

FRANCHISE TAX BOARD
MINUTES
MARCH 12, 2014 MEETING

The Franchise Tax Board met in open session at 10:30 a.m. at the Franchise Tax Board, 9646 Butterfield Way, Gerald Goldberg Auditorium, Sacramento, California. Present were Hon. Chair Chiang, Deputy Controller Marcy Jo Mandel, Hon. Jerome E. Horton, and Chief Deputy Eraina Ortega, Department of Finance, for Member Cohen.

Franchise Tax Board

Staff Participating: Selvi Stanislaus, Jozel L. Brunett, Bruce Langston, Dan Tahara, Cathy Cleek, Michelle Fallon, Chris Reali, Susan Borgman, and Colleen Berwick.

Item 1. – Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December 4, 2013, Franchise Tax Board meeting and Taxpayers' Bill of Rights hearing were approved 3-0.

At this time, Selvi Stanislaus congratulated Chair John Chiang for being named Attorney of the Year by California Lawyer Magazine and for creating the strategy and authorizing the litigation to ensure that life insurance companies comply with California's unclaimed property laws. Member Horton joined in the congratulations.

Item 2. – FTB 2013 Accomplishments

The Board received a video presentation on Franchise Tax Board's accomplishments during 2013.

Item 3. – Technology Trends

The Board received a Power Point presentation and staff report on four trends that will make a difference in the future at Franchise Tax Board.

Item 4. – Filing Season Readiness

The Board received a Power Point presentation and staff report on Franchise Tax Board's filing season readiness process.

Item 5. – Administrative Matters

Contracts over \$1 million – Action item.

- Genesys Software Maintenance Renewal.
- Sybase Software Maintenance Renewal.
- IBM Passport Advantage Software Subscription and Support Renewal.

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

Item 6. – Executive Officer's Time

Ms. Stanislaus gave an update on the VITA program and shared a few success stories about the help that was received from VITA volunteers.

Chair Chiang thanked Franchise Tax Board for leadership on the program.

Member Horton thanked Ms. Stanislaus and the VITA volunteers for running a successful VITA program.

Item 7. – Board Members' Time

Chair Chiang spoke about the protest backlog and asked Ms. Brunett, Chief Counsel, Franchise Tax Board, to submit an update at the next Board meeting.

Chair Chiang announced the agenda for and the Board convened in Closed Session commencing at 11:30 a.m. pursuant to Government Code section 11126.3.

The Board reconvened in open session and adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Board Liaison

Date