

FRANCHISE TAX BOARD MEETING

March 28, 2023

The Franchise Tax Board met in open session at 1:41 p.m. at the Franchise Tax Board, 9646 Butterfield Way, in Sacramento, California. Present were Controller Malia M. Cohen, Deputy State Controller Hasib Emran, Member Antonio Vazquez, and Deputy Member Gayle Miller (via teleconference) for Member Stephenshaw.

Franchise Tax Board Staff Participating:

Selvi Stanislaus, Jozel Brunett, Shane Hofeling, Cristina Rubalcava, Sara Bryant, Jose Orozco, Jennifer Roussel, Michelle Smith, Thi Luong, and Brenda Voet.

Others Participating:

Maggie Voet

Item 1. – Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December 8, 2022 Franchise Tax Board meeting were approved 2-0, with Member Vazquez abstaining.

Item 2. – Administrative Matters

The Board received a staff report on the following 2023/24 Spring Finance Letters for Board approval:

1. Customer Service Resources
2. IBM Enterprise Licensing Agreement

The Board voted 2-0 to approve the 2023/24 Spring Finance Letters, noting Member Miller not participating in the vote.

The Board also received a staff report on the request for Board approval of the Out-Of-State Travel Blanket.

The Board voted 3-0 to approve the Out-of-State Travel Blanket request.

Item 3. – FTB 2022 Accomplishments Video

The Board received a PowerPoint presentation on FTB's 2022 Accomplishments.

Item 4. – EDR2 Update

The Board received a PowerPoint presentation on the EDR2 Update.

Item 5. – Workforce Succession Planning at FTB

The Board received a PowerPoint presentation on the Workforce Succession Planning at FTB.

Item 6. – Executive Officer's Time

Selvi Stanislaus congratulated our new board chair and State Controller, the honorable Malia M. Cohen and welcomed back Member Antonio Vazquez. Selvi also thanked Director of Finance Joe Stephenshaw and Deputy Director Gayle Miller. Selvi then shared a few highlights that of FTB's initial opening of the 2023 filing season.

Selvi discussed the assistance that FTB has provided to millions of Californians with the Golden State Stimulus payments and the Middle-Class Tax Refund (MCTR), in conjunction with the State Controller's Office and the State Treasurer's Office.

Selvi stated she is extremely proud of her FTB employees and the great work they continue to accomplish. Lastly, she expressed her gratitude to all our board members.

Item 7. – Board Members' Time

Controller Cohen started off by introducing herself and stating she is excited to work with Member Vazquez and Member Miller. She introduced her Deputy Controller of Taxation, Hasib Emran. She noted how important the Franchise Tax Board is and gave kudos to all the work the agency is responsible for. Controller Cohen touched upon FTB's values and how important they are to the work done by the Board for the State of California. The Controller discussed Woman's History Month and honored the legacy of women across our state and nation.

Member Vazquez also gave kudos to Selvi and her staff for all their hard work and recognized Controller Cohen as our first African American Controller to lead us in this state. He also honored Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta.

Member Miller stated she is looking forward to serving with the Controller and Member Vazquez.

Controller Cohen then presented Brenda Voet, who is retiring as our Taxpayers' Rights Advocate, with a resolution commending her dedication to the Franchise Tax Board and the People of the State of California. Ms. Voet provided remarks and public comment was received by Maggie Voet.

Member Vazquez asked to adjourn the meeting in honor of the many lives lost, and those impacted in the recent tornado that went through Mississippi.

Controller Cohen adjourned the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

Board Liaison

Date