



AGENDA

LEGEND: A - Action may be taken
I - Information
1 - Included
2 - Handout
3 - Separate
4 - Verbal

JPA: ACCEL CLAIMS COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE/TIME: Monday, September 23rd, 2024, at 2 PM

LOCATION: Teleconference

Link: <https://alliantinsurance.zoom.us/j/98757462000?pwd=ptf4ObhaSeErfLaOH3cMB77CVRvm5c.1>

Meeting ID: 987 5746 2000

Passcode: 490203

Dial: (669) 900-6833

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- MEMBER** • **City of Bakersfield**, 1600 Truxtun Ave., 4th Floor, Bakersfield, CA 93301
- LOCATIONS** • **City of Monterey**, 735 Pacific Street, Suite A, Monterey, CA 93940
- VIA TELE -** • **City of Ontario**, 200 North Cherry Ave., Ontario, CA 91764
- CONFERENCE** • **City of Santa Cruz**, 1200 Pacific Ave., Suite 290, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
- **City of Santa Monica**, 1685 Main Street, Room 131, Santa Monica, CA 90401

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A. CALL TO ORDER

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

(A)

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- 1 **1. Approval of Minutes for the August 29, 2024, Claims Committee Meeting**
The Committee will review these minutes and will take action to approve or give direction.

C. REPORTS

1. CLAIMS COMMITTEE'S REPORT

- 3 a) **CLOSED SESSION – Pursuant to Gov't Code 54956.95** (A)
Members will review the following Closed Session items and may take action or give direction.
- i. Committee Review – ACCEL Open Loss Run
 - ii. George Hills Estimated Loss Payments

RECONVENE - DISPOSITION OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

(I)

- 4 *The public is invited at this point to address the Committee on issues of interest to them.*

ADJOURNMENT



**MINUTES OF THE
ACCEL CLAIMS COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, August 29, 2024, at 11:00 AM**

**Item No. B.1
Claims Committee
September 23, 2024**

LOCATION:

TELECONFERENCE

Link: <https://alliantinsurance.zoom.us/j/94512984082?pwd=O6OL03X3NE8eIsBpodkJT9Thkp2eU5.1>

Meeting ID: 945 1298 4082

Passcode: 390950

Dial: (669) 900-6833

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jena Covey, City of Bakersfield
Lisa Cox, City of Monterey Alternate
Marquie Lugo, City of Ontario Alternate
Ross Brandon, City of Santa Cruz

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Oles Gordeev, City of Santa Monica

GUESTS AND CONSULTANTS:

Ben Oram, George Hills Company
David Tratus, George Hills Company (*joined at 11:21 AM*)
Rich Santana, George Hills Company (*joined at 11:21 AM*)
Conor Boughey, Alliant Insurance Services
Lorissa Huey, Alliant Insurance Services

A. CALL TO ORDER

Lorissa Huey called the meeting to order at 11:03 AM.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

B1. Approval of Minutes for the May 28, 2024, Claims Committee Meeting

A motion was made to approve the consent calendar.

MOTION: Ross Brandon **SECOND:** Jena Covey **MOTION CARRIED**



	Jena Covey	Lisa Cox	Marquie Lugo	Ross Brandon	Oles Gordeev
Aye	X	X	X	X	
Nay					
Abstain					

C. REPORTS

C1. CLAIMS COMMITTEE'S REPORT

C1a. Election of Claims Committee Chair

A motion was made to elect Jena Covey as the Claims Committee Chair.

MOTION: Lisa Cox **SECOND:** Ross Brandon **MOTION CARRIED**

	Jena Covey	Lisa Cox	Marquie Lugo	Ross Brandon	Oles Gordeev
Aye		X	X	X	
Nay					
Abstain	X				

C1b. Litigation Update

Ben Oram, George Hills provided the Committee a quarterly litigation update for informational purposes. Members asked questions, which were addressed by Ben.

C1c. Member Attorney Rates

Lorissa Huey reported that ACCEL's Claims Handling Policy and Procedure requires a Member to notify the Claims Committee (CC) when defense fees are in excess of \$400 per hour.

The City of Bakersfield has submitted a letter for 2024 from the same law firm, Marderosian and Cohen because ACCEL has requested the city to submit a letter annually.

The City of Burbank has submitted a letter this year for a new firm, Nielsen Merksamer Parrinello Gross & Leoni.



A motion was made to direct the Program Administrators to send a letter to the City of Burbank stating that the Committee has reviewed the attorney rates for reasonableness, receives and files the letter, and requests the City provide the letter annually. The ACCEL letter to the City will be signed by the Program Administrators and the Claims Committee Chair, Jena Covey carbon copied.

The letter from the City of Bakersfield will be considered received and filed.

MOTION: Ross Brandon **SECOND:** Lisa Cox **MOTION CARRIED**

	Jena Covey	Lisa Cox	Marquie Lugo	Ross Brandon	Oles Gordeev
Aye		X	X	X	
Nay					
Abstain	X				

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Lorissa Huey adjourned the meeting at 11:47 AM.