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Historic First: Three Women Elected to Lead Contractors State License Board

SACRAMENTO – In an historic first, three women were recently elected by their fellow board members to lead the Contractors State License Board (CSLB). As of July 1, 2021, Susan Granzella, public member, is chair of the 15-member Board; Mary Teichert, class A general engineering contractor, is vice chair; and Diana Love, representative of a statewide senior citizen organization, is secretary.

It is the first time all three offices have been held by women since CSLB was established to regulate the state's construction industry in 1929. Elections were held at the June 3, 2021, teleconference [Board meeting](#).



Susan Granzella
CSLB Board Chair

Granzella was first appointed as a public member of the Board by Gov. Brown in October 2014 and was reappointed in June 2016. She continues to serve on the Information Technology Advisory Committee, which plays a major role in improving consumer options for CSLB.

"I am proud to serve as board chair and represent Californians. Last year, the Board was successful in implementing and enhancing many online services, including online renewals, which were essential during the pandemic," said Granzella.

Before her board appointment, Granzella retired from Visa Inc. in 2014 after holding various positions including vice president and senior director for technical publications and global development audit and compliance management for federal, state and industry regulations. She is a past board member for the National Council on Drug and Alcohol Dependence - Sacramento, and currently serves on the board of directors for My Sister's House in Sacramento.



Mary Teichert
CSLB Board Vice
Chair

Teichert is president of Teichert Inc., and holds State Contractor's License #8. She was appointed as a CSLB board member by Gov. Newsom in 2019. As board secretary, last year Teichert ensured fiscal responsibility for board operations. She has held several positions at Teichert Inc., including chief operating officer overseeing the company's aggregate mining and asphalt operations, as well as its heavy civil construction division.

"In 2020, I was able to support women in our field by serving on CSLB's Women in Construction Advisory Committee," said Teichert. "Over the years, women have played an important and increasingly visible role in the construction industry. Not only are more women working in the field of construction, but they've also become successful industry leaders."

Teichert is vice president of The Beavers (a heavy civil industry association), a board member of the California Building Industry Association and HomeAid, and is a member of the Associated General

Contractors of California, United Contractors, and the Capital Region Family Business Center. She holds a Masters of Business Administration from Harvard Business School.



Diana Love
Secretary

Love was appointed as a public member of the Board by Gov. Newsom in 2019. She serves as the Public Affairs Committee chair, which focuses on consumer outreach and accessibility for seniors. She is a member and immediate past president of the Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults, an ambassador for the City of Palmdale, treasurer of the Inland Communities Democratic Headquarters Political Action Committee, as well as a national district liaison for the AARP.

“I appreciate being a part of Contractors State License Board and recognize the importance of our consumer protection role in California,” said Love. “CSLB is dedicated to helping consumers, especially vulnerable seniors. Our Senior Scam Stopper outreach program helps prevent seniors from falling victim to unlicensed and unscrupulous contractors.”

Love is also a member of the California Senior Legislature, Mental Health of America Advisory Council - Antelope Valley/Lancaster, City of Palmdale Mobile Home Review Board, Friends of the Palmdale City Library and Forget Us Not Community Services. She also served as children and youth group facilitator at Parents Anonymous Incorporated and was a community volunteer for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Palmdale Station. She was a field representative in the Office of Assembly member Steve Fox from 2013 to 2015.

CSLB's 15-member Board appoints the executive officer, or Registrar of Contractors, and directs administrative policy for the agency's operations. The Board includes 10 public members (including one labor representative, one local building official, and one representative of a statewide senior citizen organization), and five contractors. Appointments are made by the governor and the state legislature. Board officer terms run from July 1 of one year through June 30 of the following year.

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