Minutes

COMMISSION ON STATE MANDATES

Location of Meeting: Room 447 State Capitol, Sacramento, California November 22, 2019

Present: Member Gayle Miller, Chairperson

Representative of the Director of the Department of Finance

Member Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez

Representative of the State Controller, Vice Chairperson

Member Lee Adams County Supervisor Member Mark Hariri

Representative of the State Treasurer

Member Jeannie Lee

Representative of the Director of the Office of Planning and Research

Member Sarah Olsen Public Member

Member Carmen Ramirez City Council Member

NOTE: The transcript for this hearing is attached. These minutes are designed to be read in conjunction with the transcript.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairperson Miller called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Executive Director Heather Halsey called the roll.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Miller asked if there were any objections or corrections to the September 27, 2019 minutes. Member Olsen made a motion to adopt the minutes. With a second by Member Ramirez, the September 27, 2019 hearing minutes were adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Chairperson Miller asked if there was any public comment. There was no response.

CONSENT CALENDAR

INFORMATIONAL HEARING PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2, CHAPTER 2.5, ARTICLES 7 AND 8 (action)

ADOPTION OF ORDER TO ADOPT RULEMAKING

Item 7* General Cleanup Provisions, Proposed Amendments to California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Division 2, Chapter 2.5, Articles 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10

STATEWIDE COST ESTIMATE

Item 8* U Visa 918 Form, Victims of Crime: Nonimmigrant Status, 17-TC-01

Penal Code Section 679.10; Statutes 2015, Chapter 721 9SB 674)

City of Claremont, Claimant

Executive Director Halsey stated that Items 7 and 8 were proposed for consent. Chairperson Miller asked if there was any public comment regarding the Consent Calendar. There was no response.

Member Olsen made a motion to adopt the Consent Calendar. Member Ramirez seconded the motion. The Consent Calendar was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

HEARINGS AND DECISIONS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2, ARTICLE 7 (GOV. CODE, § 17551, 17557, 17559, and 17570) (action)

Executive Director Halsey swore in the parties and witnesses participating in the Article 7 portion of the hearing.

APPEAL OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DECISIONS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2, SECTION 1181.1(c) (info/action)

Item 2 Appeal of Executive Director Decisions

Executive Director Halsey stated that there were no appeals to consider for this hearing.

MANDATE REDETERMINATION

Item 3 Academic Performance Index (01-TC-22), 18-MR-01

Second Hearing: New Test Claim Decision

Education Code Section 52056(c); Statutes 1999 1st Extraordinary Session, Chapter 3; Statutes 2000, Chapter 695; as alleged to be modified by Statutes 2013, Chapter 47 (AB 97)

Department of Finance, Requester

Commission Counsel Elena Wilson presented this item and stated that the Department of Finance requests that a new test claim decision be adopted to replace the Commission's prior Decision on this program based on a subsequent change in law and that this is the second hearing in the mandate redetermination process. Ms. Wilson recommended that the Commission adopt the Proposed Decision as the new Test Claim Decision ending reimbursement for the mandated program beginning July 1, 2017.

Parties were represented as follows: Dan Hanower appeared on behalf of the Department of Finance.

Mr. Hanower stated that the Department of Finance had no additional comment. There was no further comment from parties, interested parties, or the public on this matter. Member Olsen made a motion to adopt the staff recommendation. With a second by Member Adams, the motion to adopt the staff recommendation was adopted by a vote of 7-0.

PARAMETERS AND GUIDELINES AND PARAMETERS AND GUIDELINES AMENDMENTS

Item 4 Academic Performance Index, 01-TC-22 (18-MR-01)

Education Code Section 52056(c); Statutes 1999 1st Extraordinary Session, Chapter 3; Statutes 2000, Chapter 695; as modified by Statutes 2013,

Chapter 47 (AB 97)

Department of Finance, Requester

Commission Counsel Elena Wilson presented this item and recommended that the Commission adopt the Proposed Decision and Parameters and Guidelines Amendment ending reimbursement for the activities related to this program beginning July 1, 2017.

Parties were represented as follows: Dan Hanower appeared on behalf of the Department of Finance.

Mr. Hanower stated that the Department of Finance had no additional comment. There was no further comment from parties, interested parties, or the public on this matter. Member Ramirez made a motion to adopt the staff recommendation. With a second by Member Hariri, the motion to adopt the staff recommendation was adopted by a vote of 7-0.

Item 5 Public School Restrooms: Feminine Hygiene Products, 18-TC-01

Education Code Section 35292.6; Statutes 2017, Chapter 687 (AB 10)

Desert Sands Unified School District, Claimant

Commission Counsel Elena Wilson presented this item and recommended that the Commission adopt the Revised Proposed Decision and Parameters and Guidelines.

Parties were represented as follows: Arthur Palkowitz appeared on behalf of the claimant; Dan Hanower appeared on behalf of the Department of Finance.

Following discussion among the Commission members, staff, and parties, Member Olsen made a motion to adopt the staff recommendation with the recommended amendment by Member Adams of "whichever is most cost effective" between a new or retrofitted dispenser. With a second by Member Adams, the motion to adopt the staff recommendation with the proposed amendment was adopted by a vote of 7-0.

HEARINGS ON COUNTY APPLICATIONS FOR FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL DISTRESS PURSUANT TO WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 17000.6 AND CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2, ARTICLE 2 (info/action)

Item 6 Assignment of County Application to Commission, a Hearing Panel of One or More Members of the Commission, or to a Hearing Officer

Executive Director Heather Halsey stated that no SB 1033 applications have been filed and that Items 7 and 8 were on consent.

REPORTS

Item 9 Chief Legal Counsel: New Filings, Recent Decisions, Litigation Calendar (info)

Chief Legal Counsel Camille Shelton presented this item.

Item 10 Executive Director: Strategic Plan, Workload Update, and Tentative Agenda Items for the January and March 2020 Meetings (info/action)

Executive Director Heather Halsey presented the proposed 2020-2021 strategic plan.

Chairperson Miller congratulated Commission staff for their work on the strategic plan and on the significant reduction in the backlog. Member Olsen made a motion to adopt the proposed 2020-2021 strategic plan. With a second by Member Ramirez and no public comment, the 2020-2021 strategic plan was adopted by a vote of 7-0.

Executive Director Halsey described the Commission's pending caseload and reminded everyone to notify Commission staff not later than the Wednesday prior to a hearing of the names of the people who will be speaking for inclusion on the witness list.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 11126 AND 11126.2 (info/action)

A. PENDING LITIGATION

To confer with and receive advice from legal counsel, for consideration and action, as necessary and appropriate, upon the following matters pursuant to Government Code section 11126(e)(1):

Trial Courts:

- 1. On Remand from the Third District Court of Appeal, Case No. C070357

 State of California Department of Finance, State Water Resources Control Board, and California Regional Water Quality Board, San Diego Region v. Commission on State Mandates and County of San Diego, et al. (petition and cross-petition)

 Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 34-2010-80000604

 [Discharge of Stormwater Runoff, Order No. R9-207-000 (07-TC-09), California Regional Water Control Board, San Diego Region Order No. R9-2007-001, NPDES No. CAS0108758, Parts D.1.d.(7)-(8), D.1.g., D.3.a.(3), D.3.a.(5), D.5, E.2.f, E.2.g, F.1, F.2, F.3, I.1, I.2, I.5, J.3.a.(3)(c) iv-vii & x-xv, and L]
- City of San Diego v. Commission on State Mandates, State Water Resources Control Board, Department of Finance, Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 2019-80003169 (Lead Sampling in Schools: Public Water System No. 3710020 (17-TC-03)

Courts of Appeal:

Coast Community College District, et al. v. Commission on State Mandates,
 Third District Court of Appeal, Case No. C080349
 Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 34-2014-80001842
 [Minimum Conditions for State Aid, 02-TC-25/02-TC-31
 (Education Code Sections 66721, 66721.5, 66722, 66722.5, 66731, 66732, 66736, 66737, 66738, 66740, 66741, 66742, 66743, 70901, 70901.5, 70902, 71027, 78015, 78016, 78211.5, 78212, 78213, 78214, 78215, 78216, 87482.6, and 87482.7; Statutes 1975, Chapter 802; Statutes 1976, Chapters 275, 783, 1010, and 1176; Statutes 1977, Chapters 36 and 967; Statutes 1979, Chapters 797 and 977; Statutes 1980, Chapter 910; Statutes 1981, Chapters 470 and 891; Statutes 1982, Chapters 1117 and 1329; Statutes 1983,

Chapters 143 and 537; Statutes 1984, Chapter 1371; Statutes 1986, Chapter 1467; Statutes 1988, Chapters 973 and 1514; Statutes 1990, Chapters 1372 and 1667; Statutes 1991, Chapters 1038, 1188, and 1198; Statutes 1995, Chapters 493 and 758; Statutes 1998, Chapter 365, 914, and 1023; Statutes 1999, Chapter 587; Statutes 2000, Chapter 187; and Statutes 2002, Chapter 1169; California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Sections 51000, 51002, 51004, 51006, 51008, 51012, 51014, 51016, 51018, 51020, 51021, 51022, 51023, 51023.5, 51023.7, 51024, 51025, 51027, 51100, 51102, 53200, 53202, 53203, 53204, 53207, 53300, 53301, 53302, 53308, 53309, 53310, 53311, 53312, 53314, 54626, 54805, 55000, 55000.5, 55001, 55002, 55002.5, 55004, 55005, 55006, 55100, 55130, 55150, 55160, 55170, 55182, 55200, 55201, 55202, 55205, 55207, 55209, 55211, 55213, 55215, 55217, 55219, 55300, 55316, 55316.5, 55320, 55321, 55322, 55340, 55350, 55401, 55402, 55403, 55404, 55500, 55502, 55510, 55512, 55514, 55516, 55518, 55520, 55521, 55522, 55523, 55524, 55525, 55526, 55530, 55532, 55534, 55600, 55601, 55602, 55602.5, 55603, 55605, 55607, 55620, 55630, 55750, 55751, 55752, 55753, 55753.5, 55753.7, 55754, 55755, 55756, 55756.5, 55757, 55758, 55758.5, 55759, 55760, 55761, 55762, 55763, 55764, 55765, 55800, 55800.5, 55801, 55805, 55805.5, 55806, 55807, 55808, 55809, 55825, 55827, 55828, 55829, 55830, 55831, 58102, 58104, 58106, 58107, 58108, 59404, and 59410; Handbook of Accreditation and Policy Manual, Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (Summer 2002); and "Program and Course Approval Handbook" Chancellor's Office California Community Colleges (September 2001).]

2. On Remand from California Supreme Court, Case No. S214855, State of California Department of Finance, State Water Resources Control Board, and California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region v. Commission on State Mandates and County of Los Angeles, et al (petition and cross-petition) Second District Court of Appeal Case No. B292446 [Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. BS130730, Related Appeal from Second District Court of Appeal, Case No. B237153 [Municipal Storm Water and Urban Runoff Discharges, 03-TC-04, 03-TC-19, 03-TC-20, and 03-TC-21, Los Angeles Regional Quality Control Board Order No. 01-182, Permit CAS004001, Parts 4C2a., 4C2b, 4E & 4Fc3]

California Supreme Court:

California School Board Association (CSBA) v. State of California et al.
 California Supreme Court, Case No S247266
 First District Court of Appeal, Case No. A148606
 Alameda County Superior Court, Case No. RG11554698
 [2010-2011 Budget Trailer Bills; Education Code sections 42238.24 and 56523]

To confer with and receive advice from legal counsel, for consideration and action, as necessary and appropriate, upon the following matter pursuant to Government Code section 11126(e)(2):

Based on existing facts and circumstances, there is a specific matter which presents a significant exposure to litigation against the Commission on State Mandates, its members or staff.

B. PERSONNEL

To confer on personnel matters pursuant to Government Code section 11126(a)(1).

The Commission adjourned into closed executive session at 10:32 a.m., pursuant to Government Code section 11126(e)(2), to confer with and receive advice from legal counsel for consideration and action, as necessary and appropriate, upon the pending litigation listed on the published notice and agenda; and to confer with and receive advice from legal counsel regarding potential litigation; and to confer on personnel matters pursuant to Government Code section 11126(a)(1).

RECOVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION

REPORT FROM CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:42 a.m., the Commission reconvened in open session. Chairperson Miller reported that the Commission met in closed executive session pursuant to Government Code section 11126(e)(2) to confer with and receive advice from legal counsel for consideration and action, as necessary and appropriate, upon the pending litigation listed on the public notice and agenda, and to confer with and receive advice from legal counsel regarding potential litigation, and, pursuant to Government Code section 11126(a)(1) to confer on personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Chairperson Miller requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Olsen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Wong-Hernandez seconded the motion.

The November 22, 2019 meeting was adjourned by a unanimous voice vote at 10:53 a.m.

Heather Halsey

Executive Director

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6	Department of Finance (Chair of the Commission)	
7	JACQUELINE WONG-HERNANDEZ	
8	Representative for BETTY T. YEE State Controller (Vice Chair of the Commission)	
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10	MARK HARIRI Representative for FIONA MA	
11	State Treasurer	
12	JEANNIE LEE Representative for KATE GORDON, Director	
13	Office of Planning & Research	
14	LEE ADAMS III Sierra County Supervisor	
15	Local Agency Member	
16	SARAH OLSEN Public Member	
17	M. CARMEN RAMIREZ	
18	Oxnard City Council Member Local Agency Member	
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22	HEATHER A. HALSEY Executive Director	
23	HEIDI PALCHIK	
24	Assistant Executive Director	
25	CAMILLE N. SHELTON Chief Legal Counsel	
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1 SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 2 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2019, 10:00 A.M. 3 ---000---CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Good morning. The meeting of 4 5 the Commission on State Mandates will come to order. First I have some housekeeping information. 6 7 table, near the end of the dais, are copies of meeting 8 notice, agenda, new filings, witness lists, and the 9 electronic public hearing binder. It is also located 10 there on the laptop. 11 At the witness table, the claimant and local agency 12 interested parties sit facing the center of the dais, 13 and state agency parties and interested parties sit to 14 the claimant's right. 15 The restrooms are located down the hall, near the 16 elevators. Finally, please take note of the emergency 17 exits in this room. 18 Heather, would you please call the roll. 19 MS. HALSEY: Sure. 20 Mr. Adams. 21 MEMBER ADAMS: Here. 22 MS. HALSEY: Mr. Hariri. 23 MEMBER HARIRI: Here. 24 MS. HALSEY: Ms. Lee. 25 MEMBER LEE: Here.

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MS. HALSEY: Ms. Miller.
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         CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Here.
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         MS. HALSEY: Ms. Olsen.
         MEMBER OLSEN: Here.
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         MS. HALSEY: Ms. Ramirez.
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         MEMBER RAMIREZ: Here.
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         MS. HALSEY: Ms. Wong-Hernandez.
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         MEMBER WONG-HERNANDEZ:
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         CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Are there any objections or
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    corrections to our minutes from September 27th?
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         (No response)
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         MEMBER OLSEN: Move adoption.
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         MEMBER RAMIREZ:
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         CHAIRPERSON MILLER: It's been moved and seconded.
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         Is there any objection to a unanimous adoption of
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    the minutes?
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         (No response)
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         CHAIRPERSON MILLER: It's unanimously adopted.
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         Thank you.
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         MS. HALSEY: And now we will take up public comment
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    for matters not on the agenda. Please note that the
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    Commission cannot take action on items not on the
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    agenda. However, it can schedule issues raised by the
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    public for consideration at future meetings.
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         CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Is there any public comment at
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         (No response)
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         CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Hearing no public comment, I
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    will move to the next item.
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         MS. HALSEY: Item 7 and 8 are proposed for consent.
         CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Are there any -- is there any
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    objection to the proposed consent calendar?
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         (No response)
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         MEMBER OLSEN: Move adoption.
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         MEMBER RAMIREZ:
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         CHAIRPERSON MILLER: It's been moved and seconded.
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    The motion to adopt the proposed consent calendar has
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    been moved and seconded.
         All those in favor, signify by saying "aye."
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         (Ayes)
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         CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Anyone opposed?
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         (No response)
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         CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Any abstentions?
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         (No response)
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         CHAIRPERSON MILLER: The motion carries.
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         MS. HALSEY: Now will the parties and witnesses for
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    Items 3, 4 and 5 please rise.
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         (Parties/witnesses stood to be sworn or
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         affirmed.)
         MS. HALSEY: There are no appeals to consider for
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this hearing.

Next is Item 3. Commission Counsel Elena Wilson will present a proposed decision on the request for mandate redetermination on Academic Performance Index. At this time, we invite the parties and witnesses for Item 3 to please come to the table.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Ms. Wilson.

MS. WILSON: Good morning. This mandate redetermination requests that the Commission adopt the new test claim decision to end the state's liability for the Academic Performance Index Program based on a subsequent change in law resulting from the repeal of the statute which imposed the mandate. This is the second hearing on the mandate redetermination process.

Staff finds that the state's liability has been modified with a subsequent change in law, specifically with the repeal of the statute that was found to impose the mandate. School districts are no longer incurring costs mandated by the state under this program.

Staff recommends that the Commission adopt the proposed decision as its new test claim decision, ending reimbursement for the mandated program beginning July 1st, 2017.

Further, staff recommends authorization to make any technical, nonsubstantive changes to the proposed

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decision following the hearing.
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         CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Great. Thank you very much.
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    Please state your name for the record.
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         MR. HANOWER: Dan Hanower, Department of Finance.
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         CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you very much.
         Is there any public comment on this item? Would
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    you like to comment?
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         MR. HANOWER: No additional comment at this time.
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         CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you very much.
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         Any additional public comment on this item?
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         (No response)
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         CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Any questions from members?
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         (No response)
         MEMBER OLSEN: Move adoption of the staff
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    recommendation.
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         CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Moved by Ms. Olsen.
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         MEMBER ADAMS: Second.
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         CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Seconded by Mr. Adams.
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         Seeing no further discussion, Heather, please call
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    the roll.
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         MS. HALSEY: Sure.
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         Mr. Adams.
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         MEMBER ADAMS: Aye.
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         MS. HALSEY: Mr. Hariri.
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         MEMBER HARIRI: Aye.
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         MS. HALSEY: Ms. Lee.
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         MEMBER LEE: Aye.
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         MS. HALSEY: Ms. Miller.
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         CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Aye.
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         MS. HALSEY: Ms. Olsen.
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         MEMBER OLSEN: Aye.
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         MS. HALSEY: Ms. Ramirez.
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         MEMBER RAMIREZ:
                          Aye.
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         MS. HALSEY: Ms. Wong-Hernandez.
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         MEMBER WONG-HERNANDEZ: Aye.
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                              That motion carries.
         CHAIRPERSON MILLER:
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    you very much.
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         Next item, Heather.
         MS. HALSEY: Next is Item 4. Commission Counsel
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    Elena Wilson will present a proposed decision on
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    parameters and guidelines on Academic Performance Index.
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         At this time, we invite the parties and witnesses
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    for Item 4 to please come to the table -- remain at the
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    table.
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         MS. WILSON:
                      This proposed decision and amendment
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    to parameters and guidelines is consistent with the new
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    test claim decision adopted by the Commission earlier,
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    in Item 3, finding that the State's liability of
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    Academic Performance Index Program has been modified
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    based on the subsequent change in law.
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1	Stail recommends that the Commission adopt this	
2	proposed decision and amendment to parameters and	
3	guidelines ending reimbursement beginning July 1st,	
4	2017.	
5	Staff also requests authorization to make any	
6	nonsubstantive changes to the proposed decision and	
7	amendment to parameters and guidelines following the	
8	hearing.	
9	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you very much.	
10	Mr. Hanower, would you introduce yourself one more	
11	time for the record.	
12	MR. HANOWER: Sure. Dan Hanower, Department of	
13	Finance.	
14	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Any comment?	
15	MR. HANOWER: No additional comment at this time.	
16	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you.	
17	Is there any public comment?	
18	(No response)	
19	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Seeing none, are there any	
20	questions from members?	
21	(No response)	
22	MEMBER RAMIREZ: I will move the recommendations	
23	action.	
24	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you, Ms. Ramirez.	
25	Is there a second?	
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         MEMBER HARIRI: Second.
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         CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Seconded. Thank you very
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         It has been moved and seconded.
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         Seeing no further discussion, Heather, please call
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    the roll.
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         MS. HALSEY: Mr. Adams.
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         MEMBER ADAMS: Aye.
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         MS. HALSEY: Mr. Hariri.
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         MEMBER HARIRI: Aye.
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         MS. HALSEY: Ms. Lee.
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         MEMBER LEE: Aye.
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         MS. HALSEY: Ms. Miller.
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         CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Aye.
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         MS. HALSEY: Ms. Olsen.
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         MEMBER OLSEN: Aye.
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         MS. HALSEY: Ms. Ramirez.
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         MEMBER RAMIREZ: Aye.
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         MS. HALSEY: Ms. Wong-Hernandez.
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         MEMBER WONG-HERNANDEZ: Aye.
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         CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you very much.
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    motion carries.
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         Next is Item 5.
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         MS. HALSEY: Commission Counsel Elena Wilson will
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    present a proposed decision on parameters and guidelines
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on Public School Restrooms: Feminine Hygiene Products.

At this time, we invite the parties and witnesses for Item 5 to please come to the table.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you very much.

Elena, do you want to introduce --

MS. WILSON: This parameters and guidelines, under the State-mandated program which requires school districts with certain Title I-eligible schools, that maintain any combination of classes from grades 6 to 12, inclusive, to stock, at all times, and at no cost to pupils, at least 50 percent of the school's restrooms with feminine hygiene products, defined as tampons and sanitary napkins.

Staff recommends the Commission adopt the revised proposed decision and parameters and guidelines which authorizes reimbursement beginning January 1st, 2019, for the mandated activity, and, based on the evidence in the record, to purchase for installation or repair or retrofit a sufficient number of dispensers, as described in the proposed parameters and guidelines as reasonably necessary to comply with the mandate.

Staff further requests that the Commission authorize staff to make any technical, nonsubstantive changes to the documents following the hearing.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you very much.

Parties and witnesses, would you please state your 1 2 names for the record. 3 PALCHIK: Good morning. Arthur Palkowitz on behalf 4 of the claimant. 5 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Great. Thank you. 6 MR. HANOWER: Dan Hanower, Department of Finance. 7 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you very much. 8 Would you like to make your public comments now, 9 please. 10 MR. PALKOWITZ: Yes. Thank you very much. 11 morning, everyone. 12 The main issue before us today is the reimbursement 13 of -- for the purchase and installation of dispensers 14 that will be used to deliver the hygiene products in the 15 restrooms. On May 24th, 2019, this Commission adopted the test 16 claim that provides for reimbursement for those 17 18 products. At that time, we discussed the cost and 19 purchase and installation of the dispensers, but it was 20 decided it would be best we handle that in a parameters 21 and guidelines phase, which we are here today. When the Commission adopted this test claim, it 22 23 agreed with the legislature that these products are 24 essential for young ladies to avoid or create an 25 additional barrier to their education. At that time,

one of the commissioners mentioned that they were looking forward to discuss the reasonableness of the dispensers as a delivery method.

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The legislative analysis did include dispensers as a delivery method, and we believe that's the most efficient and cost -- most efficient and cost reduction that would be used to distribute the dispensers. There really hasn't been any other discussion of what other method to distribute the dispensers.

Initially, the parameters and guidelines did not include the cost and purchase of installation of dispensers, and we provided additional evidence, and we're thankful for the Commission staff to recommend, at this time, that the purchase and installation of the dispensers be reimbursed.

Included in the staff recommendation is a caveat that if the dispensers are already existing, and they could be repaired or retrofitted, those dispensers should be used in lieu of purchasing new dispensers and installing them. On its surface, that seems reasonable. However, in speaking to several districts, we're concerned on how that would carry out. If a district would claim a cost for repairing or retrofitting an existing dispenser, how are they going to prove that that dispenser needed repair? Is this going to require

Τ	a video or pictures? Or retrolitting: Are they
2	required to take the dispenser out, video the recording
3	of how it's retrofitted, and then put it back up?
4	So we feel this is not really a workable solution,
5	and that, really, any existing dispensers are there for
6	other reasons. Many of these dispensers are
7	coin-operated, and we're concerned that this could
8	create shaming for females that will need to go get a
9	coin in order to use the feminine hygiene products.
10	So based on the record not really having any other
11	alternative as an efficient and cost way to deliver
12	these products, we recommend that the districts feel
13	out to a full reimbursement for the purchase and the
14	installation of dispensers for the feminine products.
15	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Ms. Shelton? Or I'm sorry
16	Mr. Hanower. Could you please any comments?
17	MR. HANOWER: I have no additional comment at this
18	time.
19	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you. I apologize for
20	that.
21	MS. SHELTON: Let me let Elena address, and I will
22	follow up.
23	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Thank you very much.
24	MS. WILSON: Thank you.
25	The Commission decision did not approve

installation or purchase and installation of dispensers because they are not required by the -- by the language of the statute. So the request was for the reasonable -- reasonably necessary activity to implement the mandate. For this reason -- for this reason, we have to have evidence that the purchase and installation of dispensers is necessary, which we received from -- from the claimant.

However, since the mandated activity is to stock, at all times, 50 percent of the school's restrooms with feminine hygiene products, and not the purchase of the dispensers, if the school already has — already has something that it can use to stock the restrooms, then it would be not necessary to purchase additional dispensers. This is the reason why there's a caveat.

And I'm not sure how this school needs to prove that it did not have the dispensers, but maybe this is the question for the controller, if they have the audit of the school. But otherwise, this is not — this would not be reasonably necessary for a school to purchase dispensers, so — if it already have the ability to stock the school's restroom.

And if they're coin-operated dispensers, then they could be retrofitted because there's evidence in public -- there's public -- publicly available

information that many schools or universities that did follow this -- they did -- they were able to retrofit.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you for that.

MS. SHELTON: Let me clarify just a couple of things. One, everybody is correct that the mandate is to provide these products at no cost to the students, so the information that Elena was discussing was, that, certainly, you would have to retrofit existing dispensers, if they currently are coin-operated, to be non-coin-operated, and that's provided in the language.

The reasonably necessary standard is something that is a standard that the controller would also have to look at on an audit. They would determine, based on the facts, whether the district had a reason to purchase new ones or whether they had -- had the ability to not do that. The controller's, you know, decision on that audit decision is viewed on that aspect on whether that would be arbitrary and capricious or whether they accepted the reasonable explanation of the district, so it just becomes an audit issue.

We have had many programs where we have had this type of standard: One of them was passed and, in technology, where many districts had the computer technology already in existence and could only purchase -- to the extent they already didn't have it,

1 they would need to explain that to the controller on an 2 audit. This is the same. 3 So the standard is different. It's not whether they are mandated but whether they are reasonably 4 5 necessary to comply and to purchase these dispensers. 6 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: And for every -- Ms. Shelton, 7 just two follow-up questions for that. Everyone is 8 always required to submit evidence in these cases, 9 without exception, because that's how we prove the 10 reasonably necessary standard. 11 MS. HALSEY: Actually, the claiming instructions indicate what needs to be submitted with the 12 13 reimbursement claim, and, often, it's not a lot. 14 then -- so you have to retain that evidence in case you 15 are ever audited. CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Thank you for 16 17 clarifying that. 18 MS. HALSEY: The other thing is, there is evidence 19 in this record, just to be clear, of the retrofitting 20 and what is involved in that and the products that are available for that and how they work with those 21 22 coin-operated and how to switch them over. So we 23 actually have evidence in the record for that --24 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Great.

MS. HALSEY: -- and how to do that.

1	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you.
2	Ms. Shelton and then Ms. Wong-Hernandez.
3	MS. SHELTON: Just to clarify. The decisions
4	before the commission, yes, do require evidence in
5	accordance with our regulations and with any
6	quasi-judicial decision. The evidence needs to be under
7	penalty of perjury by somebody who has personal
8	knowledge, information, and belief. The Commission is
9	also allowed to take official notice of publicly
LO	available documents, and those items are in this record.
L1	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Great. Thank you for that
L2	clarification.
L3	Ms. Wong-Hernandez and then Mr. Adams.
L4	MEMBER WONG-HERNANDEZ: I actually wanted to
L5	thank you for bringing up the idea that the evidence is
L6	in the public record.
L7	That was news to me, that they could be really
L8	easily retrofitted and made from coin-op dispensers,
L9	that exist now, into ones that dispense things freely.
20	And so I appreciated the links in there and spent some
21	time on the internet going through those links and
22	learning a lot about dispensers. So thank you all for
23	the additional information.
24	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Great. Thank you very much.
25	Mr. Adams.

MEMBER ADAMS: My point is, they might be able to retrofit maybe three times what it would cost to supply

1 a new one. MS. HALSEY: So you are proposing to add, at the 2 end of that comma, "whichever is more cost effective"? 3 4 MEMBER ADAMS: Exactly. 5 MEMBER RAMIREZ: Second, if that's your motion. CHAIRPERSON MILLER: So would you like to -- I am 6 7 going to keep discussion -- perhaps when we move this, we would move it with the amendment to include "whichever is most cost effective," or would you like to 9 10 take the motion to amend it first, and then adopt it in 11 its entirety? 12 MS. SHELTON: Your motion can be, move to adopt the staff recommendation with the additional language at the 13 14 end of that provision that says whatever -- or 15 "whichever is more cost effective." 16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: "Whichever is most cost 17 effective." Okay. I will continue discussion and look 18 to you for that motion, Mr. Adams. 19 MEMBER ADAMS: Thank you. 20 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Was there another question? 21 MEMBER RAMIREZ: I just always want to talk about this. Probably not appropriate except to say just 22 23 brings back memories of being in high school. 24 MEMBER OLSEN: Oh, gosh, yes. 25 MEMBER RAMIREZ: Just -- I'm glad we have almost

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         MEMBER ADAMS: I would like my blush reflected in
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         CHAIRPERSON MILLER: So noted.
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         MEMBER RAMIREZ: The next generation will not be
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         MEMBER OLSEN: I would like to build on
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    Ms. Ramirez's comments by saying, when we talk about
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    feminine hygiene products, we're talking about sanitary
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    pads and tampons, and I think that should be reflected
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         CHAIRPERSON MILLER: I appreciate that. Thank you.
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         MEMBER RAMIREZ: We're talking about where we all
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    came from. How we got here, friends. Okay.
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         CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you for that discussion.
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         Any other comments or questions from the --
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         MR. PALKOWITZ: I would just like to follow-up.
         CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Mr. Palkowitz, did you have a
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    comment before? Or do you want to wait until after.
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         Okay. Mr. Palkowitz.
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         MR. PALKOWITZ: Thank you. Thank you for your
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    suggestion. I think that's very reasonable.
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1 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Mr. Palkowitz, do you want to 2 move the mike closer? 3 MR. PALKOWITZ: Sure. 4 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you. MR. PALKOWITZ: Also, was not approved were board 5 6 policies that have to be changed to do this and also was 7 not approved -- was training. The training aspect, to me, gets a little more issue if they are going to have 8 to learn how to retrofit. This could be more timely 9 10 than it would take to install one. 11 So, to me, you know, this type of alternative, 12 reasonable cost method, could incur additional time and 13 effort for the district. So I think that's something 14 that should be equally addressed, that if something is 15 going to be retrofitted or repaired, that could be additional labor costs that should be reasonably 16 17 compensated as an activity related to the -- the 18 approved mandate. 19 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Ms. Shelton, do you want to 20 respond to that? 21 I know that evidentiary MS. SHELTON: Yes. 22 standard, with a reasonably necessary proposed activity, 23 there has to be evidence in the record explaining why 24 that is reasonably necessary. Testimony from a

representative of a claimant is not testimony from

someone who has information, knowledge, and belief from the district.

Right now, the record only contains a declaration of how much they spent on training. There's no information on why it's necessary from the claimant, and there's no information from any state agency that they provided training, like we have had in other test claims, where we could get that information and show that it's necessary.

So this record is devoid of any information related to training or policies and procedures to explain why it's reasonably necessary to comply with this mandate.

I will say just one last thing: There's a lot of court cases on quasi-judicial evidentiary issues, and they direct any member of a quasi-judicial board not to use their common sense or their internal knowledge about a topic; you have to base your decision on the record before you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. I appreciate that and agree with that because -- because what we do here can so often not necessarily rely on our personal comments then. I do think that's a really important standard and certainly a good reminder to me as I learn more.

So any other comments or questions?

MEMBER LEE: I just also want to reiterate, that

when I look at the plain language of the statute, it doesn't seem to support the policy or the ask that you are here for today.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you very much.

Any other questions or comments from the board?

Ms. Wong-Hernandez?

MEMBER WONG-HERNANDEZ: I have a comment sort of on these parameters and quidelines, generally.

So I appreciate the discussion about sort of the plain language of the statute and also things that are reasonably necessary. You know, the dispensers are not part of the plain language of the statute, but we -- we did say, you know, this is reasonable and it was assumed in the legislative history, and I have heard the words "legislative history" come up a couple of times.

I want to note, for the record, that I'm uncomfortable with looking at the legislative history for this. I support the dispenser piece. But -- and not looking at it for the fact that this was always supposed to apply to pupil restrooms. Like, I understand that that's plain language and we have to adopt the statute, but the statute says 50 percent of restrooms. But I believe that if the claimant had come before us with a claim only for 50 percent of pupil restrooms, we also would have read it that way.

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And I think the fact that you all are coming to say, well, it says 50 percent of restrooms, so we want it reimbursed for 50 percent of restrooms, even though a number of schools are going to have staff-only restrooms, it feels wrong to me. And it feels not, in any way, consistent with what the legislature intended, what the bill author intended, and I would like to see the Department of Finance or the legislature pursue trailer bill to clean that up.

I understand that this isn't the forum to do that and why you have made the recommendation, and I am prepared to vote for that, but I do not think it was ever anybody's intention. And you can see that reflected in the committee analysis, that that was always the case, and every floor speech was about giving access to girls, not about using Prop 98 money to provide them, potentially, To staff and adult guests and the public at schools.

And so, you know, I don't know, obviously the administration will make the call on that, but I can't imagine why that would be controversial to make that amendment in the future.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you. I appreciate that thought, Ms. Wong-Hernandez.

And Mr. Hanower, if you could perhaps take that up

1	through the Department of Finance trailer bill process
2	for clarification of that law, as a suggestion.
3	MR. HANOWER: I will make sure to take that back.
4	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you very much, sir.
5	With that, is there any further discussion?
6	MEMBER OLSEN: I will move the staff recommendation
7	with the recommended amendment by my colleague
8	Mr. Adams.
9	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: I am just going to clarify
10	that the amendment that the staff recommendation has
11	been approved with the amendment, that we will provide
12	that it is "whichever is most cost effective" between a
13	new dispenser or a retrofitted dispenser, correct?
14	MS. SHELTON: And that's added to page 33 of this
15	item
16	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: So added to page 33.
17	MS. SHELTON: which is the proposed parameters
18	and guidelines in section IV.
19	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Great. Thank you.
20	MEMBER ADAMS: I would second the motion.
21	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: So the motion. It has been
22	moved and seconded as amended.
23	Are you ready for the question, or is there any
24	further discussion?
25	(No response)

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         CHAIRPERSON MILLER: No? Seeing none, may you
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    please call the roll, Heather.
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         MS. HALSEY: Mr. Adams.
         MEMBER ADAMS: Aye.
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         MS. HALSEY: Mr. Hariri.
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         MEMBER HARIRI: Aye.
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         MS. HALSEY: Ms. Lee.
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         MEMBER LEE: Aye.
         MS. HALSEY: Ms. Miller.
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         CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Aye.
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         MS. HALSEY: Ms. Olsen.
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         MEMBER OLSEN: Aye.
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         MS. HALSEY: Ms. Ramirez.
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         MEMBER RAMIREZ: Yes.
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         MS. HALSEY: Ms. Wong-Hernandez.
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         MEMBER WONG-HERNANDEZ: Aye.
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         CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you. That motion
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         MR. PALKOWITZ: Thank you.
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         CHAIRPERSON MILLER:
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         Item 6 is reserved for county applications for a
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    applications. No SB 1033 applications have been filed.
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         Item 7 and 8 were on consent.
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1 Chief Legal Counsel Camille Shelton will present 2 Item 9, the Chief Legal Counsel Report. 3 MS. SHELTON: Good morning. Since the last Commission meeting, we have had no 4 5 new filings, and there's been no recent decisions. 6 California Supreme Court did hear oral argument in the 7 California School Board Association case on October 2nd, 8 and we expect the decision before December 31st. 9 We also have a couple of hearings that have been 10 scheduled on two litigation matters: The first one is 11 dealing with a challenge due to Commission's decision on 12 discharge and stormwater runoff, which is dealing with a 13 stormwater permit issued by the San Diego Regional Water 14 Quality Control Board. That is on remand from the 15 California Supreme Court, and the remaining issues 16 primarily deal with a new program higher level of 17 service and whether there are any costs mandated by the 18 State. That hearing is scheduled for December 6th. 19 We also have a hearing scheduled for the challenge 20 to the Commission's decision on lead sampling in 21 schools. That hearing is set for May 8th. 22 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you very much. We will now move to Item 10. 23 24 Item 10 is the Executive Director's MS. HALSEY:

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Report.

1 On December 1st, 2017, the Commission adopted its 2 strategic plan for January 2018 through December 2019. 3 The majority of the goals in the current plan have been met or require updating. 4 5 Also, I would note, over the last several years, 6 using our backlog reduction plan and the strategic plan 7 of the Commission, the Commission staff has eliminated a backlog of 189 IRCs and 55 test claims. 8 Therefore, 9 Commission staff have developed new -- a new proposed 10 strategic plan for January 2020 ending December 2021 11 with several new goals proposed for adoption by the 12 commission. Please see Exhibit A of the proposed 13 strategic plan. 14 Staff recommends that the Commission adopt the 15 attached proposed strategic plan. 16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you very much. 17 And I just -- two comments on this one: 18 The incredible amount of work it takes to put 19 together a strategic plan and how much happens behind 20 the scenes before this happens. So congratulations to 21 you and your staff. 22 23

And then, also, the really significant reduction in the backlog. Obviously there's new claims all the time, but just your ability to work through them and, obviously, each of these is incredibly involved. So we

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1	are really grateful to all of you for that.
2	With that, is there a motion and a second to adopt
3	the strategic plan?
4	MEMBER OLSEN: So moved.
5	MEMBER RAMIREZ: Second.
6	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Moved by Ms. Olsen; second by
7	Ms. Ramirez.
8	MEMBER RAMIREZ: I would like to actually add on to
9	your comments about the staff's work, and I see the
10	backlog is 39 or 40, all about pretty much the same
11	thing. So it looks like a big number, but maybe the
12	work is not that different.
13	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you very much. I
14	appreciate that.
15	Is there any public comment on the strategic plan?
16	(No response)
17	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Seeing none, it has been moved
18	and seconded.
19	Any further discussion or any other questions?
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21	MS. SHELTON: No, no. I was just going to respond
22	to Ms. Ramirez indicating that those are stormwater
23	claims, and, yes, they all deal with stormwater, but
24	they are all very different.
25	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you. I appreciate that.

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         With that, Heather, will you please call the roll.
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         MS. HALSEY: Mr. Adams.
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         MEMBER ADAMS: Aye.
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         MS. HALSEY: Mr. Hariri.
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         MEMBER HARIRI: Aye.
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         MS. HALSEY: Ms. Lee.
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         MEMBER LEE: Aye.
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         MS. HALSEY: Ms. Miller.
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         CHAIRPERSON MILLER:
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         MS. HALSEY: Ms. Olsen.
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         MEMBER OLSEN: Aye.
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         MS. HALSEY: Ms. Ramirez.
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         MEMBER RAMIREZ:
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         MS. HALSEY: Ms. Wong-Hernandez.
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         MEMBER WONG-HERNANDEZ: Aye.
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         CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you very much.
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    motion carries.
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         MS. HALSEY: And as we were saying, after this
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    hearing, there are 40 pending test claims, 39 of which
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    are regarding stormwater NPDES permits. We have also
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    is one additional parameters and guidelines and one
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    additional statewide cost estimate regarding stormwater
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decisions underlying those matters.

In addition, there is one parameters and guidelines amendment on inactive status pending the outcome of litigation in the CSBA case, which is currently pending before the California Supreme Court.

And we have one request for mandate redetermination currently pending, which is on remand from the court.

And, finally, we have five IRCs.

Commission staff currently expects to complete all currently pending test claims and IRCs by approximately the December 2022 Commission meeting, depending on staffing and other workload. However, two of the Commission senior staff attorneys have separated from the Commission and that is half of our staff counsel positions, so there may be some reduction in matters heard over the next several hearings, which could result in a later completion date for currently pending matters. Additionally, some of the test claims may be heard and decided earlier than indicated if they are consolidated for hearing.

Regarding tentative agenda items, please check the tentative agenda items on the Executive Director's Report to see if an item you are interested in is coming up, and you can also use our pending case load documents, which are on the Commission's website and are

1 updated at least bimonthly, to see when something is 2 tentatively expected to be heard. 3 And please expect to receive draft proposed decisions of all test claims and IRC matters for your 4 5 review and comment at least eight weeks prior to the 6 hearing date and a proposed decision approximately two 7 weeks before the hearing. And finally, a reminder to please notify Commission 8 9 staff not later than the Wednesday prior to a hearing 10 that you or a witness you are bringing plan to testify, 11 and please include the names of the people who will be 12 speaking, for inclusion on the witness list. 13 And that is all I have. Thank you. 14 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you very much. 15 Any questions on the Executive Director's Report? 16 (No response) 17 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: 18 Any public comment? 19 (No response) 20 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Great. 21 So now the Commission will meet in closed executive 22 session pursuant to Government Code section 11126(e) to 23 confer with and receive advice from legal counsel for 24 consideration and action, as necessary and appropriate,

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    15 minutes. Thank you, all.
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         CHAIRPERSON MILLER: The Commission met in closed
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    11126(a)(1) to confer on personnel matters.
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         With no further business to discuss, I will
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    entertain a motion to adjourn.
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         MEMBER OLSEN:
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         MEMBER WONG-HERNANDEZ:
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         CHAIRPERSON MILLER: No one wants to leave.
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         All those in favor of adjourning, say "aye."
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2	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Anyone opposed, say "no."
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4	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Any abstentions?
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6	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: The meeting is adjourned.
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