

**CALIFORNIA AVOCADO COMMISSION
BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
October 3, 2023**

A special meeting of the California Avocado Commission (CAC) Board was held on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. with the following people present:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Gary Caloroso
Jason Cole
John Cornell
Quinn Cotter
Maureen Cottingham
Rob Grether
Jessica Hunter
Jamie Johnson (Carleton Alt.)
Ohannes Karaoghlanian
Rachael Laenen
Daryn Miller (3:25 p.m.)
Michael Perricone
Peter Shore

MEMBERS ABSENT

Will Carleton

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Maddie Cook
Connor Huser
Robert Jackson
Hayden McIntyre
Jamie Shafer
Charley Wolk

OFFICIALLY PRESENT

Vickie Carpenter, USDA
Ben Kardokus, CDFA
George Soares, KSC

STAFF PRESENT

April Aymami

ITEM #1 Call to Order

Roll Call/Quorum – Item 1.a. & 1.b.

Rob Grether, CAC chairman, called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. with a quorum present.

ITEM #2 Closed session regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, or dismissal of an employee pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(a).

ITEM #3 Closed session regarding pending and/or ongoing litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(e).

Finding relative to holding special meeting on less than 10 days notice pursuant to Government Code Section 11125.4(c):

This meeting has been called and noticed pursuant to the special meeting provision of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Act) which allows for a meeting on less than 10 days notice under certain circumstances, including pending litigation. On September 28, 2023, a tentative resolution regarding pending litigation was achieved requiring approval of the Board of Directors. Based on the immediate need for the Board of Directors to approve resolution of this pending litigation and related matters, the Commission finds that it would be an undue hardship to delay this meeting with its legal counsel, and so has properly called and noticed this meeting pursuant to the Act.

Mr. Grether convened a Closed Session of the CAC Board at 3:03 p.m. with members and alternates of the Board, CAC's legal counsel and CDFA representative.

ITEM #7 Return to open session and announce action taken in closed session, if any.

Mr. Grether returned to open session at 4:25 p.m. and announced that the Board had taken two actions in Closed Session:

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1. Approved the findings leading to the holding of the October 3, 2023 special meeting of the CAC Board on less than 10 days notice pursuant to Government Code Section 11125.4(c).
2. Accepted the resignation of CAC President Jeff Oberman effective October 3, 2023

Adjourn Meeting

Mr. Grether adjourned the meeting at 4:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

April Aymami, CAC Industry Affairs Director

I certify that the above is a true statement of the Minutes of October 3, 2023 approved by the CAC Board of Directors on November 16, 2023.

CAC Board Secretary