

**CALIFORNIA AVOCADO COMMISSION  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
September 16, 2022**

A meeting of the California Avocado Commission (CAC) Board was held on Friday, September 16, 2022, with the following people present:

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jason Cole  
John Cornell  
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

**ALTERNATES PRESENT**

Will Carleton  
Catherine Keeling (*Joined 10:16 am*)  
Charley Wolk

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

John Lloyd-Butler

**ALTERNATES ABSENT**

None

**OFFICIALLY PRESENT**

Vickie Carpenter, *USDA*  
Ben Kardokus, *CDFA*  
George Soares, *Kahn, Soares & Conway*

**STAFF PRESENT**

April Aymami  
Ken Melban

**ITEM #1 CALL TO ORDER**

**Roll Call/Quorum – Item 1.a.**

Rob Grether, CAC chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. with a quorum present. Mr. Grether 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.

**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 and CDFA representative at 10:05 a.m.

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

Mr. Grether returned to open session at 12:04 p.m. and announced that the Commission Board of Directors had taken action to employ an individual to serve as president and chief executive officer of the Commission. Additional information will be made public subject to agreement by the parties.

**ADJOURN MEETING**

Mr. Grether adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on October 20, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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April Aymami, CAC Industry Affairs Director

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I certify that the above is a true statement of the Minutes of September 16, 2022 approved by the CAC Board of Directors on October 20, 2022.

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Jessica Hunter, CAC Board Secretary

**EXHIBITS ATTACHED TO THE PERMANENT COPY OF THESE MINUTES**

None