the July 1, 2025 Retro, ACCEL collected Member assessments of \$4,745,940 and the Bakersfield Prefunding of \$1,320,223, which total \$6,066,163. There were added to the FY 19/20 for the July 1, 2026 Retro.

Direction was given at the next Board Meeting to discuss the FY 08/09 claim in further detail in closed session. Also, if the Board considers increasing retentions, the Board requested to run scenarios of how the Retro results would look like.

F3. ACCEL Excess Liability Program Renewal Outlook

Daniel Howell and Conor Boughey provided to the Board an early outlook for the Excess Liability Program Renewal effective July 1, 2026. Excess insurance markets are going to be receiving loss runs soon from public entities and running those by their actuaries. It is expected that the markets will ask for higher attachment points and increase rates. The \$5,000,000 excess \$10,000,000 quote from the excess carriers may or may not have aggregates.

Conor explained that included in the agenda packet is the July 1, 2026 Ex-Mod for the \$9,000,000 excess \$1,000,000 pooled layer deposit.

F4. Notice of Pooled Aggregate Limit

Conor Boughey explained that ACCEL has a per Member aggregate of 3 TIMES ("3x") for the \$9,000,000 excess of \$1,000,000 layer for years after July 1, 2021 to current. This means each term of coverage includes an aggregate for the pooled layer of \$27,000,000. When a Member exhausts the aggregate, then the Member remains responsible for funding claims up to the applicable attachment point of that year.

George Hills, ACCEL's Third Party Administrators is to notify the Program Administrators of any Members approaching the aggregate limit. Then, the Program Administrators will notify Members if they are close to exhausting the aggregate limit via a letter.



A motion was made to instruct the Program Administrators and Claims Administrators to notify the Member when incurred claims reach 50% of the aggregate and delegate authority to the Claims Committee to draft language in the Claims Reporting and Handling Policy and Procedure.

MOTION: Jena Covey **SECOND:** Greg Milligan **MOTION CARRIED**

	Donna Starr	Jena Covey	Alvaro Valdez	Matthew Braley	Rafacla King	Samhitha Cutshaw	Theresa St. Peter	Kelly-Louise Poggetti	Selina Andrews	Greg Milligan	Ross Brandon	Oles Gordeev	Andrew Guzman
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay													
Abstain													

F5. Optional Excess Workers’ Compensation Program Renewal

Conor Boughey reminded the Board that ACCEL’s Members have the option to join PRISM’s Excess Workers’ Compensation (EWC) Program through a ‘group purchase’ (ACCEL has no risk sharing for Workers’ Compensation). The eleven Members that participate are able to select their individual Self Insured Retentions and can be billed directly by PRISM. The PRISM EWC Program renews on July 1, 2026. The estimated renewal pricing attached in the agenda packet is as of October 2025, and the next set of estimates will be provided in February 2026.

EWC premium is expected to increase due to payroll increasing by 3% to 7% and insurance rates by 10% to 20%. Members are recommended to budget on the higher end of these estimates.

F6. PRISM Premium Allocation Methodology Change – Excess Workers’ Compensation

Conor Boughey reported that PRISM’s Excess Worker’s Compensation (EWC) Program currently places public entities into two categories: High Safety and Low Safety. PRISM is changing it to five categories: Municipal High Safety, Municipal Medium Safety, Municipal Low Safety, Non-Municipal High Safety, and Non-Municipal Low Safety. High/Medium/Low will be determined using a three year average of safety payroll compared to total payroll and that the categorization is re-evaluated every three years. The Ex-Mod will use a new rating method called the “Buhlmann Credibility Method.”

Direction was given to provide a list of what category each Member of ACCEL belongs to.

F7. Schedule of the Next Two Board of Directors Meetings

Thomas Joyce announced that the next two Board Meetings will be held at Santa Cruz on Thursday and Friday, March 19 and 20, 2026 and at San Francisco on Thursday and Friday, June 11 and 12, 2026. Both meetings will start at 10:00 AM on Thursdays and 8:30 AM on Friday, unless otherwise stated.



G. CORRESPONDENCE / INFORMATION

- G1. 2026 PARMA Conference** – There was no discussion on this item.
- G2. ACCEL Year at Glance, Claims Training Opportunities, & PRISM Legislative Meetings**
– There was no discussion on this item.
- G3. ACCEL Service Team Org Charts** – There was no discussion on this item.

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Lorissa Huey adjourned the meeting on Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 4:36 PM.
Lorissa Huey adjourned the meeting on Friday, January 16, 2026 at 10:20 AM.