



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

**Monday, August 23, 2021 at 1:00 PM**

**LOCATION:  
TELECONFERENCE**

Link: <https://alliantinsurance.zoom.us/j/99455577969?pwd=RGNqdXBDRmwwdnhLeHd0SGMrVnJxZz09>

Meeting ID: 994 5557 7969

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jena Covey, City of Bakersfield  
Betsy McClinton, City of Burbank  
Jiles Smith, City of Modesto  
Claudia Koob, City of Mountain View  
Kathy Garozzo, City of Ontario Alternate  
Sandra Blanch, City of Palo Alto  
Mark Howard, City of Santa Barbara  
Ross Brandon, City of Santa Cruz Alternate  
Oles Gordeev, City of Santa Monica  
Charlotte Dunn, City of Visalia

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Tracey Matthews, City of Anaheim  
Sarin Roth, City of Monterey  
Rhonda Combs, City of Salinas

**GUESTS AND CONSULTANTS:**

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

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Jena Covey called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.



**B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**B1. Excess Liability Renewal: Excess Aggregate Exhaustion Policy Language**

Conor Boughey reminded the Board that in July 2021, the Program Administrators sent the Board a report recapping the Board’s action to increase ACCEL’s obligation to cover claims up to at least \$25,000,000, in the rare event that the excess insurance program’s aggregate limits are exhausted.

Byrne Conley, ACCEL’s Legal Counsel explained that the draft endorsement language confirms ACCEL’s intent to provide Members with at least \$25,000,000 of limits, even if the excess insurance program limits are fully exhausted. While this is a very remote possibility, it is in ACCEL’s best interest to have an endorsement in place to determine what limits continue to be available for continued losses. Should ACCEL need to reinstate the limits of the excess program, ACCEL will provide those limits in accordance with the terms and conditions of the insurance policies that were originally in force, and not ACCEL’s Memorandum of Coverage (MOC) language.

A motion was made to adopt the endorsement for the 2021-22 ACCEL MOC retroactive to July 1, 2021.

**MOTION:** Mark Howard    **SECOND:** Charlotte Dunn    **MOTION CARRIED**

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



The prior motion was rescinded.

A new motion was made to adopt the endorsement for the 2021-22 ACCEL MOC retroactive to July 1, 2021 subject to Byrne Conley, ACCEL’s Legal Counsel amending the terms in the endorsement to match ACCEL’s MOC. Also, direction was given to agendize the endorsement on the Consent Calendar for the October 2021 Board Meeting.

**MOTION:** Jiles Smith      **SECOND:** Sandra Blanch      **MOTION CARRIED**

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

C.      **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - No public comments were made.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Jena Covey adjourned the meeting at 1:38 PM.