A regular meeting of the State Lands Commission was held in Room 5100 State Capitol, Sacramento, California, at 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 19, 1956, the meeting being called to order by State Controller Robert C. Kirkwood, Chairman.

Present: Robert C. Kirkwood, Chairman
John M. Peirce, Member
Harold J. Powers, Member

Mr. Kirkwood brought up the question of electing a new Chairman, pointing out that it had been usual in the past for the Director of Finance to act in this capacity, inasmuch as the State Lands Division is under the administrative control of the Department of Finance. He advised that originally he was elected to the position of Chairman, on a temporary basis, at a time when the Director of Finance had just entered State service and had many other obligations to assume.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND CARRIED, JOHN M. PEIRCE, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

Mr. Peirce thereupon took the Chair.

Staff Members in Attendance:
- Rufus W. Putnam, Executive Officer
- J. Stuart Watson, Assistant Executive Officer
- F. J. Hortig, Mineral Resources Engineer
- Kenneth C. Smith, Supervising Land Title Abstractor
- Julia T. Stahl, Secretary

Others in Attendance:

Representing the Office of the Attorney General
- Walter S. Rountree, Assistant Attorney General

Representing the Office of the State Controller
- Patricia G. Sikes, Administrative Assistant

For Item 11, Small Boat Harbor Program
- Senate Interim Committee on Bay Development and Small Boat Harbors
  - Members:
    - A. W. Way, State Senator from Humboldt County
  - Staff:
    - James E. Heaverside, Executive Secretary

For Item 14, Proposed Annexation of Tide and Submerged Lands, Ventura County
- L. A. Wiemers, Oxnard High School
- K. T. Briger, Oxnard High School District
- J. H. Lennox, Oxnard High School District
- J. W. Lawson, Ventura School District
- Marion R. Karcher, Ventura Elementary School District
- Charles E. Neuman, Ventura County Schools
- James M. Sharp, Ventura Union High School District