

## **MINUTES**

### **California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA) Audit and Risk Management Committee Meeting September 18, 2025**

Meeting noticed on September 8, 2025

#### **1. Roll Call**

The California Housing Finance Agency Audit Committee meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chair Sotelo. A quorum of members was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sotelo, White, Wiant (for Ma)

MEMBERS ARRIVING  
AFTER ROLL CALL: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Rebecca Franklin, Claire Tauriainen, Oksana Glushchenko, Sandra Akana, Courtney Pond

#### **2. Approval of the minutes – May 22, 2025**

The minutes were approved by the unanimous consent of members present.

#### **3. Chairperson comments**

Chair Sotelo opened the meeting by outlining the interview process that would take place with representatives from Eide Bailly and Macias, Gini & O'Connell (MGO) to select a new independent auditor, as the current contract ends in December, 2025.

#### **4. Interviews and scoring deliberations of respondents to the Request for Quote (RFQ) 2025-001 – Independent Audit and Other Attestation Services**

Technical Note: Due to a temporary technological issue, a portion of this discussion was not broadcast to the public viewing via Livestream. The issue was identified and resolved.

*Presented by Eide Bailly: Kevin Smith (CPA Audit Partner), Chris Matika (CPA Senior Audit Manager), Kinnaly Soukhaseum (CPA Audit Partner), and Karlee Ransom (CPA Senior Manager).*

*Presented by MGO: Annie Louie (CPA Engagement Partner), Russell Robertson (CPA Technical Reviewer), Jon Waller (CPA Senior Manager), and Alex Bermudez (CPA Supervisor)*

Each company began their interview by providing the Committee with a brief introduction. Following that, representatives from Eide Bailly and MGO were each asked a series of eight questions by Committee members, with a five-minute time limit allocated for each response.

**5. Annual review of the Audit and Risk Management Committee Charter**

After a brief discussion, the Committee recommended that no changes be made to the Charter.

**6. Other Committee matters**

Chair Sotelo asked if there were any other matters to discuss and there were none.

**7. Public comment**

Chair Sotelo asked if there were any members of the public who wanted to provide a comment and there were none.

**8. Adjournment**

As there was no further business to be conducted, Chair Sotelo adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Board  
of Directors at its meeting held:

January 22, 2026  
Attest: Clara Jarama