California High-Cost Fund-A Administrative Committee
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, May 20, 2026, 10:00 AM

Attendees:

Committee Members
- Bixia Ye, Cal Advocates Office (Chair)
- Eric Votaw, Ducor Telephone Company (Vice Chair)
- Stephen Kalish, Community Based Organization (Alternate)
- Jason Tikijian, Small LEC Representation (Alternate)
- Chrystian Villareal, Cal Advocates Office (Alternate)

CPUC Staff
- Sandy Lam, Communications Division
- Dorris Chow, Communications Division
- Saraf Tarannum, Communications Division
- Sky Staes, Communications Division
- Faith DeLeon, Communications Division
- Sindy Yun, Legal Division
- Lalaine Semana, Fiscal Office

Public:
- Q C Vu, BRB Law LLP

Agenda:

1. **Introduction**
   The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM. All the participants introduced themselves.

2. **Announcements**
   No announcements.

3. **Public Comments**
   No public comments.

4. **Review and Approve Meeting Minutes**
   Stephen Kalish motioned to approve the minutes from February 25th meeting as amended. Eric Votaw seconded the motion. Meeting minutes were approved.

5. **FY 2027-2028 Budget – Sandy Lam**
   Sandy Lam presented the Proposed Budget for the fiscal year 2027-2028. Stephen mentioned that they recommended reducing the appropriation to $40 million dollars last year and proposed the same amount this year. Bixia had no opinion regarding this proposal and recommended sticking to the budget as proposed. Since there was no number the committee agreed on, there was no budget recommendation approved by the committee.

6. **Annual Report:** Bixia will submit a draft by the next meeting.

7. **Liaison Staff Reports**

    a. **Fiscal Report – Lalaine Semana**
    Lalaine Semana presented the Fiscal Report for the CHCF-A Fund as of April 30, 2026.

    b. **Communications Division – Sandy Lam**
    CHCF-A website has been updated with all current meeting minutes and annual reports.

    Bixia asked questions regarding the resolution to postpone GRC. Dorris clarified the resolution was withdrawn and GRCs will be filed in October this year.

    Stephen asked about legal reports. Sindy clarified there were no legal updates, and she would ask staff to add as an agenda beforehand if there would be any legal updates.

    In addition, Sindy Yun noted that the CPUC submitted comments on FCC's Direct Final Rule in May 2026, recommending that the FCC retain 47 C.F.R. § 43.21(d) and § 43.21(f) in their current form.

8. **Update from Small LECs**

    QC Vu informed that all small ILECs received approval to participate in Lifeline pilot program. 2 or 3 carriers (Ducor, Kerman, and maybe Foresthill) have begun enrolling customers and the others going through validation and testing and receiving marketing materials. The process for enrollment has been a long journey which adds delays. Small ILECs expressed concerns that the TPA process is time-consuming and appears to prioritize larger companies, such as Comcast, over smaller providers. They hope Communications Division can help address this issue. Sindy Yun offered that the Small ILECs may contact her if they encounter any issues related to the LifeLine Pilot program.

9. **New agenda items for next meeting**

    In addition to the standard agenda items, review and approval of annual report for FY 2026 should be included in the agenda for the next meeting.

10. **Proposed date and time for next meeting: Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 10 AM**

    Meeting adjourned at 10:44 AM.