

**Minutes of the
MBASIA Coverage and Claims Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 9:30 AM**

LOCATION:

Video Teleconference

Link:

<https://alliantinsurance.zoom.us/j/91534419426?pwd=GtbUBtyzGYdU4VT14HyZ8oX9ErbBEt.1>

Meeting ID: 915 3441 9426

Passcode: 709763

Dial: (669) 900-6833

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jamie Goldstein, City of Capitola

Carmen Gil, City of Gonzales

Paul Wood, City of Greenfield

Layne Long, City of Marina

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

GUESTS & CONSULTANTS

Neil Callahan, George Hills Company

Conor Boughey, Alliant Insurance Services

Lorissa Huey, Alliant Insurance Services

A. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Paul Wood called the meeting to order at 9:34 AM.

B. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no oral communications and public comments.

C. CONSENT CALENDAR

C1. Approval of Minutes for the October 10, 2025, Claims Committee Meeting

A motion was made to approve the consent calendar.

MOTION: Carmen Gil **SECOND:** Layne Long **MOTION CARRIED**

	Jamie Goldstein	Carmen Gil	Paul Wood	Layne Long
Aye	X	X	X	X
Nay				
Abstain				

D. COVERAGE & CLAIMS COMMITTEE

D1. Liability Attorney Defense Panel – Proposed Changes

Neil Callahan, George Hills MBASIA’s Third-Party Administrator presented to the committee proposed changes to the Liability Attorney Defense Panel. The proposed changes are to remove Ford, Walker, Haggerty & Behar, LLP and Kaufman, Dolowich, & Voluck, LLP, change Skane Mills to only include Employment Practices Liability claims, add Chris Brumfiel to Burke, Williams, & Sorensen, LLP, and add two new law firms: Bordin Semmer, and Castillo, Moriarty, Robinson.

Burke, Williams, & Sorensen, LLP’s rate has increased from \$325 to \$425/hr for partners and \$400/hr for associates.

A motion was made to recommend to the Board to adopt the proposed changes to the Liability Attorney Defense Panel as discussed.

Also, the Committee recommends that the Board accepts the higher rates for Burke, Williams, & Sorensen, LLP and finds it worth the cost for high profile cases.

MOTION: Jamie Goldstein **SECOND:** Layne Long **MOTION CARRIED**

	Jamie Goldstein	Carmen Gil	Paul Wood	Layne Long
Aye	X	X	X	X
Nay				
Abstain				

D2. LOSS REPORT

CLOSED SESSION – Pursuant to Gov’t Code 54956.95

D2a. Workers’ Compensation Third Party Administrator’s Report - None

D2b. Liability Third Party Administrator’s Report - None

ADJOURNMENT

Paul Wood adjourned the meeting at 9:49 AM.