

**CALIFORNIA AVOCADO COMMISSION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 14, 2022**

A meeting of the California Avocado Commission (CAC) Board was held on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, with the following people present:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jason Cole
John Cornell (*Joined 8:50 am*)
Maureen Cottingham (*Lloyd-Butler Alt.*)
Rob Grether
Jessica Hunter
Connor Huser (*Caloroso Alt.*)
Ohannes Karaoghlanian
Rachael Laenen
Daniella Malfitano
Daryn Miller
Michael Perricone
Andrew Prechtl
Peter Shore (*Joined 10:00 am*)

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Will Carleton (*Joined 8:10 am*)
Catherine Keeling
Charley Wolk

MEMBERS ABSENT

John Lloyd-Butler

ALTERNATES ABSENT

None

OFFICIALLY PRESENT

Vickie Carpenter, *USDA*
George Soares, *Kahn, Soares & Conway*
Miranda Townsend,
CDFA

STAFF PRESENT

April Aymami
Stacia Kierulff
Ken Melban

ITEM #1 CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call/Quorum – Item 1.a.

Rob Grether, CAC chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. with a quorum present.

April Aymami, CAC industry affairs director, announced the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) and US Department of Agriculture (USDA) representatives, CAC staff and known guests participating in the meeting. She asked for all other guests to announce themselves and recorded all participants in attendance.

ITEM # 2 OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ITEM # 3 CLOSED SESSION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION PERFORMANCE, OR DISMISSAL OF AN EMPLOYEE PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 11126(a)

Mr. Grether convened a Closed Session of board members, alternates, legal counsel, Ken Melban, Stacia Kierulff and CDFA representative at 8:05 a.m. Mr. Melban and Ms. Kierulff were excused from the Closed Session at approximately 8:30 a.m.

ITEM #4 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND ANNOUNCE ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION, IF ANY

Mr. Grether returned to open session at 3:58 p.m. and announced that the Board had taken no action in Closed Session.

ADJOURN MEETING

Mr. Grether adjourned the meeting at 3:59 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on October 20, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

April Aymami, CAC Industry Affairs Director

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I certify that the above is a true statement of the Minutes of September 14, 2022 approved by the CAC Board of Directors on October 20, 2022.

Jessica Hunter, CAC Board Secretary

EXHIBITS ATTACHED TO THE PERMANENT COPY OF THESE MINUTES

None