

**AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS  
PUBLIC AGENCY COALITION ENTERPRISE  
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**

**PREAMBLE**

The Public Agency Coalition Enterprise Joint Powers Authority ("PACE" or "JPA") is established for the purpose of the establishment, operation, and maintenance of a joint program for employee benefits coverage, and such other coverages and associated services as the Board may later determine, by its members ("Members"), and to provide a forum for discussion, study, development, and implementation of programs regarding employee benefits, insurance, and self-insurance. PACE shall comply with the provisions of Sections 6503.5 and 53051 of the Government Code requiring the filing of a statement with the Secretary of State.

**ARTICLE I  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- A. A Board of Directors ("Board") is hereby established to direct and control PACE. The number of directors shall equal the number of Members. As additional Members are added, the number of directors shall be adjusted accordingly without need to amend these bylaws.
- B. Each Member of PACE shall appoint one of its employees to serve on the Board, and shall notify PACE in writing of the appointment. Each Member will also appoint one Alternate Board member who shall serve in the absence of the Board member. The Insurance Advisory Committee described in Article VIII ("IAC") shall also appoint one of its members to serve on the Board.
- C. Each Director shall serve an indefinite term which shall end upon the occurrence of any of the following events:
  - 1. Written notice from the appointing Member that it has appointed a replacement for the director;
  - 2. The director ceases to be an employee of the appointing Member, or the IAC, if service as IAC representative;
  - 3. The director provides written notice of resignation; or
  - 4. The director is involuntarily removed from office by a majority vote of the Board.Any vacancy on the Board shall be filled by the Member that appointed the Director leaving the vacancy.
- D. The Board shall meet at least annually and at other times as special meetings are called. The date, time, and place for each such regular meeting shall be fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors, which resolution shall be publicly posted prior to the meeting on a public bulletin board to be designated by the Board and filed with each Member. All meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called, held, and conducted in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act, Sections 54950, et seq., of the California Government Code ("Act"), as from time to time amended, and in accordance with rules adopted by the Board, provided that such rules are not inconsistent with the Act. The Board

shall cause minutes of its meetings to be kept, and shall promptly transmit to the Members true and correct copies of the minutes of such meetings.

- E. The Board, by resolution, shall designate a specific location at which it will receive notices, correspondence, and other communications, and shall designate one of its Members as an agent for the purpose of receiving service on behalf of PACE.
- F. Each Director shall have one vote and, unless otherwise provided under these Bylaws, the action of a majority of Directors at any meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the action of the Board. A quorum shall consist of a majority of Directors present at any regular or specially called meeting of the Board.
- G. In addition to those standing committees established by the Bylaws, the Board may appoint and dissolve working committees whose function shall be as designated by the Board. Working committees shall not have authority to act on behalf of the Board, but shall present information, offer input, and/or make suggestions and recommendations to the Board. Unless otherwise prohibited by law or these Bylaws, membership in a working committee is not restricted to Directors. Any employee of a Member may serve on a working committee, provided, however, that each working committee shall have at least one (1) member who is a Director. The President shall appoint the chair and all members of each working committee.
- H. No Director shall receive any compensation in exchange for service as a Director, provided, however, that the Directors shall be reimbursed, in accordance with policies to be adopted by the Board, for all legitimate expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.
- I. The JPA may secure insurance coverage for the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE II POWERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- A. The Board may establish rules governing its own conduct and procedure, and have such expressed or implied authority as is not inconsistent with, or contrary to, the laws of the State of California, these Bylaws, or the Joint Powers Agreement (“JPA Agreement.”)
- B. The Board of Directors shall directly or by contract take such action and provide for services required to effectively implement all aspects of this joint program.
- C. Unless otherwise prohibited by law or these Bylaws, the Board may delegate to the Executive Committee the authority to act on Behalf of the Board on any matter that is to be brought before the Board.
- D. The Board shall designate and engage a Program Manager to oversee the day-to-day activities of the JPA.

**ARTICLE III**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- A. Once the Authority has reached seven (7) Members, the Board may, at its discretion, establish an Executive Committee. The size of the Executive Committee shall be as set by resolution of the Board. The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the PACE Officers and such other Directors as are elected by the Board. Until such time as the Executive Committee is established, the powers and duties of the Executive Committee as designated in these Bylaws shall be the responsibility of the full Board of Directors.
- B. The non-Officer members of the Executive Committee shall be elected by a majority vote of the Directors and shall serve a term ending on December 31 of odd numbered years. In the event of a vacancy on the Executive Committee, the vacancy shall be filled by the majority vote of the Executive Committee. Any individual elected to fill a vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.
- C. The Executive Committee may conduct regular, adjourned regular, special, and adjourned special meetings, provided, however, that it will hold at least two regular meetings each fiscal year. Such meetings may be held concurrent with PACE meetings. The date, time, and place for each such regular meeting shall be fixed by resolution of the Executive Committee, which resolution shall be publicly posted prior to the meeting on a public bulletin board to be designated by the Executive Committee and filed with each Member of PACE.

All meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called, held, and conducted in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code Section 54950, et seq.) (“Brown Act”) of the California Government Code, as said Act may be modified by subsequent legislation, and as the same may be augmented by rules of the Executive Committee not inconsistent therewith.

- D. Except as otherwise provided or permitted by law, all meetings of the Executive Committee shall be open and public. The Executive Committee shall cause minutes of its meetings to be kept, and shall promptly transmit to the Members of PACE true and correct copies of the minutes of such meetings.
- E. Each member of the Executive Committee shall have one (1) vote and, unless otherwise provided in these bylaws, the action of a majority at any meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the action of the Executive Committee. A quorum shall consist of a majority of Directors, or their Agency Alternate, present at any regular or specially called meeting of the Executive Committee.
- F. No individual shall receive any compensation in exchange for service on the Executive Committee, provided, however, that the members of the Executive Committee shall be reimbursed, in accordance with policies to be adopted by the Board, for all legitimate expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

**ARTICLE IV  
POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- A. The Executive Committee may establish rules governing its own conduct and procedure, and have such expressed or implied PACE as is not inconsistent with or contrary to the laws of the State of California, these Bylaws, the Agreement, or any rule, policy, procedure, action, or directive of the Board. The Executive Committee shall have no power to overrule or invalidate any action validly taken by the Board.
- B. The Executive Committee shall have the duty to act on behalf of the Board in between the meetings of the Board, but only as described in Part C below.
- C. The powers of the Executive Committee include:
  - 1. Appoint and dissolve working committees;
  - 2. Directly or by contract provide for services required to effectively implement all aspects of this joint program;
  - 3. Review, approve and/or terminate any contract to which PACE is a party, except that the JPA's contract with the Program Manager may only be approved or terminated by the full Board;
  - 4. Approve admission of new Members;
  - 5. Approve the health benefits insurance and insurance-related programs to be offered to the Members;
  - 6. Work with the Program Manager, as appropriate, to oversee PACE's insurance programs and day-to-day operations; and
  - 7. Any other power necessary to conduct the business of PACE unless such power is specifically reserved to the Board.

**ARTICLE V  
OFFICERS**

- A. The Officers of PACE shall be elected by the Board, and shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Past President. Each officer, not including the Past President, shall serve a 2-year term. The Past President will serve a 1-year term upon leaving office. The President and Secretary/Treasurer will serve a 2-year term ending on December 31 of even numbered years, and the Vice President will serve a 2-year term ending on odd numbered years. Any person elected or appointed as an Officer may be removed at any time, with or without cause, by a majority vote of the Board. Any vacancy in an Officer position shall be filled by the Board.
- B. The President shall be the chief executive officer and shall have general supervision and direction of the business of PACE, shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board are carried into effect, and shall have other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board. The President shall also be a Member of all working committees established by the Board or Executive Committee.
- C. The Vice President shall have such powers and perform such duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board or the President. In the absence or disability of the

President, the Vice President shall be vested with all the powers and authorized to perform all the duties of the President.

D. The Secretary/Treasurer shall have the following duties:

1. Attend all meetings of PACE and record all votes and the minutes of all meetings;
2. Give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of PACE when notice is required by law or these Bylaws;
3. Act as the chief financial officer of PACE and assume the following duties described in Sections 6505.1 and 6505.5 of the California Government Code:
  - i. Receive and receipt for all money of PACE and place it in a County Treasury and/or a commercial account as approved by PACE to the credit of PACE;
  - ii. Be responsible for the safekeeping and disbursement of all money of PACE; and
  - iii. Pay, when due, out of money of PACE, all legitimate and verifiable sums payable by PACE.
4. Verify and report in writing on the first day of July, October, January, and April of each year, or as soon as possible thereafter, to PACE, the amount of money he holds for PACE, the amount of receipts since his last report, and the amount paid out since his last report.
5. Act as Custodian of PACE property; and
6. Perform such other duties as may be prescribed from time to time by law or by PACE or the President.

## **ARTICLE VI MEMBERSHIP**

- A. Membership in PACE is open to any commercially insured or self-insured California public agency. Membership shall be deemed to be effective when the prospective Member has:
1. Been approved by the Board or Executive Committee;
  2. Has executed the Agreement; and
  3. Agreed in writing to be bound by these Bylaws.
- B. For purposes of Section A above, “public agency” means any city, state, county, or local government or an agency of city, state, county, or local government, or other public entity or any joint powers authority comprised of any of the foregoing and serving the interests of the public entities detailed in this section.

## **ARTICLE VII PROGRAM MANAGER**

A Program Manager shall oversee the day-to-day operations and administrative functions of PACE. The Program Manager shall also act as PACE’s benefits consultant and insurance broker for the organization. Given its extensive experience as an insurance broker/consultant and in the management of pooled insurance programs and joint powers authorities, Keenan shall serve as PACE’s Program Manager. Keenan shall serve at the pleasure of the Board and may be removed as the Program Manager if such removal is authorized by unanimous consent of all Directors. The

compensation of the Program Manager will be set each year by the Board. Members shall comply with any initiatives or programs implemented by the Program Manager on behalf of PACE, including, but not limited to, the use of the BenefitBridge data platform to facilitate enrollment and the transmission of eligibility data.

## **ARTICLE VIII INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

- A. There shall be created an Insurance Advisory Committee (“IAC”) whose purpose shall be to advise and consult with the Board with respect to the interests and concerns of non-management employees of the Members. Each Member shall designate up to two (2) individuals from the organization to serve on the IAC. Individuals shall serve on the IAC at the pleasure of the appointing Member and any individual so serving may be removed and replaced by the appointing Member at any time for any reason.
- B. The IAC shall appoint two (2) members of the Committee to serve as Directors of the Authority. Except as expressly described in this Article VII, any individual representing the IAC on the Board of Directors shall have the same duties, responsibilities, and conditions of tenure as each other Director.
- C. The IAC shall select one individual to serve as its Chair. The Chair shall preside over all meetings of the IAC.
- D. The IAC shall function only in an advisory capacity and shall have no authority to take any action or make any decision on behalf of the Authority.
- E. All meetings of the IAC will be called, held and conducted in compliance with the provisions of the Brown Act.
- F. The IAC members shall not receive compensation for their service on the Committee. Expenses incurred by an IAC member at the direction or request of the Board shall be eligible for reimbursement only if approved in advance.
- G. The IAC shall meet at least once annually. Additional meetings may be convened upon request of the Chair or any IAC member, or at the request or direction of the Board.

## **ARTICLE IX WELLNESS INITIATIVES**

Each Member shall promote the health and well-being of its employees through participation in the wellness initiatives adopted by PACE. In furtherance of such initiatives, and to support a wellness program among its own employees, each Member shall:

1. Create a wellness leadership team representing management and labor, which meets monthly and assists with providing direction for the program design, implementation, and evaluation;

2. Establish an employee wellness committee to provide involvement of the workforce in program design and advocacy;
3. Conduct an audit of the wellness environment in the organization, and identify actions to be taken to support a culture of wellness;
4. Conduct an assessment of employee wellness needs, interests, and challenges;
5. Develop a multi-year wellness program blueprint – including mission, goals, and objectives – to provide an action plan for implementing and evaluating the program, and for sustaining the program to achieve a positive return on investment;
6. Create a wellness program branding;
7. Develop a strategy for engaging employees in the program, including an incentives program plan; and
8. Identify metrics for monitoring and evaluating the program’s progress and outcomes.

**ARTICLE X  
FINANCE**

- A. PACE shall operate on a fiscal year from January 1st through December 31st.
- B. No less than 120 days before the end of the fiscal year, the Executive Committee shall adopt an operating budget (“Operating Budget”) for the following fiscal year. A copy of the Operating Budget shall be transmitted to each of the Members.
- C. As necessary, an Operating Account shall be established and maintained by the Program Manager for any the monies that may be received by PACE. Funds from the Operating Account shall be used for the payment of the operating expenses of PACE.
- D. Each Member shall be responsible for the payment of its own insurance premiums. A 2% late fee will be charged for premiums received sixteen (16) days after the due date, and a 5% late fee will be charged for premiums received thirty-one (31) days after the due date.
- E. Each Member shall be responsible for a pro rata share of the fees of the Program Manager and such other expenses as may be authorized by the Board. The amount of each Member’s share shall be calculated on a per employee per month basis.

**ARTICLE XI  
INSURANCE COVERAGE AND OTHER SERVICES**

- A. The Program Manager shall, upon Board recommendation, solicit and obtain quotes from insurance carriers for presentation to the Board.

- B. The Board shall determine the carrier(s) and insurance options that will be made available to the Members.
- C. Coverage shall renew as of the first day of each fiscal year.
- D. Each commercially insured Member must purchase its benefits insurance coverage through the JPA, unless the selected carrier(s) refuses to offer a quote for such Member, in which case the Member may either elect to continue as a self-insured Member or be terminated from membership in PACE, pursuant to Article XII.
- E. Each member may select from the available commercial insurance coverage options in accordance with the guidelines set up by carrier(s) and/or the JPA. Once its options have been selected, a Member may not change its selected options for a period of 3 years, provided, however, that under extenuating circumstances a Member may request that this requirement be waived. Any Member requesting a waiver must present its request in writing to the Executive Committee explaining the circumstances and the reasons why the waiver should be granted. The Executive Committee shall have the sole authority to determine, in its absolute discretion, whether or not to grant the waiver. The decision of the Executive Committee shall be final.
- F. Each commercially insured Member will be responsible for the timely payment of its insurance premiums. Failure to pay premiums when due is grounds for termination of membership in the JPA.
- G. PACE will make available the third-party administration (TPA) services to its self-insured Members. Self-insured TPA services will be provided by the PACE Program Manager. Members will be expected to utilize the services of TPA PACE's Program Manager unless an exception is granted in writing by the Board.
- H. Self-insured Members securing TPA services through PACE will have access to the pricing negotiated by the TPA and the applicable network.
- I. Self-insured Members will be required to accept the terms and conditions of the TPA service agreement entered into by PACE and the Program Manager.
- J. Each self-insured Member will be fully and solely responsible for the payment of its claims and will be responsible for funding a claims payment account for use by the TPA.
- K. Self-insured Members will be billed directly by the TPA for the TPA services and will be solely responsible for payment of the TPA fees.

## **ARTICLE XII ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS**

- A. The Secretary/Treasurer is the designated depository of PACE funds in compliance with California Government Code 6505.5 and 6505.6.



- B. PACE is strictly accountable for all funds received and dispersed by it and, to that end, PACE shall establish and maintain such funds and accounts as may be required by good accounting practice or by any provision of law or any resolution of PACE. Books and records of PACE in the hands of the Secretary/Treasurer shall be open to inspection at all reasonable times by representatives of the Members. As soon as practical after the close of each fiscal year, PACE shall give, or cause to be given, a complete written report of all financial activities for such fiscal year to each Member.
- C. The Board of Directors shall make, or contract with a Certified Public Accountant to make, an annual audit of the accounts, records, and financial affairs of PACE. In each case the minimum requirements of the audit shall be those prescribed by the State Controller for special districts under Section 26909 of the California Government Code and shall conform to generally accepted auditing standards and accounting principles. When such an audit of accounts and reports is made by a Certified Public Accountant, a report thereof shall be filed as a public record with each of the Members of PACE.

### **ARTICLE XIII TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

- A. Any Member who has been a member of PACE for at least two (2) years may terminate its membership and its participation in the Joint Powers Agreement by providing notice in the manner prescribed in Section B below. Termination will be effective as of the last day of the then-current fiscal year.
- B. Notice must be given at least 60 days before the end of the fiscal year. Notice must be in writing signed by the chief executive of the Member and submitted with a copy of a resolution of the Member's Board of Trustees authorizing the termination. If a Member submits notice of an intent to terminate, but subsequently decides to remain in PACE, the Member shall not be permitted to submit another termination notice for two years. The Board has the right to impose a termination fee upon any Member who fails to provide notice in the manner required by these Bylaws.
- C. Any Member withdrawing from PACE shall not be eligible to reapply for membership for a period of three (3) years.
- D. The terminating Member will not be eligible to renew any insurance coverage obtained through PACE at the rates available to PACE Members
- E. A Member may be involuntarily terminated from PACE upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Executive Committee at any meeting at which a quorum is present.
- F. Grounds for involuntary termination include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - 1. Failure or refusal to abide by the Agreement or Bylaw, and/or any amendment thereto;
  - 2. Any action which in the opinion of the Board is contrary to best the interests, goals and/or objectives of PACE and its Members.

3. Failure of a Member to disclose a material fact to PACE or its Program Manager which, in the opinion of the Board, constitutes fraud, misrepresentation or concealment for the purposes of obtaining coverage with PACE.
4. Failure to qualify for any insurance coverage offered through PACE, if not continuing as a self-insured Member securing TPA services through PACE;
5. Failure for more than 60 days to pay any of its share of the Program Manager's fees;
6. The cancellation of insurance obtained through PACE for non-payment of premiums, or
7. Failure for more than 60 days to make any payment due for TPA services secured through PACE.

Involuntary termination shall have the effect of eliminating the Member as a signatory to the Agreement and as a Member of PACE. Termination shall be effective upon such other date as the Board may specify, but in no case less than thirty (30) days after notice of involuntary termination is given. In the event that termination occurs before the last day of the fiscal year, any insurance obtained by the terminated Member through PACE shall continue until the first day of the month following the termination date.

#### **ARTICLE XIV DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY AND FUNDS**

In the event of the dissolution of PACE, the complete rescission, or other final termination of Joint Powers Agreement by all Members then a party to the Agreement, any property interest remaining in PACE following a discharge of all obligations shall be disposed of pursuant to a plan adopted by the Board of Directors with the objective of returning to each Member a pro rata share of the remaining interest. The pro rata share shall be determined by the length of time each entity has been a Member.

#### **ARTICLE XV INVESTMENT OF FUNDS**

- A. PACE shall have the power to invest or cause to be invested, in compliance with Section 6509.5 of the California Government Code, such funds as are not necessary for the immediate operation of PACE as allowed by Section 53601 of the California Government Code.
- B. The level of cash to be retained for the actual operation of PACE shall be determined by the Board.

#### **ARTICLE XVI AMENDMENT**

- A. Amendment to these Bylaws may be proposed by any Member of the Board.
- B. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, amendments to these Bylaws must be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all Directors. Any amendments duly adopted by the Board shall be binding upon all Members of PACE. Any amendment that would alter the

rights of the Members or would fundamentally change the purpose of the JPA as established in the Preamble to these Bylaws, must be approved by the unanimous consent of all Directors. The effective date of any amendment will be on the first day of the next month following adoption, unless otherwise stated.

**ARTICLE XVII  
SEVERABILITY**

Should any portion, term, condition, or provision of these Bylaws be decided by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or in conflict with any law of the State of California, or be otherwise rendered unenforceable or ineffectual, the validity of the remaining portions, terms, conditions, and provisions shall not be affected thereby.

**ARTICLE XVIII  
EFFECTIVE DATE**

These Bylaws shall become effective immediately upon their adoption by the Board.

Amended and Approved: May 27, 2020