

terrific support from our great ALJs and the staff here. He expects there will be some tangible results very soon.

6. Public Comment:

Chair Dresser opened the public comment period by saying the board recognizes that this is a very difficult time for everyone. There is an active collective bargaining process underway related to the surplus process pursuant to state law and the MOU with CASE. He reported that there has already been one meeting with CASE and management, and another scheduled for tomorrow morning. He reiterated that CalHR is the state representative; as the board advised in a recent letter to CASE it would be inappropriate for board members to address questions today on issues that are actively being discussed in collective bargaining. He noted that CUIAB in collaboration with CalHR has posted Frequently Asked Questions that provide important information to those employees impacted by the situation. He stated that the board welcomes the public comments but they will respect the collective bargaining process as to questions. He stated that there will be time for everyone to speak. He called off a list of speakers he had been provided.

The following ALJs spoke to the board regarding the current layoff process: Susan Lee, Oakland Office of Appeals; Cynthia Calvert, San Jose Office of Appeals; Mark Cwern, Los Angeles Office of Appeals; Eli Aramburo, San Francisco Office of Appeals; Cynthia Thornton, San Diego Office of Appeals, Daphne Lee, Sacramento Office of Appeals; and Jorge Carrillo, Appellate Operations (retired). Susan Lee also read into the record a written statement from Lita Krowech, Oakland Office of Appeals.

Chair Dresser thanked everyone for their heartfelt views.

7. Chief ALJ/Executive Director Report:

Chief ALJ/Executive Director Gonzales reported that the field narrative is in the board packets and it indicates that the workload intake is down substantially from April and below the fiscal year average. Other than that the case aging and time lapse continues to meet standards. She also reported that Martha Silva, Renee Erwin, Hugh Harrison and Faye Saunders from IT visited the field offices and they are completing a report on the Automated Calendaring System that has been in place in Appellate Operations and is now being tested in field to expedite the calendaring of cases. They are going to work with the calendar clerks so that they can get input from the field as to how that might work due to the differences in filed and AO calendaring needs.

8. Chief ALJ of Appellate Operations, Elise Rose Report:

Chief ALJ of Appellate Operations Rose reported that for the month of May, registrations are down 43% from 2011, dispositions are down 44%, and the open balance is down 58% and that was the high in 2011. She reported that in May that AO had not much of a change in the registration numbers. She referred the board to the summary document in the board packets. In the dispositions they saw a drop of 200 cases and the balance of open cases remains fairly stable. AO is also meeting all of its time lapse and case aging standards.

Chief ALJ AO Rose reported that they have been working on various issues for possible precedent. The Precedent Decision Committee had a meeting last week. Member Adkisson attended and addressed the committee. They also had a meeting last week with the AO ALJs, they held a training by ALJ Lillian Waters on the new EDD benefits system, the computerized system which everyone found very helpful in sorting out some of what they are now seeing in the files as a result of the big change EDD made in September.

Member Allen commented that he has received input from board members regarding the precedent process flowchart. He reported that the feedback indicates the board members would like to be involved in the front end as well as the back end of the precedent process.

9. Chief Information Officer, Rafael Placencia Report:

Lori Kurosaka made the report on behalf of CIO Placencia. She reported on the top two priorities in IT. First, from July 1, IT Branch has lost about seven staff to attrition and they may be losing about two more staff in the next few months. With this loss; the IT is focusing on maintaining the mission critical system in the organization as well cross-training and policy and procedure writing. Secondly, they initiated testing on a solution to address some Dictaphone and Dragon software challenges within the Windows 7 environment. They have asked a few ALJs in the field to help test some of those solutions and it seems to be progressing very well.

10. Chief Administrative Services, Robert Silva Report:

Chief Silva directed the board to the Monthly Overtime/Lump Sum Payout Report in the board packets. Chief Silva reported that in the month of April the only branch that worked any overtime was IT and that overtime was due to the continuation of

the Windows 7 rollout that began in the month of March. However, the agency as a whole is still projecting to underspend in overtime. In the month of March, CUIAB had two separations, and the lump sum payouts totaling \$36,000 hit the ledger in April. But overall CUIAB is experiencing few retirements this fiscal year, so they are projecting to underspend in that particular category.

Chief Silva provided an update with regard to the San Francisco field office. As previously reported, the plan is to downsize or move the San Francisco field office in May 2015. With this type of move an approval to relocate from Department of Finance is required and although the Chief of Real Estate Leasing and Planning Section at DGS completed their review and approved the form on February 24, we didn't receive Finance approval until May 19. Prior to the paperwork going to the Department of Finance, DGS had identified roughly 20 possible sites in the greater San Francisco area that could satisfy the relocation needs. Because of the delay in receiving the DOF approval, DGS is again re-vetting those sites to make sure they are (a) still available, and (b) still satisfy the needs. The initial site visits will start on June 18. Doug Mattes, CUIAB Facility Liaison, will attend with representatives from EDD Business Services, DGS and the local San Francisco Office of Appeals management team which will most likely be the PALJ and LSSII to look at the proposed sites.

Chief Silva reported that in May they did the Bi-annual Audit of CUIAB employees who receive bilingual pay. Once all the data is submitted they will be working with employees who are under the threshold to validate the data they submitted to ascertain whether or not they will continue to receive bilingual pay.

11. Chief Counsel's Report:

Chief Counsel Steinhardt reported that there were more closed writ cases than usual because the AG's Office was in clean up mode and closed out some cases that were lingering, where writs had been issued but they had not actually closed the cases. Chief Counsel Steinhardt reported that 16 cases closed altogether and referred the board members to the more detailed report included in their materials.

12. Unfinished and New Business:

No unfinished or new business.

13. Closed Session:

The Board went into closed session. No votes were reported.

Adjournment