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BEFORE THE CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION  
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MS. COHEN: Ladies and gentlemen, good morning.

I'd like to call this meeting to order.

It is March 30th, 2022. It's 10:02 in the morning. And we are ready to reconvene our Board of Equalization Meeting.

Ms. Taylor, could you please call the roll.

MS. TAYLOR: Certainly.

Chair Cohen.

MS. COHEN: Present.

MS. TAYLOR: Vice Chair Schaefer.

MR. SCHAEFER: Present.

MS. TAYLOR: Member Gaines.

MR. GAINES: Present.

MS. TAYLOR: Member Vazquez.

MR. VAZQUEZ: Present.

MS. TAYLOR: Deputy Controller Stowers.

MS. STOWERS: Present.

MS. TAYLOR: A quorum is present.

MS. COHEN: Great. Thank you.

Are there any announcements, colleagues?

1           Do you have any announcements you'd like to  
2     make?

3           No?

4           All right. Seeing none, a quorum is  
5     present, and the Board Meeting is called to order.

6           And just as a reminder to everyone that all  
7     Board Members and invited speakers are simultaneously  
8     on a shared, open teleconference call line, and  
9     patience is needed to keep the audio clean and clear.

10          Thank you.

11          All right. Colleagues, if you have no other  
12     comments or remarks before we take up our first order  
13     of business, we will proceed.

14          Ms. Taylor, please announce our first order  
15     of business.

16          MS. TAYLOR: Our first order of business is  
17     an announcement regarding public teleconference  
18     participation.

19          Good morning and thank you for joining  
20     today's Board of Equalization meeting via  
21     teleconference.

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

24          As you may know from our Public Agenda  
25     Notice on our website, we have requested that

1 individuals who wish to make a public comment fill  
2 out the public comment submission form found on our  
3 "additional information" webpage in advance of  
4 today's meeting.

5 Or, alternatively, participate in today's  
6 meeting by providing your public comment live.

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

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

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

20 When giving a public comment, please limit  
21 your remarks to three minutes.

22 We ask that everyone who is not intending to  
23 make a public comment, please mute their line or  
24 minimize background noise.

25 If there are technical difficulties when we

1 are in the public comment portion of our meeting, we  
2 will do our best to read submitted comments into the  
3 record at appropriate times.

4 Thank you for your patience and  
5 understanding.

6 MS. COHEN: Great. Thank you very much for  
7 reading the announcements.

8 Do you see any public commenters?

9 MS. TAYLOR: At this time we haven't taken  
10 up any items, and we don't expect to take up any  
11 items today that would involve public comment.

12 MS. COHEN: Okay. So the answer is no.

13 Could you please call the first item?  
14

15 **ITEM O**

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17 MS. TAYLOR: Our next item is O,  
18 Closed Session; Discussion and Action on Personnel  
19 Matters, Government Code Section 11126(a)(1).

20 The Board Members will now go into  
21 Closed Session to discuss personnel matters.

22 MS. COHEN: Thank you.

23 All right. Colleagues, let's go into  
24 Closed Session.

25 MS. FLEMING: Thank you, Members.

1           Please ensure to log out of this session and  
2 log into the Closed Session specifically.

3           (Whereupon Item 0 commenced.)

4           MS. FLEMING: Madam Chair, Member Vazquez is  
5 attempting to log in. Said he would just need a  
6 moment.

7           So you're at quorum, ma'am, and you may  
8 choose to proceed.

9           MS. COHEN: I'm sorry, did you say we were  
10 at quorum?

11          MS. FLEMING: You have quorum, ma'am. So if  
12 you're ready to proceed, you can.

13          Ms. Taylor would make the opening comment.

14          MS. COHEN: All right. I was waiting for  
15 Ms. Taylor.

16          MS. TAYLOR: Thank you. We are now live.

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

19          The Board has an announcement.

20          Chair Cohen.

21          MS. COHEN: Good afternoon, ladies and  
22 gentlemen.

23          The Board is announcing that they are  
24 appointing Ms. Yvette Stowers to the  
25 Executive Director position, subject to CalHR review



1 and approval.

2 Thank you.

3 It's 3:45. I believe we can now call this  
4 meeting adjourned.

5 Ms. Taylor, do we need to take any further  
6 action?

7 MS. TAYLOR: No, ma'am. We are ready to  
8 adjourn at your queue.

9 MS. COHEN: All right. Thank you.

10 Thank you for your service, everyone.

11 MR. NANJO: Sorry, Chairperson Cohen.

12 This is Henry Nanjo, Chief Counsel.

13 The only piece I wasn't aware -- sure of is,  
14 when is the appointment effective?

15 Is there a date or --

16 MS. COHEN: There's no date effective yet.  
17 It's all subject to CalHR's review and approval.

18 MR. NANJO: Okay. Thank you for the  
19 clarification. My apologies for interrupting.

20 MS. COHEN: Oh, that's okay.

21 All right. Have a great afternoon,  
22 everyone.

23 Goodbye.

24 MR. GAINES: Thank you.

25 MS. FLEMING: Thank you, Members.

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Thank you, staff.

(Whereupon the Board Meeting concluded.)

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