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BEFORE THE CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION  
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TELECONFERENCE

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APPEARING TELEPHONICALLY

For the Board of  
Equalization:

- Honorable Malia M. Cohen  
Chair
- Honorable Mike Schaefer  
Vice Chair
- Honorable Ted Gaines  
First District
- Honorable Antonio Vazquez  
Third District
- Yvette Stowers  
Appearing for Betty T.  
Yee, State Controller  
(per Government Code  
Section 7.9)

For the Board of  
Equalization Staff:

- Brenda Fleming  
Executive Director
- Cathy Taylor  
Chief  
Board Proceedings Division

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MS. COHEN: Thank you.

All right. Let's go live.

MS. TAYLOR: All right.

Ms. -- Chair Cohen, you may begin.

AT&T OPERATOR: Test, one, two, three.

MS. COHEN: Thank you very much.

I'm sorry, I'm just --

Good morning, ladies and gentlemen.

It is March 22nd. It is 10:04 a.m.

I hope everyone is doing very well.

I would like to begin this meeting.

Just one second. I'm loading up my meeting  
notes.

All right. Thank you, Ms. Taylor.

We are ready to call this meeting in  
order -- to order.

Please call the roll.

MS. TAYLOR: Good morning.

It looks like there's still confusion on the  
sound.

AT&T operator, can you confirm that this  
meeting is live?

AT&T operator, can you please confirm that  
our meeting is live?

1           Excuse me, Members. We'll have to resolve  
2 this technical difficulty here.

3           AT&T operator, can you please confirm when  
4 we are ready to go live?

5           MS. FLEMING: Chair Cohen and Members,  
6 Vice Chair Schaefer is having a technical issue.  
7 We're working with him to get it resolved as quickly  
8 as possible. And as soon as we have him dialed in,  
9 we'll be ready to.

10          MS. COHEN: Okay.

11          MS. TAYLOR: Yes.

12          And, Ms. Fleming, we're still having trouble  
13 with AT&T. So we'll need to resolve that as well.  
14 My apologies.

15          MS. FLEMING: Okay. Thank you.

16          Members, thank you for your patience.

17          Please feel free to mute your mics.

18          Thank you.

19          AT&T MODERATOR: Yes, we are live now.

20          MS. TAYLOR: Good morning.

21          This is a test of our system to see if the  
22 public can hear the live feed of this meeting.

23          Also a test for the closed captioner to  
24 begin.

25          AT&T operator, are the lines bridged?

26          And -- because we're not hearing a feed out in the  
27 live webcast.

28          Good morning. This is a test of the AT&T

1 public line to see if the public can hear our feed.

2 Thank you.

3 This is another test of the Board Meeting  
4 live feed.

5 I would like to ask the closed captioner to  
6 begin to take captioning in order to confirm this  
7 test.

8 MS. FLEMING: Members, again, thank you for  
9 your patience.

10 (Thereupon a break was taken.)

11 MS. TAYLOR: This is another test.

12 We are continuing to resolve to have  
13 separate captioning. And we hope that will be  
14 resolved by the time the Members return from their  
15 Closed Session.

16 MS. COHEN: All right. Well, let's go ahead  
17 and begin.

18 Ms. Taylor, could you please call the roll.

19 MS. TAYLOR: Certainly.

20 Chair Cohen.

21 MS. COHEN: Present.

22 MS. TAYLOR: Vice Chair Schaefer.

23 MR. SCHAEFER: Present.

24 MS. TAYLOR: Member Gaines.

25 MR. GAINES: Here.

26 MS. TAYLOR: Member Vazquez.

27 MR. VAZQUEZ: Present.

28 MS. TAYLOR: Deputy Controller Stowers.

1 MS. STOWERS: Present.

2 MS. COHEN: Okay. A quorum is present.

3 MS. TAYLOR: A quorum is present.

4 MS. COHEN: And the Board is now called to  
5 order.

6 It is 10:39 on March 22nd, 2022.

7 We'll start with The Pledge of Allegiance.

8 If you're able, please join me by standing  
9 and placing your right hand over your heart.

10 (Whereupon The Pledge of Allegiance was  
11 recited.)

12 MS. COHEN: Okay. Just a reminder to  
13 everyone that all Members and the invited speakers  
14 are simultaneously on a shared, open conference call  
15 line. And as you can see, patience is needed to keep  
16 the audio clean and clear.

17 So we ask for your -- we ask for your return  
18 to speak after each presentation has concluded, so  
19 that the transcriptionist can clearly hear and  
20 properly record the meeting.

21 Thank you.

22 Colleagues, I'd like to see if there are any  
23 comments or any remarks that you'd like to make  
24 before we take our first order of business.

25 Okay. Seeing none --

26 MR. GAINES: If I could.

27 MS. COHEN: Oh, yes. Please.

28 MR. GAINES: Yeah. Thank you.

1 I'd just like to comment in reference to  
2 what's happened in the Ukraine.

3 And our prayers are with the people in  
4 Ukraine, and the huge challenges that they're  
5 suffering. And to see a democracy be attacked in  
6 such a brutal way by Putin is just horrific.

7 And so I think this is a very important time  
8 that we, as Americans, are steadfast and work  
9 together on a bipartisan basis to make sure that we  
10 can do everything that's practical to help Ukraine,  
11 and all at the same time being cautious.

12 Thank you.

13 MS. COHEN: You're welcome.

14 Colleagues, or anyone else have any remarks  
15 that they'd like to share?

16 All right. Ms. Taylor, could you please  
17 announce our first order of business.

18 MS. TAYLOR: Our first order of business  
19 today is an announcement regarding public  
20 teleconference participation.

21 Good morning and thank you for joining  
22 today's Board of Equalization Meeting via  
23 teleconference.

24 Throughout the duration of today's meeting,  
25 you will primarily be in a listen-only mode.

26 As you may know from our Public Agenda  
27 Notice and our website, we have requested that  
28 individuals who wish to make a public comment fill



1 out the "public comment" submission form found on our  
2 "additional information" web page in advance of  
3 today's meeting; or, alternatively, participate in  
4 today's meeting by providing your public comment  
5 live.

6 After the presentation of an item has  
7 concluded, we will begin by identifying any public  
8 comment requests that have been received by our  
9 Board Proceedings staff, with the AT&T operator  
10 providing directions for you to identify yourself.

11 After all known public commenters have been  
12 called, the operator will also provide public comment  
13 instructions to those individuals participating via  
14 teleconference.

15 Accordingly, if you intend to make a public  
16 comment today, we recommend dialing into the meeting  
17 on the teleconference line, as the audio broadcast on  
18 our website experiences a one-to-three minute delay.

19 If giving a public comment, please limit  
20 your remarks to three minutes.

21 We ask can that everyone who is not  
22 intending to make a public comment to please mute  
23 their line.

24 If there are technical difficulties when we  
25 are in the public comment portion of our meeting, we  
26 will do our best to read submitted comments into the  
27 record at appropriate times.

28 Thank you for your patience and

1 understanding.

2 MS. COHEN: Thank you for reading that  
3 announcement.

4 Ms. Taylor, please call our first agenda  
5 item.

6 **ITEM N**

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8 MS. TAYLOR: The first agenda item is N,  
9 Public Comment on Matters Not on the Agenda; Persons  
10 who wish to address the Board of Equalization  
11 regarding items not on the agenda.

12 Please note that the Board cannot take  
13 action; however, the Board can schedule issues raised  
14 by the public for consideration at future meetings.

15 AT&T operator, can you let us know if there  
16 is anyone on the line who would like to make a public  
17 comment regarding this item.

18 AT&T MODERATOR: Thank you.

19 No one has queued up.

20 MS. TAYLOR: Thank you.

21 MS. COHEN: All right. Since there's no  
22 public comment, Ms. Taylor, could you please call our  
23 next agenda item.

24 **ITEM O**

25  
26 MS. TAYLOR: Certainly.

27 Our next item is O, Closed Session;  
28 Discussion and action on personnel matters.

1           The Board Members will now go into Closed  
2 Session to discuss personnel matters.

3           MS. COHEN: Thank you.

4           MS. TAYLOR: Members, you may exit this  
5 meeting and enter a Closed-Session meeting.

6           MS. FLEMING: Thank you, Ms. Taylor.

7           Just to reiterate, Members, we're going to  
8 please make sure you fully exit from the public  
9 meeting.

10           There's a second link for the  
11 Closed Session. Please use that link to join the  
12 Closed-Session portion of it, and then we will resume  
13 afterwards back in this public meeting.

14           So we'll see you in Closed Session.

15           Thank you, Members.

16           (Thereupon Closed Session began.)

17           MS. TAYLOR: The Board Members met in  
18 Closed Session and discussed personnel matters.

19           MS. COHEN: Yes. Thank you very much.

20           May I have a motion not to disclose what was  
21 discussed in Closed Session?

22           MR. VAZQUEZ: So moved.

23           MS. COHEN: Thank you.

24           Motion made by Mr. Vazquez.

25           Is there a second?

26           MR. GAINES: Second.

27           MS. COHEN: Second by Mr. Gaines.

28           Please call the roll.

1 MS. TAYLOR: Chair Cohen.  
2 MS. COHEN: Aye.  
3 MS. TAYLOR: Vice Chair Schaefer.  
4 MR. SCHAEFER: Aye.  
5 MS. TAYLOR: Member Gaines.  
6 MR. GAINES: Aye.  
7 MS. TAYLOR: Member Vazquez.  
8 MR. VAZQUEZ: Aye.  
9 MS. TAYLOR: Deputy Controller Stowers.  
10 Deputy Controller Stowers, do you vote?  
11 MS. COHEN: Okay. I don't think she can  
12 hear us.  
13 MR. VAZQUEZ: She probably abstains. Yeah.  
14 MS. COHEN: So let's keep moving.  
15 We have a quorum. We have a -- votes.  
16 So, Ms. Taylor, I'd like to adjourn this  
17 meeting at 12:44 p.m.  
18 Colleagues, thank you. I look forward to  
19 seeing you and speaking with you on our next  
20 regularly-scheduled meeting, which will be  
21 March 30th.  
22 All right. Thank you, everyone. Have a  
23 good day. Goodbye.  
24 MR. GAINES: Great. Thank you.  
25 MR. VAZQUEZ: Thank you.  
26 MR. GAINES: Take care.  
27 (Thereupon the Board of Equalization Meeting  
28 Concluded at 12:44 p.m.)

1 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

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3 State of California )  
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5 County of Sacramento )  
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7 I, Jillian Sumner, Hearing Reporter for  
8 the California State Board of Equalization, certify  
9 that on March 22, 2022, I recorded verbatim, in  
10 shorthand, to the best of my ability, the  
11 proceedings in the above-entitled hearing; that I  
12 transcribed the shorthand writing into typewriting;  
13 and that the preceding pages 1 through 10 constitute  
14 a complete and accurate transcription of  
15 the shorthand writing.

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