



AGENDA

LEGEND: A - Action may be taken
I - Information
1 - Included
2 - Handout
3 - Separate
4 - Verbal

JPA: ACCEL CLAIMS COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE/TIME: Thursday, September 11th, 2025, at 10 AM

LOCATION: Teleconference

Link: <https://alliantinsurance.zoom.us/j/91658958285?pwd=mVag0YGeuJGwM2Yn0iNXQ2KQxdrqWK.1>

Meeting ID: 916 5895 8285

Passcode: 168632

Dial: (669) 900-6833

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- MEMBER** • **City of Bakersfield**, 1600 Truxtun Ave., 4th Floor, Bakersfield, CA 93301
- LOCATIONS** • **City of Modesto**, 1010 10th Street, Modesto, CA 95354
- VIA TELE -** • **City of Mountain View**, 500 Castro St, Mountain View, CA 94041
- CONFERENCE** • **City of Santa Cruz**, 1200 Pacific Ave., Suite 290, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
- **City of Santa Monica**, 1685 Main Street, Room 131, Santa Monica, CA 90401

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A. CALL TO ORDER

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

(A)

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1. Approval of Minutes for the August 5, 2025, Claims Committee Meeting
The Committee will review these minutes and will take action to approve or give direction.

C. REPORTS

1. CLAIMS COMMITTEE'S REPORT

- 3 a) **CLOSED SESSION – Pursuant to Gov't Code 54956.95** (A)
Members will review the following Closed Session items and may take action or give direction.
- i. Committee Review – ACCEL Open Loss Run
 - ii. George Hills Estimated Loss Payments

RECONVENE - DISPOSITION OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

(I)

- 4 *The public is invited at this point to address the Committee on issues of interest to them.*

ADJOURNMENT



**MINUTES OF THE
ACCEL CLAIMS COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at 11:00 AM**

**Item No. B.1
Claims Committee
September 11, 2025**

**LOCATION:
TELECONFERENCE**

Link: <https://alliantinsurance.zoom.us/j/96439577386?pwd=WWiHUh8ZsKm92SlUo9HG6PvKm1RL4.1>

Meeting ID: 964 3957 7386

Passcode: 295369

Dial: (669) 900-6833

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jena Covey, City of Bakersfield
Matthew Braley, City of Modesto
Samhitha Cutshaw, City of Mountain View (*Joined at 11:05 AM*)
Ross Brandon, City of Santa Cruz
Oles Gordeev, City of Santa Monica

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

GUESTS AND CONSULTANTS:

Ben Oram, George Hills Company
Samantha Morgan, George Hills Company
Conor Boughey, Alliant Insurance Services
Lorissa Huey, Alliant Insurance Services

A. CALL TO ORDER

Jena Covey called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

B1. Approval of Minutes for the May 12th, 2025, Claims Committee Meeting

A motion was made to approve the consent calendar.

MOTION: Oles Gordeev **SECOND:** Ross Brandon **MOTION CARRIED**



	Jena Covey	Matthew Braley	Oles Gordeev	Ross Brandon	Samhitha Cutshaw
Aye	X	X	X	X	
Nay					
Abstain					

C. REPORTS

C1. CLAIMS COMMITTEE’S REPORT

C1a. Election of Claims Committee Chair

Lorissa Huey reported that the Claims Committee annually elects a Committee Chair.

A motion was made to elect Jena Covey as the Claims Committee Chair.

MOTION: Oles Gordeev **SECOND:** Ross Brandon **MOTION CARRIED**

	Jena Covey	Matthew Braley	Oles Gordeev	Ross Brandon	Samhitha Cutshaw
Aye		X	X	X	X
Nay					
Abstain	X				

C1b. George Hills Service Team Update

Ben Oram introduced Samantha Morgan to the Claims Committee. A copy of her resume was included in the agenda packet. The Committee welcomed her.

C1c. Litigation Update

Every quarter, Ben Oram provides the Claims Committee a litigation update. The litigation update was posted on the ACCEL Website in the Members’ Only Section.

Members asked questions, which were addressed.



C1d. Member Attorney Rates

Lorissa Huey stated that ACCEL’s Claims Handling Policy and Procedure requires Members to notify the Claims Committee (CC) when their attorney rates are in excess of \$400 per hour.

The Cities of Bakersfield and Burbank have submitted letters regarding their contract with their respective law firms. This is the fourth year for Bakersfield with Marderosian and Cohen, and the second year for Burbank with Nielsen Merksamer Parrinello Gross & Leoni.

A motion was made to approve the letters and the Committee found that the Attorney Rates for both law firms were reasonable. The CC has requested the Members to continue to submit their attorney rates annually if they are in excess of \$400 per hour.

MOTION: Ross Brandon **SECOND:** Matthew Braley **MOTION CARRIED**

	Jena Covey	Matthew Braley	Oles Gordeev	Ross Brandon	Samhitha Cutshaw
Aye		X		X	X
Nay					
Abstain	X		X		

C1e. CLOSED SESSION – Pursuant to Gov’t Code 54956.95

A motion was made to enter into Closed Session at 11:30 AM.

MOTION: Ross Brandon **SECOND:** Jena Covey **MOTION CARRIED**

	Jena Covey	Matthew Braley	Oles Gordeev	Ross Brandon	Samhitha Cutshaw
Aye	X	X	X	X	X
Nay					
Abstain					



A motion was made to come out of Closed Session at 11:40 AM.

MOTION: Oles Gordeev **SECOND:** Ross Brandon **MOTION CARRIED**

	Jena Covey	Matthew Braley	Oles Gordeev	Ross Brandon	Samintha Cutshaw
Aye	X	X	X	X	X
Nay					
Abstain					

RECONVENE - DISPOSITION OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Lorissa Huey reported out of Closed Session that direction was given to the Claims Administrators.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS - There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Lorissa Huey adjourned the meeting at 11:42 AM.