



SCHOOLS EXCESS LIABILITY FUND

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Time: Thursday, May 15, 10:30 A.M.

Location: SELF Office, 1531 I Street, Suite 300, Sacramento, CA, 95814

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Renee Hendrick, Chair	Area VI Representative
David Flores, Vice Chair	Area II Representative
Toan Nguyen, Comptroller	Area VI Representative
Steve Salvati, Secretary	Area VI Representative

GUEST

Leilani Aguinaldo	School Services of California, Inc.
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STAFF

Dave George	Chief Executive Officer
Kathryn Mathes	Chief Fiscal Officer
Lynn Garcia	Chief Litigation Officer
Lois Gormley	Director of Communications and Member Services
Jimmy Rowe	Director of Claims
Susan Casey	Executive Assistant

I. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Renee Hendrick called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m. Executive Assistant Susan Casey called the roll and confirmed the presence of a quorum.

II. AGENDA – May 15, 2025

A. Amendments/Adjustments

None.

B. Approval

Salvati made a motion, seconded by Flores, to adopt the agenda as proposed.

Vote: Hendrick – yes
Flores – yes
Nguyen – yes
Salvati – yes

Motion passed.

III. MINUTES –April 11 & March 6, 2025

A. Amendments/Adjustments

None.

B. Approval

Salvati made a motion, seconded by Flores, to approve the minutes of the March 6 and April 11 meetings as presented.

Vote: Hendrick – yes
Flores – yes
Nguyen – yes
Salvati – yes

Motion passed.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no members of the public who wished to address the Executive Committee.

V. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

George said he would provide an update on reinsurance marketing later in the meeting.

George advised that the captive entity would be meeting on May 19 in Salt Lake City for its annual in-person meeting in Utah. He noted that SISC is moving forward with forming their cell within SELF's multi-entity captive.

George reported that he had dinner with Board members during the CASBO conference earlier in April.

George gave a summary of staff outreach since the last meeting. He said SELF gave presentations for CSRM, Santa Clara, and San Mateo SIG regarding the assessment and rate-setting. George indicated that he met with Napa Valley Unified to answer their questions about the assessments.

Hendrick commented that she was a bit surprised by the assessment amount and could understand members' concerns. George acknowledged that the total sum was large, and he noted that it was not clear to some members that the amount could be paid over two years.

George said he planned to visit pool directors and the ASCIP and Ventura boards after the June Board meeting.

Hendrick thanked George for his report.

VI. PRESENTATION

A. Updated Bill Report

Leilani Aguinaldo, School Service of California, Inc., drew attention to the bill report in the meeting packet. She noted that report includes all bills on which the Board has taken positions as well as recommended positions on new bills and changes to positions.

Aguinaldo referred to AB 90 (Jackson), described on Page 5 of the report, and stated that this bill would require overnight student parking at post-secondary institutions, including community colleges. She recalled that at the last meeting, the Executive Committee approved an “oppose” position. She recommended changing that to a “watch” position because the bill was amended to allow community colleges to not adopt overnight parking on their campuses.

Aguinaldo drew attention to AB 601 (Jackson), on Page 6, pertaining to child abuse reporting. She noted that the Executive Committee previously took an “oppose unless amended” position due to concerns about mandated reporting of child neglect. She stated that School Services communicated with the author’s office, requested amendments, and the amendments were adopted on April 10. As it reads now, she advised, any training required by AB 601 does not overlap or disrupt existing mandated reporter training processes. Aguinaldo proposed updating the position on this bill to “watch.”

Aguinaldo recommended a “watch” position on AB 970, a bill to establish a pilot program in Los Angeles County that would affect mandated reporter laws. She said concerns about watering down existing requirements were expressed, and AB 970 is now a two-year bill. She added that a “watch” position will allow continued conversations with L.A. County.

Aguinaldo observed that there are a number of bills regarding child abuse prevention, including AB 1233, with a recommended “support” position. She noted that this bill is cosponsored by ACSA and the Riverside County Office of Education and would establish a statewide information system to track substantiated reports of egregious misconduct by classified school employees.

Aguinaldo said SB 334, on Page 6, is another prevention-related bill that would have required the superintendent of public instruction to post training developed by Redlands Unified School District. She indicated that SELF raised concerns about the language and specificity, and the author has agreed to remove any references to Redlands Unified School District. She recommended a “support” position after the bill is amended.

Aguinaldo drew attention to SB 848, on Page 7, a comprehensive child abuse prevention bill that would implement all of the prevention measures in the FCMAT report on the impacts of AB 218 on public agencies. She said SELF has articulated support for this bill.

Aguinaldo recommended an “oppose unless amended” position on SB 577, described on Page 4. She noted that the bill includes many of the provisions in the FCMAT report related to claim payments and jury verdicts, but it is limited in scope. She stated that School Services is working with the author to include other efforts to mitigate claims coming forward in the first place.

George commented that SB 577 was one of two bills dealing with the fiscal side of the FCMAT report. He said the bill makes it easier for public entities to access bonds to fund the costs over long periods, but it does not help reduce the costs. George noted that measures like a cap on attorney fees have not been inserted in the legislation. He added that the bill is being presented as a reform, but it does not offer any real relief in terms of reducing costs for public entities.

Aguinaldo said School Services will continue to monitor the bills affecting SELF and its members and track their amendments.

George noted that the changes and new positions will be brought to the Board for action at the June meeting.

Hendrick thanked Aguinaldo for her report.

VII. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEM

A. SELF Salary Range Annual Review

George said the Executive Committee worked with outside consultants last year to review and update SELF's salary ranges. He noted that the staff recommends no changes at this time.

B. Reinsurance Renewal

George provided an update on this year's reinsurance renewal marketing. He said the process of meeting with reinsurers in London, New York, and Bermuda had just concluded, and firm rates are expected within a week. He observed that the Bermuda market is expanding, and many pools are now approaching Bermuda for liability coverage. He advised that the discussions in New York centered around structured reinsurance arrangements. George stated that London market was pretty steady and involved meetings with multiple entities within the Lloyd's of London structure.

George discussed SELF's current reinsurance structure and the new proposed structure. He said SELF has a three-year fixed-cost arrangement with Hanover for the \$5 million excess of \$5 million layer, and he described the coverage and estimated pricing for each of the other layers. He expressed confidence that the rates set by the Board provide a sufficient cushion for the expected premiums.

George commented that the underwriters had many questions about claims at the meetings this year, and Chief Litigation Officer Lynn Garcia and Director of Claims Jimmy Rowe were on hand to discuss SELF's claims in detail. He noted the reinsurers wanted to hear what SELF was doing to prevent and mitigate large losses.

George said that Gallagher represents pools across the country, which gives them leverage to negotiate better coverage and prices in exchange for a larger book of business.

Hendrick thanked George for his report.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION

Nguyen made a motion, seconded by Salvati, to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of discussing anticipated claims and personnel matters.

Vote: Hendrick – yes
 Flores – yes
 Nguyen – yes
 Salvati – yes

Motion passed. The committee adjourned to closed session at 11:10 a.m.

A. Liability Claims (Gov. Code, § 54956.9)

- Discussion of anticipated litigation (significant exposure to litigation, pursuant to Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(2)):
 - ◆ One Matter
- B. Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Closed Session, pursuant to Gov’t Code 54957.
Title: Chief Executive Officer
- C. Personnel: Conference with Labor Negotiators (Pursuant to Gov’t. Code §54957.6)
Unrepresented Employee: CEO
Agency Designated Representative: Renee Hendrick, SELF Board Chair

At the conclusion of the closed session, Nguyen made a motion, seconded by Salvati, to resume the open meeting.

Vote: Hendrick – yes
Flores – yes
Nguyen – yes
Salvati – yes

Motion passed. The open meeting was resumed at 11:59 a.m.

Hendrick reported that the committee took no action during the closed session.

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS

The committee reviewed the schedule of upcoming meetings.

X. ADJOURNMENT – 12:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.