

# Brain & Lung Tumor and Air Pollution Foundation

21865 Copley Drive ❖ Diamond Bar CA 91765

**Ben Benoit, Vice Chair**

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## Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors

**February 10, 2017 ♦ 1:00 p.m.\*, CC8**

*\*or immediately following the 10:00 a.m. SCAQMD Administrative Committee*

### **Revised AGENDA**

The public may attend at the  
Teleconference Location listed below:  
11461 West Sunset Boulevard  
Brentwood Room 1  
Los Angeles, CA 90049

#### **Staff Member or Director**

1.	<b>Approve Minutes of the November 18, 2016 Meeting</b>	Denise Whitcher Foundation Secretary
2.	<b>Welcome to Councilmember Judith Mitchell as a New Member</b>	Mayor Pro Tem Benoit
3.	<b>Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair as Necessary</b> <i>Supervisor Mike Antonovich previously served as Chair. The By-Laws give the Board of Directors the authority to select from among the existing directors a Chair to replace Supervisor Antonovich.</i>	Mayor Pro Tem Benoit
4.	<b>Report on Current Research Projects Funded by the Foundation</b> <i>Staff will provide an update on current research projects.</i>	Jo Kay Ghosh Health Effects Officer
5.	<b>Financial Report</b> <i>Staff will present a report on Foundation revenues, expenses, and cash balance.</i>	Michael O'Kelly Treasurer
6.	<b>Amend Articles of Incorporation</b> <i>This action is to expand the purpose of the Foundation to fund studies related to the effects of air pollution on brain and lung health, including tumors, neurological conditions, and other health effects.</i>	Megan Lorenz Foundation Counsel
7.	<b>Consider Funding a Research Proposal from Cedars-Sinai Medical Center</b> <i>Investigators at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center have proposed a second phase of their BLTAPF-funded study of brain tumors, to investigate the</i>	Jo Kay Ghosh Health Effects Officer

	<p><i>effects of air pollution on Alzheimer’s disease. This action is to review the proposal and authorize funding. The funding will be contingent on the transfer of funds from the Health Effects Fund and the Governing Board’s approval of the amendment to the Articles of Incorporation and their subsequent filing with the Secretary of State.</i></p>	
8.	<p><b>Other Business</b>  <i>Any member of the Foundation, or its staff, on his or her own initiative or in response to questions posed by the public, may ask a question for clarification, may make a brief announcement or report on his or her own activities, provide a reference to staff regarding factual information, request staff to report back at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter, or may take action to direct staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda. (Government Code §54954.2)</i></p>	
9.	<p><b>Next Meeting</b>  <i>Will be scheduled as needed.</i></p>	
10	<p><b>Public Comment</b>  <i>Members of the public may address the Foundation’s Board concerning any agenda item before or during consideration of that item (Government Code §54954.3). All agendas for regular meetings are posted at SCAQMD Headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, California, at least 72 hours in advance of a regular meeting. At the end of the regular meeting agenda, an opportunity is also provided for the public to speak on any subject within the Board’s authority.</i></p>	
	<p><b>Document Availability</b>  <i>All documents (i) constituting non-exempt public records, (ii) relating to an item on an agenda for a regular meeting, and (iii) having been distributed to at least a majority of the Committee after the agenda is posted, are available prior to the meeting for public review at the South Coast Air Quality Management District, Public Information Center, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765.</i></p>	
	<p><b>Americans with Disabilities Act</b>  <i>The agenda and documents in the agenda packet will be made available, upon request, in appropriate alternative formats to assist persons with a disability (Govt. Code Section 54954.2(a)). Disability-related accommodations will also be made available to allow participation in the meeting. Any accommodations must be requested as soon as practicable. Requests will be accommodated to the extent feasible. Please contact Denise Whitcher at 909-396-3407 from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, or send the request to <a href="mailto:dwhitcher@aqmd.gov">dwhitcher@aqmd.gov</a>.</i></p>	

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**Michael D. Antonovich, Chair**

**Ben Benoit, Vice Chair**

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## Minutes November 18, 2016

Chair Anotonovich called the Brain & Lung Tumor and Air Pollution (BLTAP) Foundation Meeting to order at 2:28 p.m. The following Directors were present at AQMD or by teleconference (in alphabetical order):

Supervisor Michael Antonovich  
Councilman Ben Benoit  
Dr. William A. Burke  
Dr. Clark E. Parker, Sr.

Also present were the following individuals (in alphabetical order):

Dr. Philip Fine, DEO, Planning, Transportation & Area Sources  
Michael O'Kelly, Treasurer  
Denise Whitcher, Executive Secretary  
Kurt Wiese, General Counsel

1. **APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2016 ANNUAL MEETING AND JULY 7, 2016 SPECIAL MEETING**

Minutes of the February 19, 2016 Annual Meeting and July 7, 2016 Special Meeting were recommended for approval without amendment. This item was moved by Councilman Benoit, seconded by Dr. Parker, and unanimously approved.

2. **AWARD RESEARCH CONTRACTS FOR THE BRAIN & LUNG TUMOR AND AIR POLLUTION FOUNDATION**

Deputy Executive Officer, Planning, Transportation & Area Sources, Dr. Philip Fine, reviewed the July 2015 RFP to solicit research proposals related to the incidence, detection, causes and cures of brain and lung tumors, especially those caused or aggravated by air pollution, providing \$2,500,000 in funding for which eight proposals were received. Upon review by a qualified panel of technical experts, staff recommended funding and authorization to execute contracts to provide \$758,978 to USC to fund a research project entitled "A Cohort Study of Air Pollution, Malignant and Benign Brain Tumors in Los Angeles County"; \$979,182 to UCLA to fund a research project entitled "Do Changes in Amount and Composition of Ambient PM Influence Induction or Exacerbation of Brain and Lung Tumors?"; and, \$733,461 to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center to partially fund a research project entitled "Role of Particle-Induced Inflammation in Progression of Brain Tumors and Neurodegenerative Brain Diseases." The staff recommendation was moved by Dr. Burke, seconded by Dr. Parker, and unanimously approved.

3. **FINANCIAL REPORT: JUNE 30, 2016 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Treasurer Michael O'Kelly reported on the Foundation's fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. Financial statements were prepared by staff and audited by Simpson and Simpson. Total expenses for the fiscal year were \$1,369 and included audit fees (\$1,209), and taxes and fees (\$160). The Auditor issued an unmodified opinion, indicating that the financial statements were presented fairly in all material respects, and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. As of June 30, 2016, the Foundation had a cash balance of \$3,059,636. The audit and report were moved by Dr. Burke, seconded by Dr. Parker, and unanimously approved.

4. **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business to discuss.

5. **NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled meeting will be calendared at the convenience of the Foundation Board Members.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

Dated:

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Denise Whitcher, Foundation Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Date: