

**MINUTES OF THE
ACCEL CLAIMS COMMITTEE
MEETING**

Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 2:00 PM

**LOCATION:
TELECONFERENCE**

Link: <https://alliantinsurance.zoom.us/j/95923177106?pwd=UnovcGI4ZVRwUVFHbWdFTmdCajNqOT09>

Meeting ID: 959 2317 7106

Passcode: 196181

Dial: (669) 900-6833

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tracey Matthews, City of Anaheim
Jena Covey, City of Bakersfield
Betsy McClinton, City of Burbank
Jiles Smith, City of Modesto
Oles Gordeev, City of Santa Monica
Charlotte Dunn, City of Visalia

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

GUESTS AND CONSULTANTS:

Ken Maiolini, George Hills Company
Sandy Manzoni, George Hills Company
Robert Powers, R.E. Powers & Company LLC (*left the teleconference at 3:40 PM*)
Conor Boughey, Alliant Insurance Services
Lorissa Huey, Alliant Insurance Services
Marcus Beverly, Alliant Insurance Services

A. CALL TO ORDER

Oles Gordeev called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM.

B. Consent Calendar

B1. Approval of Minutes for the January 14, 2021 Claims Committee Meeting

A motion was made to approve the consent calendar.



MOTION: Betsy McClinton

SECOND: Jena Covey **MOTION CARRIED**

	Tracey Matthews	Jena Covey	Betsy McClinton	Jiles Smith	Oles Gordeev	Charlotte Dunn
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay						
Abstain						

C. REPORTS

C1. Claims Committee

C1a. Claims Auditor Renewal Contract

Conor Boughey reminded the Claims Committee that the Board took action at its January 2021 Board Meeting to delegate authority to the Claims Committee to enter into a new contract with Rob Powers, R.E. Powers & Company LLC for a two year extension and an optional one year, and to place the contract on the consent calendar for the March 2021 Board Meeting.

A motion was made to give authority to the Claims Committee Chair, Oles Gordeev to execute the Claims Auditor Contract with Rob Powers subject to rewording the third bullet point under “Claims Administrator” in the “Scope of Work.”

MOTION: Betsy McClinton

SECOND: Jiles Smith

MOTION CARRIED

	Tracey Matthews	Jena Covey	Betsy McClinton	Jiles Smith	Oles Gordeev	Charlotte Dunn
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay						
Abstain						

C1b. Claims Reporting and Handling Policy and Procedure – Proposed Changes

Conor Boughey reported that at the January 20221 Board Meeting, direction was given to bring this item back to the Claims Committee to establish an attorney defense panel and work with Ken, ACCEL’s Claims Administrator to make recommendations. The Program Administrators have surveyed the Board on which attorney firms and rates that the Members use.



A motion was made to recommend to the Board an attorney reference list instead of an attorney defense panel. Also, to revise the Claims Reporting and Handling Policy and Procedure by deleting any reference to an attorney defense panel and inserting language about if any attorney rates are excess of \$400/hour, Members are to notify the Board.

MOTION: Betsy McClinton

SECOND: Jiles Smith

MOTION CARRIED

	Tracey Matthews	Jena Covey	Betsy McClinton	Jiles Smith	Oles Gordeev	Charlotte Dunn
Aye			X	X	X	X
Nay		X				
Abstain	X					

C1c. Closed Session – Pursuant to Gov’t Code 54956.95

A motion was made to enter into Closed Session at 3:40 PM.

MOTION: Oles Gordeev

SECOND: Jiles Smith

MOTION CARRIED

	Tracey Matthews	Jena Covey	Betsy McClinton	Jiles Smith	Oles Gordeev	Charlotte Dunn
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay						
Abstain						

A motion was made to come out of Closed Session at 3:54 PM.

MOTION: Oles Gordeev

SECOND: Betsy McClinton

MOTION CARRIED

	Tracey Matthews	Jena Covey	Betsy McClinton	Jiles Smith	Oles Gordeev	Charlotte Dunn
Aye	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nay						
Abstain						



Oles Gordeev, Claims Committee Chair reported out of Closed Session that no action was taken during Closed Session.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS - No public comments were made.

ADJOURNMENT

Oles Gordeev adjourned the meeting at 3:55 PM.