

**Olive Oil Commission of California
Board of Directors Meeting
Sacramento, CA**

Minutes of Meeting
September 7, 2023

A meeting of the Olive Oil Commission of California Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Brady Whitlow at 10:00 am on September 7, 2023. Roll call was done, and a quorum was established with the following in attendance:

Board Members

Brady Whitlow, Corto Olive Co
Jacqueline Kennedy, Kennedy Farms
Larry Maben, Maben Family LLC
Samantha Dorsey, McEvoy
Michael Fox, California Olive Ranch
Adrew Petrini, Delta Olive Producers
Jeff Colombini, Lodi Farming
Bruce Golino
Mark Sievers, Il Fiorello

Board Alternates

Richard Marchini, Marchini Ag
Frank Olagaray, Blossom Vineyards

Olive Oil Commission

Chris Zanobini

Guests

Cliff Little, Corto	Jon Sciabica
Camila Hernandez, Corto	Nick Sciabica
Jon Clark	Brittaney Fagundes, California Olive Ranch
Alexandria Dev	Chris Calvert, Ciarlo Fruit and Nut
Stewart Beck	Mikayla Gness, Boundary Bend
William Watson	Laurel Rudolph, CDFA
Joe Profaci	Jon Sciabica, Sciabica Olive Oil
Kimberely Holding	Carlos Machado, Agrolabs
John Mesrobian	Dennis Manderfield, CDFA

Public Comment Period

No Public Comments

Creating a National Olive Oil Research and Promotion Board

William Watson and Joe Profaci on behalf of NOOAA gave a presentation and held a question-and-answer session regarding a national research and promotion board. OOCB took no position at this time.

Review and Approval of June 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the October 3, 2022, Board of Directors meeting were reviewed.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the minutes from the June 8, 2023, OOCB Board of Directors meeting as presented.

Election Results

Board Elections, Vacant Seats, Public Member and Election of Officers

Public Member – Bruce Golino

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to appoint Bruce Golino as the public member

Alternate Producer for District 1. – Jeremy Olday

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to appoint Jeremy Olday as the alternate producer member in District 1.

Chair – Brady Whitlow

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to appoint Brady Whitlow as the chair.

Vice Chair – Michael Fox

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to appoint Michael Fox as the Vice Chair.

Treasurer – Jef Colombini

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to appoint Jeff Colombini as the Treasurer.

Crop Update and Roundtable

No significant changes but the concern is that gallons per ton could be down and timing is a definite concern.

Executive Committee Update

No report for this meeting

Advisory Board Update

A new advisory board has been appointed and the group will meet sometime in January.

Report from Grades and Labeling Standards Committee

Chris Zanobini reviewed the industry notice and the OOC timeline and reporting forms.

Research Committee Update

Michael Fox reported that the research committee will meet in January and that the UCANR production manual is almost completed.

Other Business

AOOPA provided and update on the SOI – OOC will be notified of any comment period.

The next meeting will be scheduled for January 11th, 2024, and a tentative zoom meeting for June 6th, 2024.

There was mention and discussion of the removal of the academic paper on olive oil sampling from the UC Davis Olive Center site.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.

Certification of Minutes

I, Chris Zanobini, do hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Olive Oil Commission of California Board of Directors held on September 7, 2023.

Date

Chris Zanobini, Executive Director
Olive Oil Commission of California