



HELP SHAPE CALIFORNIA **STATE BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS WORKSHOP**

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AGENDA

- Appointments Unit
- Type of Appointments
- Searching for Opportunities
- Testimonials from Current Appointees
- Q&As



APPOINTMENTS UNIT

Appointments**Morgan Carvajal****Appointments Secretary**

Assistant – Cecilia Crowley

Ismael Contreras

Chief Deputy Appointments Secretary

Assistant – Christina Alligood

Samantha Diaz

Deputy Appointments Secretary

Assistant – Christina Alligood

Diana Essex

Appointments Administrator

Elissa Ouchida

Deputy Appointments Secretary

Assistant – Izza Ahmed

Curtis Lang

Deputy Appointments Secretary

Assistant – Izza Ahmed

Rochelle Schmidt

Deputy Appointments Secretary

Assistant – Elizabeth Barton-Mattos

Aubrey Anthony

Assistant Deputy Appointments Secretary

Savannah Mendoza

Assistant Deputy Appointments Secretary

Cecilia Crowley

Special Assistant to the Secretary

Christina Alligood

Special Assistant to Appointments

Izza Ahmed

Assistant to Appointments

Elizabeth Barton-Mattos

Assistant to Appointments

Issue Areas

Environmental Protection Agency; Energy

Government Operations Agency; Transportation Agency; and Legal Boards

Senate Rules; Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; and Public Safety

Constitutional Officers (Exempt Staff); Railroad Enforcement; and Selective Service

Higher Education; K-12 Education; Labor and Workforce Development Agency

Health and Human Services Agency; Licensing Boards (Healing Arts)

Housing; Natural Resources Agency; and Governor's Office of Emergency Services

Business and Consumer Services; Department of Food Agriculture, Licensing Boards (Non-Healing Arts); and Fair Boards (District Agricultural Associations 1 – 52)

Department of Veterans Affairs; Native American Heritage Commission; Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development; Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation; and Governor's Office of Service and Community Engagement

Assistant to Morgan Carvajal

Senate Rules; Assistant to Ismael Contreras and Samantha Diaz

Assistant to Curtis Lang and Elissa Ouchida

Intern Supervisor; Assistant to Aubrey Anthony and Rochelle Schmidt



TYPES OF APPOINTMENTS

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

- Often not “full-time” or salaried positions
- Largely per diem or not compensated
- Slot restrictions, vary by board/commission
- May be subject to Senate confirmation
- Terms vary

FULL TIME/ADMINISTRATIVE

- Full-time, salaried positions
- Leadership position at department/agency:
 - Legislative
 - External Affairs/Comms
 - Policy/Programs
 - Legal
- Serve at pleasure of the Governor
- Restrictions on outside employment/activities



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Agency

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Veterans Affairs, Deputy Secretary of Legislation and Government Relations

Agency: Independent Agency**Department:** Department of Veterans Affairs**Position Category:** Full-Time apptd by Governor

Under the direction of the Secretary and Undersecretary, the incumbent is responsible for managing the Agency's legislative package and providing bill analysis and advice to the Secretary and the Governor's Office on both state and federal legislation.

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Department of General Services, Deputy Director and Chief Counsel

Agency: Government Operations Agency**Department:** Department of General Services**Position Category:** Full-Time apptd by Governor

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Veterinary Medical Board

Agency: Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency

Department: Department of Consumer Affairs

Position Category: Boards And Commissions

The Veterinary Medical Board's purpose is to protect consumers and animals through the development and maintenance of professional standards, licensing of veterinary technicians, and diligent enforcement of the California Veterinary Medicine Practice Act.

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California Veterans Board

Agency: Independent Agency

Department: Department of Veterans Affairs

Position Category: Boards And Commissions

The California Veterans Board serves as an advocate for Veterans affairs, identifying needs, and working to ensure and enhance the rights and benefits of California Veterans and their dependents. Any veteran who applies for state benefits may appeal any decision made by a



Board and commission appointments

All are listed alphabetically by board or commission name.

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STATE BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION

<u>Purpose:</u>	Produce sensible and usable state building standards and administrative regulations that implement or enforce those standards.
<u>Authority:</u>	Health & Safety Code § 18920 et seq.
<u>Appointing Power:</u>	Governor - 10 (requires Senate confirmation)
<u>Number:</u>	Eleven (11)
<u>Special Considerations:</u>	Members shall be selected from, and represent the public, design professions, the building and construction industry, local government building officials, fire and safety officials, and labor in accordance with the following: (Health & Saf. Code § 18921(a).)
<u>Qualifications:</u>	Governor appoints four (4) members from the professions and industries concerned with building construction as follows: (Health & Saf. Code § 18921(b)(1-4).) (a) An architect; (b) A mechanical or electrical engineer or fire protection engineer; (c) A structural engineer; and (d) A licensed contractor; Three (3) from the general public, and at least one (1) of whom shall be a person with physical disabilities; (Health & Saf. Code § 18921(c).) One (1) from organized labor in the building trades; (Health & Saf. Code § 18921(d).) One (1) local building official; (Health & Saf. Code § 18921(e).)

Registry

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Building Standards Commission, State

2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130
Sacramento, CA 95833

	Appt Date	End Date
Erick Damon Mikiten (Disabled) Alameda	Jan 24 2022	Jan 1 2026
Frank Ramirez (Public) Sacramento	Jan 24 2022	Jan 1 2024
Rajesh Patel (Bldg Official) Los Angeles	Jan 28 2020	Jan 1 2024
Elham (Elley) Klausbruckner (Mech Engr) San Diego	Mar 12 2021	Jan 1 2025
Kent Kenji Sasaki (Structural Engr) Contra Costa	Jan 24 2022	Jan 1 2026
JUVILYN DEOMAMPO ALEGRE (Fire Official) San Diego	Jan 24 2022	Jan 1 2026
Pedro Santillan (Labor) Los Angeles	Jan 28 2020	Jan 1 2024
Aaron Thomas Stockwell (Public) Sacramento	Jan 2 2021	Jan 1 2025
James Daniel Haskin (Contractor) Alameda	Jan 2 2023	Jan 1 2027
Laura Nicole Rambin (Architect) Alameda	Jan 2 2023	Jan 1 2027



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APPLICATION REVIEW AND PROCESS



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APPLICATION REVIEW AND PROCESS

APPLICATION

- Fairly detailed form
- Work history
- Membership
- Background Qs
- Why do you want to serve?

INITIAL GO INTERACTION

- Show interest!
- Discuss duty statement
- Salary Expectations

AGENCY INTERVIEW

- Do your homework
- Policy/Budget Priorities
- Stakeholders
- Day-to-day role

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE INTERVIEW

- Why YOU?
- Storytelling
- Understanding your role
- Questions you have





CURRENT APPOINTEES



Dr. Annette Walker
*Board of Behavioral
Sciences*



Carson Fajardo
*California State University
Board of Trustees*



Rosalinda Olague
*Dental Board of
California*



Dr. Ben Jauregui
*California Commission on
Aging*



QUESTIONS?



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