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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 11, 2026

The Executive Committee of the Monterey Educational Risk Management Authority met at 76 Stephanie Drive, Salinas, on May 11, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. This meeting was also available via Zoom/teleconference.

Executive Committee Members Present

Colleen Stanley, President, Monterey County Office of Education
Yvonne Perez, Secretary, Carmel Unified School District – *Via Zoom*
Nikki Herring, Salinas City Elementary School District
Ana Aguillon, Vice-President, Salinas Union High School District – *Arrived after roll call via Zoom*

Executive Committee Members Absent

Bernard Burchette, Spreckels Union School District

Guests and Staff Present

Ofelia Navarro, Carmel Unified School District – *Via Zoom*
Marlene Richardson, Intercare
Christine Bagley, Intercare
Marcus Beverly, Alliant
Maria Lorenzana, MERMA
Hallie Pacheco, MERMA

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Colleen Stanley called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Colleen Stanley, Yvonne Perez, Nikki Herring
Absent: Ana Aguillon, Bernard Burchette

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED

Motion to approve the agenda as posted.

MOTION: Nikki Herring	SECONDED: Yvonne Perez	MOTION CARRIED
AYES: 3	NOES: 0	ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2		
AYES: Nikki Herring, Yvonne Perez, Colleen Stanley		
ABSENT: Ana Aguillon, Bernard Burchette		

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

The following items were presented:

1. Executive Committee Minutes – March 18, 2026
2. Payment Register and Board Report – March and April 2026

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar items 1 and 2 as presented with a single motion.

MOTION: Nikki Herring	SECONDED: Yvonne Perez	MOTION CARRIED
AYES: 3	NOES: 0	ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2		
AYES: Nikki Herring, Yvonne Perez, Colleen Stanley		
ABSENT: Ana Aguillon, Bernard Burchette		

F. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. President's Report

President Colleen Stanley had no items to address.

2. Pool Administrator's Report

Marcus Beverly informed the Committee that Matt Gowan is unable to attend today's meeting.

3. Claims Administrator's Report

Christine Bagley of Intercare presented the following reports.

- Claims Activity for Rolling 13 Months: Ending 3/31/26
- New Claims Received by District: March 2025 – March 2026
- Pending Open Caseload: March 2025 – March 2026
- Pending Open Caseload by District as of 3/31/26
- Pending Open Claim Count by District-Comparison: March 2025 - March 2026
- Rolling 13 Month Closing Rate – Ending 3/31/26
- Reserve Salvage by District: FYTD - 3/31/26
- Frequency and Severity Reports: FYTD - 3/31/26
- Company Nurse Results: March 2026
- Bill Review Results: March 2026
- Bill Review Results: FYTD – 3/31/26
- Utilization Review Results: March 2026
- Utilization Review Results: FYTD – 3/31/26

Ana Aguillon joined the meeting via Zoom.

4. Loss Control Report

Maria Lorenzana discussed recent site inspections and site visits she has completed, trainings at several districts as well as ergonomic evaluations and chair deliveries.

She recommended districts receive the general office ergonomics training course that she can provide to groups of 20 participants. She mentioned employees receive training during an ergonomic evaluation although only provided to one employee at a time. Maria also acknowledged that a few districts are close to meeting all the criteria required to receive the Yacht Award of Excellence.

5. Executive Committee

No comments.

G. JPA BUSINESS

1. Resolution to Set Meeting Dates FY 2026-27

A Resolution to Set Meeting Dates for FY 2026-27 along with the meeting calendar was presented to the Committee. Marcus Beverly discussed the meetings are now scheduled on Mondays rather than Wednesdays for the upcoming fiscal year.

Motion to approve and adopt Resolution 26-01 To Set Meeting Dates for FY 2026-27 as presented.

MOTION: Nikki Herring	SECONDED: Ana Aguillon	MOTION CARRIED
AYES: 4	NOES: 0	ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1		
AYES: Nikki Herring, Ana Aguillon, Yvonne Perez, Colleen Stanley		
ABSENT: Bernard Burchette		

2. Nominations for Executive Committee Members

Marcus Beverly mentioned that at the last meeting, Ana and Nikki both agreed to accept nominations for election and Yvonne Perez would like to nominate Ofelia Navarro to replace her on the Executive Committee.

Ofelia Navarro, Coordinator of Human Resources at Carmel Unified, introduced herself to the Committee. She mentioned she is excited to be nominated to join the Executive Committee and to learn.

Motion to nominate Ana Aguillon, Nikki Herring, and Ofelia Navarro to be recommended to the Board of Directors for election.

MOTION: Colleen Stanley	SECONDED: Nikki Herring	MOTION CARRIED
AYES: 4	NOES: 0	ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1		
AYES: Colleen Stanley, Nikki Herring, Yvonne Perez, Ana Aguillon		
ABSENT: Bernard Burchette		

3. Workers' Compensation Excess Insurance Update

Marcus Beverly presented the Excess Insurance proposal for FY 2026-27 on behalf of Matt Gowan. He reported that we have really good news. The first layer of Excess coverage is an increase of only 1%, which is less than the 10% originally budgeted. Colleen Stanley wanted to congratulate Matt Gowan on obtaining the quote.

Motion to accept and bind the first layer of Workers' Compensation Excess Insurance as presented with a Self-Insured Retention of \$50,000-\$500,000 with Mitsui Sumitomo.

MOTION: Nikki Herring	SECONDED: Ana Aguillon	MOTION CARRIED
AYES: 4	NOES: 0	ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1		
AYES: Nikki Herring, Ana Aguillon, Yvonne Perez, Colleen Stanley		
ABSENT: Bernard Burchette		

4. Alliant Deadly Weapons Response Program (ADWRP)

Marcus Beverly reported we are estimating a 5% increase on the renewal for FY 2026-27. More information will be provided at the Board of Directors meeting.

5. Preliminary Budget FY 2026-27

The Preliminary Budget for FY 2026-27 was presented by Marcus Beverly. Total administrative expenses are budgeted to increase 1%. The revenues used for the actuary's premium calculations are enough to cover expenses with a net surplus due to the relatively flat insurance renewal. The Committee agreed to bank any surplus remaining from FY 2026-27 and could be used to offset the funding for FY 2027-28.

Motion to recommend the Preliminary Budget for FY 2026-27 as presented to the Board of Directors for approval.

MOTION: Yvonne Perez	SECONDED: Ana Aguillon	MOTION CARRIED
AYES: 4	NOES: 0	ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1		
AYES: Yvonne Perez, Ana Aguillon, Nikki Herring, Colleen Stanley		
ABSENT: Bernard Burchette		

6. Premium Contributions FY 2026-27

Marcus Beverly presented the Premium Contributions for FY 2026-27.

Motion to recommend Premium Contributions for FY 2026-27 as presented to the Board of Directors for approval.

MOTION: Ana Aguillon	SECONDED: Nikki Herring	MOTION CARRIED
AYES: 4	NOES: 0	ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1		
AYES: Ana Aguillon, Nikki Herring, Yvonne Perez, Colleen Stanley		
ABSENT: Bernard Burchette		

7. MERMA Employee Handbook Update

Marcus Beverly presented the update to the MERMA Employee Handbook Employee Benefits section to uncouple the employer paid contribution cap amount from MCOE.

Motion to approve the update to the MERMA Employee Handbook Employee Benefits section as presented.

MOTION: Nikki Herring	SECONDED: Ana Aguillon	MOTION CARRIED
AYES: 4	NOES: 0	ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1		
AYES: Nikki Herring, Ana Aguillon, Yvonne Perez, Colleen Stanley		
ABSENT: Bernard Burchette		

H. CLOSING COMMENTS

No comments.

I. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Board of Directors Meeting – May 20, 2026

J. ADJOURNMENT

President Colleen Stanley adjourned the meeting at 2:41 p.m.

Ana Aguillon, Vice President:



Marcus Beverly, Executive Director:



Date:

8/18/24