

**MINUTES
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
CALIFORNIA UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS BOARD
Docket No. 5590**

1. Opening of Meeting:

The Appeals Board reconvened the meeting of April 27, 2014, pursuant to order of adjournment, at 11:10 a.m., on May 4, 2015, in Sacramento with Chair Robert Dresser presiding.

2. Roll Call: Members

Present

Absent

Robert Dresser, Chair

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Michael Allen, Vice Chair

x via conference call

Ellen Corbett

x via conference call

3. Public Comment:

Administrative Law Judges Susan Lee and Eric Wildgrube in attendance via conference call at Santa Rosa location.

ALJ Susan Lee, on behalf of herself, wants a closer working relationship, and toward that end would like to form an employee group to work with management. ALJ Lee stated that they want to work with us instead of against us. She opined that we should be working together to fight for the budget that everyone deserves.

ALJ Eric Wildgrube commented that the real fight is how much money we have, and that we need that money. He stated that the ALJs are needed to be there to be sure benefits are paid to those deserving, and the Board should make its best effort to make sure that happens.

Chair Dresser cautioned that the Board and its employees are required to work through the employees' collective bargaining agents, CASE and SEIU, and CalHR. While he expressed the desire that everyone be free to have candid discussions, he expressed the need to be careful to comply with all labor-relations rules, including the formal processes. He also cautioned that words are capable of being misconstrued without a formal mechanism to communicate.

Member Corbett encouraged employees to attend the public board meetings to

express their views, and that she appreciates their input. Member Allen agreed with Member Corbett's comments.

ALJ Lee also expressed concerns about office space in San Francisco, and urged that CUIAB acquire more space from the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR).

Chair Dresser responded that Chief ALJ/Executive Director Gonzales is responsible for handling the logistics of the hearing space we might procure from DIR.

No public members appeared at the Hayward library conference location.

4. Closed Session:

The Board re-adjourned to closed session at 11:22 am, and reemerged at noon. No votes were reported.

The Board Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.