

California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)
Minutes
of the Meeting/Video Conferencing
of the Nursery Advisory Board (NAB) Nominating Committee
Held on Thursday, August 3, 2023
1220 N Street, Room 210
Sacramento, CA 95814

NURSERY ADVISORY BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS

Members Present: David Cox, Michael Frantz, Janet Silva Kister, Chris Zanobini

Members Absent: None

OTHER ATTENDEES*

Jasmine Minhas, Michael Paule, Kristina Weber

* As self-reported in Zoom application.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Janet Silva Kister, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. and conducted a roll call. A quorum was not required for the Subcommittee.

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Kister welcomed everyone and reviewed the topics of discussion.

DISCUSS RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD MEMBER SELECTION FOR NURSERY ADVISORY BOARD

The Nursery Advisory Board has two open positions for voting members. The Nominating Committee received three applications for review. James Hessler is the Director of West Coast Operations of Altman Specialty Plants (C4305). David Kirby is the Executive Vice President of Everde Growers (D1726). Aaron Todd is the owner of Alejo Landscaping (B3151). The Nominating Committee agreed to recommend the appointment of James Hessler and David Kirby to the NAB as voting members.

The NAB also has several open positions for non-voting members. The Nominating Committee received one applicant for review. Emily Rooney is the President of the Agricultural Council of California. The Nominating Committee agreed to recommend the appointment of Emily Rooney to the NAB as a non-voting member.

It was noted that several non-voting members have retired or moved on from their previous positions. The Nominating Committee members and CDFA will follow up before the next NAB meeting to aid in filling required non-voting Board positions.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

NEXT MEETING/AGENDA ITEMS

The next Board meeting will be held before the Fall 2023 NAB meeting. It will be held via Zoom video conferencing. Agenda items will be:

- Present Nominating Committee's recommendations for voting and non-voting Board positions.
- Review vacancies of non-voting Board positions.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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