

**SBOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 12, 2021**

Board President Corum called the regular Board meeting of the Golden State Risk Management Authority to order at 6:00 PM.

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

**2. ROLL CALL:**

Board Members present:

Keith Corum, Gina Taylor, Rick Beale, Jack Cavier

Board Members joined via Zoom: Doug Turner, Isaiah Wright, Paul Barr

Board Member Absent: none

Also present:

Executive Director Scott Schimke, Chief Operations Officer Rick Krepelka, Assistant Risk Manager Jennifer Peters, Workers' Compensation Manager Tricia Alderman, Administrative Assistant Sam Taylor, Accounting Technician Ryan Schimke, Risk Control Analyst Brian Edinger, General Counsel Gary Krup.

**3. UNSCHEDULED MATTERS**

No unscheduled matters were discussed.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA:**

Executive Director Schimke reviewed the consent agenda including the March 10, 2021, meeting minutes.

A motion to approve the consent agenda and to correct the March 10, 2021 meeting minutes to include Board Member Paul Barr as absent was moved by Board Member Beale and seconded by Board Member Taylor. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Board Members Corum, Taylor, Beale, Cavier, Wright, Barr and Turner
Noes:	None
Absent:	None

## 5. INFORMATION - REPORTS:

### a) Member Services/Loss Prevention

Assistant Risk Manager Peters updated the Board on the following items:

- Review of Member Visits and training programs since the March 10, 2021 meeting
- Current status of the 2020/21 Loss Prevention Subsidy Fund Program
- Annual Conference scheduled for October 14-15 themed: "Resiliency"
- Member Satisfaction Survey re: Services & Programs- 78 responses - GSRMA will be adding this as a tool for Strategic Planning
- Membership status - 10 Intent to Leave letters submitted- nine staying with GSRMA
- COVID update
- Eyres Law Group training May 14<sup>th</sup> - Reimagining the Office: Post Pandemic
- PCA Regional Training June 15, 2021

No action was taken by the Board.

### b) Claims

- COVID update - no new COVID-19 W/C claims for 2021
- SB 335 - reduces investigation time frames from 90 to 45 days
- AB 415 - refines cancer presumption to City, County, District or other municipality employees regularly exposed to active fires/health hazards related to firefighting operations
- SB 284 - the PTSD presumption extended to include public safety dispatchers, telecommunicators and ER communication employees
- New bill review services provided by Comprehensive Costs Solutions (2CS) will go live June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

No action was taken by the Board.

### c) Executive Director

Executive Director Schimke updated the Board on the following items:

- PRISM Cyber market update
- PRISM Pollution market update
- SELF 2019/20 Annual Report
- PRISM/SELF update on SAM claims
- CAJPA conference September 14-17, 2021
- PARMA conference February 27 - March 2, 2022
- Keith Corum PCA Newsletter article

No action was taken by the Board.

d) Board Comments:

Board Member Taylor had questions regarding mask mandates for August school re-opening. Board Member Cavier thanked the board for his time as a board member. Board Member Beale commented that Mark Marshall and Steve Wood provided a professional, informative, and instructive Q&A at the Orland Cemetery board meeting.

**6. FINANCE REPORTS:**

- a) Current bills for payment approval, claims payment accounts transaction summaries, and financial reports.

Chief Operations Officer Krepelka reviewed with the Board the disbursements made between February 1, 2021 and March 31, 2021; claim payments made between February 1, 2021 and March 31, 2021 and the Treasurer's report.

A motion to approve the financial reports as presented was moved by Board Member Cavier and seconded by Board Member Taylor. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Board Members Corum, Taylor, Beale, Cavier, Wright, Barr and Turner  
Noes: None  
Absent: None

- b) TCBK Resolution for Acceptance of Treasury Management.

Chief Operations Officer Krepelka reviewed with the Board the Resolution for Tri-Counties Bank to add President Keith Corum as a new signer.

A motion to approve the new signer in the Resolution for Tri-Counties Bank as presented was moved by Board Member Taylor and seconded by Board Member Beale. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Board Members Corum, Taylor, Beale, Cavier, Wright, Barr and Turner  
Noes: None  
Absent: None

**7. MEMBERSHIP**

- a) New Member for Board ratification

- Yuba County Resource Conservation District

Executive Director Schimke presented new member for Board ratification.

A motion to ratify the new Member as presented was moved by Board Member Taylor and seconded by Board Member Cavier. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Board Members Corum, Taylor, Beale, Cavier, Wright, Barr and Turner  
Noes: None  
Absent: None

b) New Emp Ben Member for Board ratification

- Isla Vista Community Services District

Executive Director Schimke presented new member for Board ratification.

A motion to ratify the new Member as presented was moved by Board Member Taylor and seconded by Board Member Cavier. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Board Members Corum, Taylor, Beale, Cavier, Wright, Barr and Turner  
Noes: None  
Absent: None

c) Reconsideration of Cancellation of Membership for Broadmoor Police Protection District

Executive Director Schimke reviewed with the Board the Plan of Action (POA) and recommended the board reconsider the cancellation of their GSRMA membership effective July 1, 2021. Public Comment: Read by Executive Director Schimke: an e-mail was received by a member of the public Syed Husain regarding agenda item 7(c):

**From:** Syed Husain <[s@federated.net](mailto:s@federated.net)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 12, 2021 5:34 PM  
**To:** AdminGSRMA <[AdminGSRMA@gsrma.org](mailto:AdminGSRMA@gsrma.org)>  
**Subject:** Public Comment - Meeting for May 12, 2021

The following is my request for a public comment:

1. Name: Syed Husain
2. Agenda Item Number: 7(c) – Reconsideration of Broadmoor Police Protection District
3. Comment:

I urge the board to reconsider and rescind its cancelation notice for the BPPD, however, I would urge the board to require language in regard to the current Chief. Chief Connolly was appointed in violation of conflict-of-interest statutes. He is currently under investigation (*FPPC Complaint COM-08112020-01349*). As a result of inquiries into mismanagement within the department Mr. Connolly and his staff have continued to retaliate against anyone involved.

As a direct response to formal claims me and other officers submitted to the district in January 2021, Connolly directed an administrative leave. I was suspended for providing our commission their own public records. Myself and another officer are arbitrarily kept on administrative leave without any further justification. Connolly and his staff have consistently retaliated since Summer 2020. Myself and others have no choice but to become reluctant litigants for the continued damages. Due to a record of bias by Connolly's current staff, I am confident we are being targeted due to our race and religion as other Caucasian whistleblowers were left alone.

Statutes and case law do not allow for employment rights and indemnity for anyone in violation of conflict-of-interest laws (*see case Finnegan v. Schrader*). Therefore, I urge your board to consider adding an exclusion for any personal liability indemnity and coverage to Mr. Connolly for matters related to his violation of conflict-of-interest statutes and his efforts to retaliate for exposing the same. Further, I urge the board to consider requiring the removal of Mr. Connolly until such a time that investigations into his appointment are resolved.

The Board had an extended discussion regarding the POA and Broadmoor's history with GSRMA. Executive Director Schimke advised the board that the POA did not terminate the previous cancellation notice issued to Broadmoor. The POA just provided detailed requirements to maintain membership in GSRMA. Failure to perform would result in a 30-day notice of cancellation. Board member Beale stated that Broadmoor has had plenty of notice. He also shared his concerns over maintaining Broadmoor as a member of GSRMA.

A motion to defer the cancellation of membership and accept the POA as presented was moved by Board Member Taylor and seconded by Board Member Cavier. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Board Members Corum, Taylor, Cavier, Wright, Barr and Turner

Noes: Beale

Absent: None

## 8. ADMINISTRATION:

### a) Incoming Board member election for Fire and Special District representation

Executive Director Schimke reviewed with the Board that per the Election Timeline, for any vacancy that received no nominations, an appointment to fill the positions would be necessary. Schimke advised the board that he recommended: John Viegas for Special District representation from Glenn County IHSS and Ron Goings for the Fire District representation from Orland Rural Fire District. Terms 7/1/2021-6/30/2023.

A motion to ratify the appointment confirming Glenn County IHSS, and the Orland Rural Fire District, was moved by Board Member Beale and seconded by Board Member Taylor. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

Ayes: Board Members Corum, Taylor, Beale, Cavier, Wright, Barr and Turner

Noes: None

Absent: None

b) 2020/21 Risk Management Accreditation Program (RMAP) awards

Assistant Risk Manager Peters reviewed with the Board the 2020/21 RMAP awards. Peters reported 46 members applied, and 45 will receive awards with 31 being fully accredited. Per the RMAP rules, a random drawing was conducted to select one accredited member to receive attendance for up to two attendees to attend the Public Agency Risk Management Association (PARMA) 2022 conference. Board Member Taylor drew five applicants in the event that a selected member could not attend.

1) GCOE, 2) Williams Fire, 3) Silveyville CD, 4) Madera CD and 5) Sutter CD.

A motion to approve the 2020/21 awards subject to the RMAP program requirements was moved by Board Turner and seconded by Board Member Wright. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

Ayes: Board Members Corum, Taylor, Beale, Cavier, Wright, Barr and Turner

Noes: None

Absent: None

c) Excess insurance program renewal costs for 2021/22

Executive Director Schimke presented and reviewed with the Board PRISM's excess insurance renewal costs for 2021/22 with and without a General Liability Individual Member Corridor Deductible (IMCD.)

A motion to approve PRISM's excess insurance program renewal costs, including the General Liability program with a \$250k SIR and a \$250k IMCD for 2021/22 was moved by Board Member Taylor and seconded by Board Member Cavier. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

Ayes: Board Members Corum, Taylor, Beale, Cavier, Wright, Barr and Turner

Noes: None

Absent: None

d) 2021/22 Actuarial Studies for Liability and Workers' Compensation programs

Executive Director Schimke reviewed with the Board the actuarial studies for Liability and Workers' Compensation programs for 2021/22.

A motion to approve the actuarial studies for Liability and Workers' Compensation programs for 2021/22 was moved by Board Member Beale and seconded by Board Member Taylor. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

Ayes: Board Members Corum, Taylor, Beale, Cavier, Wright, Barr and Turner

Noes: None

Absent: None

e) Proposed contributions by line of coverage for 2021/22

Executive Director Schimke reviewed with the Board the contributions by line of coverage for 2021/22.

A motion to approve contributions was moved by Board Member Taylor and seconded by Board member Cavier. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

Ayes: Board Members Corum, Taylor, Beale, Cavier, Wright, Barr and Turner

Noes: None

Absent: None

f) Analysis of a possible dividend for 2021/22

Executive Director Schimke reviewed with the Board the analysis of a possible dividend for 2020/21. Current conditions will allow \$250,000 to be credited toward GSRMA's members General Liability contributions for the 2021/22 fiscal year. Allocation to be based on members last 10 years of contribution history as of June 30, 2020.

A motion to approve a dividend of \$250,000 in the General Liability program for 2020/21 fiscal year was moved by Board Member Taylor and seconded by Board member Turner. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

Ayes: Board Members Corum, Taylor, Beale, Cavier, Wright, Barr and Turner

Noes: None

Absent: None

g) Proposed budget for 2021/22

Chief Operations Officer Rick Krepelka reviewed with the Board the proposed budget for 2021/22. Krepelka mentioned the budget was revised since the March 10, 2021 meeting.

A motion to approve the proposed budget for 2021/22 was moved by Board Member Cavier and seconded by Board member Taylor. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

Ayes: Board Members Corum, Taylor, Beale, Cavier, Wright, Barr and Turner

Noes: None

Absent: None

## 9. FUTURE MEETINGS:

- July 14, 2021
- September 8, 2021
- November T.B.D.

## CLAIMS REPORTS:

- a) Current Claims  
Nothing to report.
- b) Closed Session (Pending Litigation):  
The Board of Directors of the Golden State Risk Management Authority did not meet in closed session.
- c) Reconvene to Open Session
- d) Report any action taken during Closed Session  
Nothing to report.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT:

Executive Director Schimke extended his thanks to Doug Turner and Jack Cavier for their time on the GSRMA Board.

The Board meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.