

**MINUTES  
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING  
CALIFORNIA UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BOARD  
Docket No. 5638**

**Open Session**

The Appeals Board convened at 1:00 p.m., January 9, 2019 in Sacramento with Chair Marty Block presiding.

<b>1. Roll Call: <u>Members</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
Marty Block, Chair	x	
Michael Allen, Vice Chair	x	
Ellen Corbett	x	
Ralph Lightstone	x	

**2. Approval of the Minutes:**

The December 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

**3. Chair's Report:**

Chair Block noted that although the Board meets once a month and the meetings are relatively short, it is important to know that most of the Board's work is done between meetings, in the review of cases on appeal. During the last month the Board has adjudicated 778 cases, with assistance from Appellate ALJs and staff.

Chair Block reported that this would be Member Corbett's last Board meeting as her term has expired. He noted her outstanding achievements as a Board Member and commented the new appointee will have big shoes to fill. He thanked Ellen Corbett for her contributions to the agency.

Chair Block reported the Governor appointed Ralph Lightstone to the CUAIB Board. Member Lightstone comes to CUIAB from the Labor Workforce and Development Agency (LWDA) where he was the liaison between LWDA and the Legislature.

Chair Block was also pleased to introduce the new Chief Counsel, Mark Woo-Sam, who previously served as an agency counsel.

**4. Board Member Reports:**

Vice Chair Allen conveyed his disappointment that Member Corbett was not being reappointed. He expressed his appreciation for the work everyone in the agency has done. He held that organizations always do better when there is an atmosphere of cooperation and a desire to help one another. Vice Chair Allen expressed his sincere gratitude for the great workforce at this agency, good management and Board Members.

Board Member Lightstone commented he was honored to be with the agency and working with the other Board members. He reported that for the last eight years he had been with the Workforce Agency which oversees, among other agencies, the CUIAB. He looks forward to focusing on the work of this Board.

Member Corbett expressed her appreciation for the great opportunity to serve. She is very much about public service and was grateful to our former Speaker pro tem Kevin De Leon for appointing her to this position and giving her the opportunity to serve. She thinks we can all be grateful we have a good and strong system to take care of employers and employees here in the state of California.

**5. Public Comment:**

No Public Comment.

**6. Chief ALJ/Executive Director Report:**

Chief ALJ/Executive Director Gonzales congratulated Chair Block on his reappointment and welcomed Board Member Lightstone. She expressed sadness that Member Corbett would be leaving. She has developed a nice relationship with Member Corbett and found her to be a very collegial person to work with, very kind, and hardworking. She was also pleased to welcome new Chief Counsel Mark Woo-Sam to CUIAB.

Chief ALJ/Executive Director Gonzales reported on the status of compliance with federal timeliness standards at the first level of appeal, stating that the CUIAB is continuing to meet all federal timeliness standards on an annualized basis.

Chief ALJ/Executive Director Gonzales reported there were no security incidents during the last month to report.

Chief ALJ/Executive Director Gonzales reported they continue to explore the

Sacramento State Leadership Academy for presiding judges, and currently have two presiding judges finishing up their courses.

**7. Presiding ALJ of Appellate Operations, Jodi Remke Report:**

PALJ-AO Remke reported that Appellate Operations continues to meet and exceed the Department of Labor guidelines and standards in both time lapse and case aging.

Vice Chair Allen thanked PALJ-AO Remke for providing a very clean and simplified version of the Precedent Decision Process.

**Chief Information Officer, Jeff Willoughby Report:**

CIO Willoughby reported they are diligently working with partners at the Department of Technology in readiness for their audit.

CIO Willoughby also reported IT is working with the Department of Technology to move our system over to the California State Network.

CIO Willoughby reported the phone system upgrade project is completed. Eleven phone systems throughout the state and over 1200 individual phones have been replaced. The new system should have about 10-12 years of longevity and the phone bill should go down almost \$10,000 a month.

**9. Chief Administrative Services, Robert Silva Report:**

Chief Silva reported the Bay Area Office of Appeals was up and running as of December 31, 2018, with no reports of any IT or other related issues. The next phase of the process will be to re-carpet and repaint, and anticipated that project to be finished in the first quarter of 2019. The final phase will be a modular station and a shelving reconfiguration, to provide for better work flow.

Chief Silva reported they have negotiated a new lease for the Long Beach Hearing Facility. The new lease will begin April 1, 2019, and run through March 31, 2028.

**Closed Session:**

There were no Closed Session items. The Board adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

**Adjournment**