

# FRANCHISE TAX BOARD MEETING

March 22, 2022

The Franchise Tax Board met in Open and Closed session at 1:30 p.m. at the Franchise Tax Board, 9646 Butterfield Way, in Sacramento, California. Present were Controller Betty T. Yee, Deputy Controller Yvette Stowers, Hon. Malia C. Cohen (via teleconference), and Deputy Member Gayle Miller, Department of Finance, for Member Bosler.

## **Franchise Tax Board Staff Participating:**

Selvi Stanislaus, Jozel Brunett, Shane Hofeling, Cristina Rubalcava, Patricia Carte, Mandy Fithian, Roger Lackey, Susan Maples, Thi Luong, Michael Banuelos, Richard Siemers, Bill Hilson and Raymond Rouse

## **Item 1. – Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the December 2, 2021 Franchise Tax Board meeting were approved 2-0.

## **Item 2. – FTB 2021 Accomplishments**

The Board received a PowerPoint presentation on the FTB's 2021 Accomplishments.

## **Item 3. – Golden State Stimulus Update**

The Board received a PowerPoint presentation on the Golden State Stimulus Program.

## **Item 4. – Legislative Matter**

The Board received a PowerPoint presentation on the FTB's SB 1409 Report.

## **Item 5. – Administrative Matters**

The Board received a staff report on the following 2022/23 Spring Finance Letters:

1. Central Office Campus Data Center Upgrades
2. Legal Workload Growth
3. Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Expansion

Public comment was received on this item.

The Board voted 2-0 to approve the 2022/23 Spring Finance Letters, noting Member Miller not participating.

The Board also received a staff report of the following proposed contracts over \$1 Million:

1. Genesys Software Maintenance Renewal
2. iCapture Support and Maintenance Renewal
3. Microsoft Software

The Board voted 3-0 to approve the contracts.

The Board received a staff report requesting approval of a Facility Action Request regarding the FTB's New York Field Office Move.

The Board voted 3-0 to approve the Facility Action Request.

The Board received a staff report requesting approval of FTB's out-of-state travel blanket.

The Board voted 3-0 to approve the out-of-state travel blanket.

### **Item 6. – Executive Officer's Time**

Selvi Stanislaus welcomed back the Honorable Malia Cohen to the FTB Board and thanked the other Members for their distinguished service, guidance and leadership. Selvi also thanked her FTB family for all their great work and touched on some of the outreach efforts FTB has made and will continue to make to promote CalEITC and VITA. She also touched on the Golden State Stimulus Program and how FTB issued over 12.9 million Golden State Stimulus awards, totaling more than \$8.8 billion. Selvi concluded with thanking her FTB family again for an incredible and amazing 2021 year, and she is very proud of everyone's work.

### **Item 7. – Board Members' Time**

Controller Yee thanked Selvi and the Executive Team for all they have done, and she is very proud of what has been accomplished and will continue to be accomplished for Californians up and down the state. She added that it has been a wonderful year working in the midst of such challenges around us and that FTB has really modeled well the importance of the health and safety of our people. She thanked team members for their continued commitment and coming back to work. She was excited to finally meet in person with everyone and hopes that continues.

Controller Yee then presented the Governor's Citation for Heroic Service to FTB's Richard Siemers and gave him the Silver Medal of Valor Award. Richard gave a brief speech thanking everyone and came on stage with his family and received his award and took pictures with the Board Members.

### **Item A. Closed Session**

The Board Members went into Closed Session to allow the Board to confer with and receive advice from legal counsel regarding pending litigation, within the meaning of Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e)(2), including *In re FTB LLC Tax Refund Cases Judicial Council Coordination Proceeding No 4742*, Court of Appeal First Appellate District, Case No. A140518; *San Francisco County Superior Court, Case No. CJC-12-004742* Closed session was authorized by Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e)(1).

After the conclusion of Closed Session, Controller Yee adjourned the meeting at 3:32 p.m.

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Board Liaison

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Date