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MINUTES OF THE
March 20, 2014
MOBILITY STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETING

Hilton Pasadena
 168 South Los Robles Avenue
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CALL TO ORDER

Katrina Salazar, Chair, called the meeting of the Mobility Stakeholder Group (MSG) to order at 9:01 a.m. Ms. Salazar requested that the role be called.

Members

Katrina Salazar, Chair	Present
Hal Schultz, Vice-Chair	Present
Jose Campos	Present
Ed Howard	Present
Rafael Ixta	Present
Joe Petito	Present
Stuart Waldman	Present

CBA Members Observing

Sally Anderson
 Alicia Berhow
 Herschel Elkins

CBA Staff and Legal Counsel

Patti Bowers, Executive Officer
 Deanne Pearce, Assistant Executive Officer
 Rich Andres, Information Technology Staff
 Paul Fisher, Supervising Investigative CPA
 Dominic Franzella, Chief, Licensing Division

Sara Narvaez, Enforcement Manager
Corey Riordan, Board Relations Analyst
Kristy Shellans, Senior Staff Counsel, DCA Legal Affairs
Matthew Stanley, Legislation Analyst

Other Participants

Nancy Corrigan, Chair, Peer Review Oversight Committee
Jason Fox, California Society of CPAs (CalCPA)
Cheryl Gerhardt, Chair, Enforcement Advisory Committee
Pilar Onate-Quintana, KP Public Affairs
Jonathan Ross, KP Public Affairs

I. Welcome and Introduction of Members

Ms. Salazar welcomed the members to the MSG. Each member introduced themselves and gave a brief summary of their background.

II. Overview of the Purpose and Role of the MSG

Ms. Salazar provided a brief overview of the MSG's purpose and role. Its purpose, as mandated by law, is two-fold, to consider whether the provisions of the mobility law are consistent with the CBA's duty to protect the public, and to consider whether the mobility law satisfies the objectives of stakeholders of the accounting profession, including consumers.

She also stated that the MSG's role during its meetings will be to gather and examine information that will help it make determinations in fulfillment of those purposes.

III. Adoption of Policies and Procedures for the MSG

Mr. Stanley informed the MSG that the law requires the MSG to adopt policies and procedures at its first meeting.

Mr. Stanley reviewed potential calendars for meeting dates of the MSG including meetings held in conjunction with the CBA and not in conjunction with the CBA. He proposed calendars for two, three, four, or six meetings during the year.

It was moved by Ms. Salazar, seconded by Mr. Schultz, and carried unanimously to hold MSG meetings in conjunction with the CBA meetings three times per year.

Mr. Stanley continued the discussion by addressing the MSG's statutory requirement that it report to the CBA. He stated that the Chair's verbal report on the MSG meetings may satisfy the requirement. He also stated that the MSG may wish to prepare regular written reports on its findings as well. He stated that staff would be

maintaining a decision matrix to track decisions made by the MSG, and that it could become the basis for an annual report.

It was moved by Ms. Salazar, seconded by Mr. Campos, that the MSG prepare a written annual report due to the CBA once per calendar year.

Mr. Howard asked that the motion be revised to allow more than one report every twelve months. Ms. Salazar accepted the revisions as did Mr. Campos.

It was moved by Ms. Salazar, seconded by Mr. Campos, and carried unanimously that the MSG prepare for the CBA at least one written annual report each calendar year.

Mr. Stanley stated that the MSG may wish to prepare a final report to summarize its findings in time for it to be of use to the CBA as it prepares its report to the Legislature due January 1, 2018.

Mr. Waldman speculated that the MSG might be rushing its determination to have a final report over a year before the MSG sunsets.

It was moved by Mr. Petito, seconded by Mr. Campos, and carried unanimously that the MSG produce a final report to be utilized by the CBA.

IV. Discussion Regarding Proposed Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Mr. Stanley proposed several topics for inclusion on a future agenda and inquired whether the MSG wished to add any topics to the list. He proposed the following topics: an overview of the new mobility law and comparison with the old law, the consumer protection provisions of the mobility law, defining the objectives of the stakeholders, and a review of licensing and enforcement statistics for mobility.

Mr. Campos suggested exploring any issues encountered by other states regarding mobility.

Mr. Howard suggested a review of how the CBA has implemented the mobility law.

Mr. Ixta suggested a summary of differences between the various states' mobility laws and a discussion of how other states have handled discipline in the context of mobility.

Ms. Salazar stated that staff would take the MSG's suggestions and develop future agendas.

V. Public Comments

No Public Comments were received

VI. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

No agenda items were identified.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 a.m.