



Monterey Educational Risk Management Authority

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Date: October 2, 2024
Time: 8:30 a.m. – Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. - Meeting
Location: Intercontinental The Clement Hotel Monterey
Second Floor Main Building - Ocean Terrace 2 Room
750 Cannery Row
Monterey, CA 93940

A Action
I Information

1 Attached
2 Hand Out
3 Separate Cover
4 Verbal
5 Previously Mailed

Please Note: *If a quorum of the Board of Directors is not present at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee is specifically empowered to act as the governing body of the Authority on those matters which were to be considered by the Board of Directors at that meeting. MERMA Bylaws Section 5.14*

- A. CALL TO ORDER**
- B. ROLL CALL**
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED** A
- D. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
This time is reserved for members of the public to address the Board on matters of MERMA that are of interest to them.
- E. CONSENT CALENDAR** A 1
All Matters listed under the consent calendar are considered routine with no separate discussion necessary. Any member of the public or Board may request any item to be considered separately.
 - 1. Board of Directors Minutes – May 1, 2024
 - 2. Treasurer’s Report – Jun 30, 2024
- F. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**
 - 1. President’s Report** I 4
Colleen Stanley will address the Board on items pertaining to MERMA.
 - 2. Board of Directors Report** I 4
The Board may comment or report on matters or concerns of the JPA.

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G. FINANCIAL REPORTS I.

- 1. Investment Portfolio** A 1
Jake Stroud and Lupe Reyes of the County of Monterey Treasurer-Tax Collector's Office and Michael Kronbetter of PFM Asset Management will provide an overview of MERMA's investment portfolio for the Board to accept and file.
- 2. Investment Policy** A 1
The Board will review the updated Investment Policy with suggested revisions for review and approval.

H. PRESENTATIONS

- 1. Cover & Care** I 1
Kevin Stratton with Cover and Care will present his company's insurance-backed "budget certainty" coverage for staff absence costs and enhanced employee benefits for key life events to help districts retain and attract talent.
- 2. Legal Update** I 1
Joshua Whiteside of Lozano Smith Attorneys at Law will provide a legal update on new legislation that could affect schools.

I. FINANCIAL REPORTS II.

- 1. Financial Statements for FYE 2024 and 2023** A 1
Jacinto Acosta Bernal of McGilloway, Ray, Brown & Kaufman will present the Financial Statements for fiscal years ended 2024 and 2023 for the Board to review, accept and file.
- 2. MERMA Annual Report / Financial Benchmark Performance** I 1
The Program Managers will provide an overview of MERMA coverage, services, and financial condition as of June 30th compared to the benchmarks in the group's Funding Policy.

J. JPA BUSINESS

- 1. Loss Control Update** A 1
Maria Lorenzana, MERMA Loss Control Manager will provide an update on recent activities and suggestions for use of Risk Management Funds. The Board will review and may approve funding suggestions.

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12:00 p.m.

Lunch Break

J. JPA BUSINESS continued

2. Shield Eco-Safe Environmental Solutions

A presentation will be provided on an FDA approved, and EPA registered anti-microbial process for cleaning surfaces that lasts at least 30 days.

I 1

3. Intercare Claims Management Stewardship Report

Intercare representatives will provide their annual stewardship report of activities and performance benchmarks.

I 2

4. Options for Return of Funds

The Board will discuss options and may take action to approve the return of funds.

A 1

5. Underwriting Policy

The Board will review an updated Underwriting Policy with suggested revisions for review and approval.

A 1

6. Intern Executive Committee Member

The Board will be asked to designate an Intern Executive Committee Member.

A 1

7. Roundtable Discussion

Members will be encouraged to provide feedback and address topics of concern.

I 4

K. CLOSING COMMENTS

I 4

L. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Board of Directors Meeting – May 21, 2025

I 4

M. ADJOURNMENT

I 4

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