

**California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)
Minutes**

of the Meeting/Video Conferencing
of the Nursery Advisory Board (NAB)
Held on Thursday, January 29, 2026
1220 N Street, Room 133
Sacramento, CA 95833

NURSERY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Voting Members Present: David Cox, Mike Doiron, Michael Frantz, James Hessler, Bruce Jensen, David Kirby, Carl Pongs, Josh Puckett

Voting Members Absent: Dustin Hooper, Jay Jensen, Phillip Johnson, Daniel Waterhouse

Ex Officio Nonvoting Members Present: Jolene Dessert, Emily Robidart Rooney

Ex Officio Nonvoting Members Absent: Kamal Bagri, John Keller, Loren Oki, Isabella Quinonez, Wolfgang Schweigkofler, Gerry Spinelli

OTHER ATTENDEES*

Beth Hellman, Joshua Kress, Brenda Lanini, Jasmine Minhas, Sam Morales, Cristy Munos, Kelley Paugh, Michael Paule, Hanna Upton, Kristina Weber

*As self-reported in the GoToWebinar application

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

David Cox, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. and conducted roll call. A quorum was present for the Board.

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Cox welcomed everyone and reviewed the topics of discussion.

DISCUSSION OF LETTER TO THE SECRETARY AND RESPONSE REGARDING FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL CODE SECTION 242

The Board agreed that the code section and reasoning behind Program being charged more than 5% indirect was explained well by CDFA Executive Office and did not have further questions or discussion on the topic at this time.

REVIEW AND AMENDMENT OF BOARD PROCEDURES

The Board reviewed the NAB Board Procedures as amended on October 12, 2023, and discussed the term limits set in Section 1.7 Election of Officers. After discussion, the Board agreed to raise term limits for officers from two years to three years.

Board Motion #1

The Board approved amendment of Section 1.7 of the Board Procedures to read:

“Election of Officers. Board officers shall be elected for a term of one year commencing with the first meeting of the Board of each calendar year. Any Board member may hold more than one office, except that the Chairperson shall hold only that office. A member may hold any office for ~~two~~ three consecutive terms, but not more than ~~two~~ three consecutive terms.”

Motion: Carl Pongs
Second: Michael Frantz

Details of Board Vote

In Favor: David Cox, Mike Doiron, Michael Frantz, James Hessler, Bruce Jensen, David Kirby, Carl Pongs, Josh Puckett

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Dustin Hooper, Jay Jensen, Phillip Johnson, Daniel Waterhouse

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Cox reviewed the requirement to annually elect a chair and other officers set in Food and Agricultural Code Section 6993, and called for nominations. The Board discussed nominations for Chair and Vice Chair, and reached a consensus to re-elect David Cox and Daniel Waterhouse as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively.

Board Motion #2

The Board re-elected David Cox as the Chair of the Nursery Advisory Board.

Motion: Michael Frantz
Second: James Hessler

Details of Board Vote

In Favor: David Cox, Mike Doiron, Michael Frantz, James Hessler, Bruce Jensen, David Kirby, Carl Pongs, Josh Puckett

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Dustin Hooper, Jay Jensen, Phillip Johnson, Daniel Waterhouse

Board Motion #3

The Board re-elected Daniel Waterhouse as the Vice Chair of the Nursery Advisory Board.

Motion: Michael Frantz
Second: Bruce Jensen

Details of Board Vote

In Favor: David Cox, Mike Doiron, Michael Frantz, James Hessler, Bruce Jensen, David Kirby, Carl Pongs, Josh Puckett

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Dustin Hooper, Jay Jensen, Phillip Johnson, Daniel Waterhouse

NON-VOTING BOARD MEMBER VACANCY

The Board noted the vacant non-voting ex officio position for a representative from the University of California, and reviewed the application from Johanna Del Castillo Múnera for appointment.

Board Motion #4

The Board recommended the appointment of Johanna Del Castillo Múnera to the Nursery Advisory Board as a non-voting ex officio member representing the University of California.

Motion: Carl Pongs

Second: Michael Frantz

Details of Board Vote

In Favor: David Cox, Mike Doiron, Michael Frantz, James Hessler, Bruce Jensen, David Kirby, Carl Pongs, Josh Puckett

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Dustin Hooper, Jay Jensen, Phillip Johnson, Daniel Waterhouse

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

NEXT MEETING/AGENDA ITEMS

- Quarantines update, including Japanese beetle
- HLB/ACP Program update

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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