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Wednesday, June 24, 2026

The Board convened at May Lee State Office Complex Auditorium, 651 Bannon Street, Sacramento, at 10:05 a.m., with Ms. Lieber, Chair, Mr. Gaines, Vice Chair, Mr. Vazquez, and Mr. Schaefer present; and Mr. Emran present on behalf of Ms. Cohen in accordance with Government Code, section 7.9. A quorum was established.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Schaefer.

Mary Cichetti, Clerk, Board Proceedings, provided guidelines for public participation and other meeting procedures.

Public Comment on Matters Not on the Agenda

Ms. Lieber invited persons who wish to address the Board regarding items not on the agenda to come forward, but none provided comment.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Mr. Vazquez made a motion to adopt the consent agenda including the Board Meeting Minutes of May 27, 2026 and retirement resolutions for Rosemary (Rose) F. Smith, and Lisa M. Renati as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schaefer. The motion passed. Ms. Lieber, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Vazquez, Mr. Schaefer, and Mr. Emran voted yes.

Special Presentation

On behalf of the Board, Catherine P. Taylor, Chief, Board Proceedings and Support Services Division, read into the record retirement resolution recognizing Rosemary (Rose) F. Smith, Analyst II, Board Proceedings Division. Mary Cichetti, Clerk, Board Proceedings, read into the records the retirement resolution recognizing Lisa M. Renati, Chief Deputy Director. Ms. Taylor and Ms. Cichetti extended the Board's sincere and grateful appreciation for Ms. Smith's and Ms. Renati's dedicated service to the State Board of Equalization and to the State of California. Yvette M. Stowers, Executive Director, congratulated Ms. Smith and Ms. Renati on their well-earned retirement and provided some highlights of their career at the BOE. Members made complimentary remarks and provided their individual congratulations to Ms. Smith and Ms. Renati.

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The Board recessed at 11:03 a.m. and reconvened at 11:18 a.m. with Ms. Lieber, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Vazquez, Mr. Schaefer, and Mr. Emran present.

Board Member Matters

Mr. Schaefer made introductory remarks regarding returning to pre-COVID provisions for in-person and written public testimony ([Exhibit 6.1](#)).

MOTION: Mr. Schaefer made a motion to amend the AT&T public comment procedure to allow designated staff to communicate directly with AT&T operator to verify if any public commenters are on the line. Mr. Schaefer withdrew his motion.

Ms. Lieber made introductory remarks and invited Mitul Kalra, Legislative Aide for Senator Steve Padilla, who discussed and acknowledged the Board's support on SB 420 (Padilla, McNerney, Umberg) Property tax: welfare exemption: detention facilities. The Board received public comment from the following speaker:

Hon. Robert Menvielle, Imperial County Assessor

MOTION: Ms. Lieber made a motion to support SB 420. The motion was seconded by Mr. Emran. The motion passed. Ms. Lieber, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Vazquez, Mr. Schaefer, and Mr. Emran voted yes.

Mr. Vazquez made introductory remarks and invited Silverio Rizo Llamas, Legislative Assistant for Assemblymember Christopher Ward, who discussed and requested the Board's support on AB 2089 (Ward) Property taxation: welfare exemption: filing of claims. Paul Shafer, Public Policy Manager, California Council of Affordable Housing also discussed and requested the Board's support on AB 2089.

MOTION: Mr. Vazquez made a motion to support SB 420. The motion was seconded by Mr. Emran. The motion passed. Ms. Lieber, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Vazquez, Mr. Schaefer, and Mr. Emran voted yes.

Announcement of Closed Session

The Board recessed at 12:16 p.m. and reconvened immediately in closed session with Ms. Lieber, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Vazquez, Mr. Schaefer, and Mr. Emran present to discuss pending litigations (Gov. Code, § 11126(e)).

The Board recessed at 12:35 p.m.

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Announcement of Open Session

The Board reconvened at 1:35 p.m. in open session with Ms. Lieber, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Vazquez, Mr. Schaefer, and Mr. Emran present.

Catherine P. Taylor, Chief, Board Proceedings, announced that the Board took no action in closed session.

Executive Director's Reports

Yvette M. Stowers, Executive Director, reported on the status of pending and upcoming organizational issues.

Yvette M. Stowers, Executive Director, reported that the Counties of Humboldt, Imperial, Shasta, and Tulare have received time extensions to complete and submit their 2026 Local Assessment Rolls, pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code section 155.

Catherine P. Taylor, Chief, Board Proceedings and Support Services Division, provided an update on information technology modernization efforts.

Lisa Renati, Chief Deputy Director, reported on the status of operational priorities.

Amy Hendrickson, Acting Chief, Taxpayers' Rights Advocate (TRA) Office, reported on the workload of the Taxpayers' Rights Advocate Office.

David Yeung, Deputy Director, Property Tax Department, reported on the status of pending and upcoming projects, activities, and departmental issues. Carolyn Stemen, Principal Property Appraiser, County-Assessed Properties Division, reported on the status of Letters to Assessors, and the Appraisal Training and Certification Program. Pamela DiNapoli, Principal Property Appraiser, State-Assessed Properties Division, reported on the status of pending and upcoming projects and activities for the Division.

Ted Angelo, Chief, Legislative, Research & Statistics Division, reported on administrative and program related legislative bills impacting the BOE.

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Closing

Members made commemorative comments and closing remarks.

The Board adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

The foregoing minutes are adopted by the Board on July 22, 2026.