

FRANCHISE TAX BOARD MEETING

March 4, 2021

(PENDING BOARD APPROVAL)

The Franchise Tax Board virtually met in open session at 1:30 p.m. Present were Controller Betty T. Yee (via video conference), Deputy Controller Yvette Stowers (via video conference), Hon. Antonio Vazquez (via video conference), and Deputy-Member Irena Asmundson (via video conference), Department of Finance, for Member Bosler.

Franchise Tax Board Staff Participating:

Selvi Stanislaus, Jozel Brunett, Shane Hofeling, Dawn Casey, Victoria Ramirez, Jennifer Roussel, Jose Orzoco, Allan Loucks, Elias Dominguez, Sucharita Pal, Fernando Castro, Hanna Cho, Thi Luong, Jeanne Harriman, Michael Banuelos, Kathy Shin, Dan Taraha

Agenda item 10 Petitioners:

Ben Muilenburg, Esq., Derick Brannan, Esq., Brady Stewart

Others Participating:

Christine Grab, Ben Lee

Item 1. – Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December 18, 2020 Franchise Tax Board meeting were approved 3-0.

Item 2. – Customer Service Update

The Board received a PowerPoint presentation on Customer Service Update.

Item 3. – Enterprise Data to Revenue 2 (EDR2)

The Board received a PowerPoint presentation and an update on the EDR2 project.

Item 4. – Strategic Plan

The Board received a PowerPoint presentation on FTB's Strategic Plan.

Item 5. – Audit Pathway to Excellence

The Board received a PowerPoint presentation on the Audit Pathway to Excellence portal.

Item 6. – Regulation Matters

The Board received a staff report on the proposed regulations for Section 25137, Alternative Apportionment Method Petitions, and voted 3-0 to approve the staff request to proceed to the formal regulatory process.

Item 7. – Administration Matters

- A. 2021-22 Spring Finance Letters – Board Approval.
 1. Enterprise Data to Revenue, Phase 2
 2. COBCP – Data Center Upgrades
 3. Increasing Litigation Costs
 4. Asset Forfeiture Account Increase

The Board received a staff presentation on four Spring Finance Letters for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The Board voted 2-0 (Deputy-Member Irena Asmundson abstaining) to approve the four Spring Finance Letters.

B. Contracts Over \$1 Million

1. Pega Software Maintenance
2. IBML and iCapture Hardware and Software Maintenance

The Board received a staff presentation on the two proposed contracts listed above. The Board voted 3-0 to approve the proposed contracts items.

Item 8. – Executive Officer’s Time

Selvi Stanislaus provided an update on the 2021 filing season.

Item 9. – Board Members' Time

Chairperson Yee acknowledged the many Californians struggling this year, and the importance for outreach and assistance in working with the public to participate in many of the benefits and relief that are available to them. Member Vazquez thanked the Franchise Tax Board staff for making the hearings as smooth as possible.

Item 10. 25137 Petition Hearing

The Board heard from Ben Muilenburg, Esq., Derick Brannan, Esq., and Brady Stewart, representing the Petitioner, Smithfield Packaged Meats Corporation. Kathy Shin represented the Franchise Tax Board.

The Board voted 3-0 to deny the petition.

And so, with that, Chairperson Yee adjourned the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

Board Liaison

Date