



**Meeting Minutes of the
California Exposition & State Fair
Cultural Advisory Council**

Held

Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.
In the Administration Building Boardroom
California State Fairgrounds
1600 Exposition Blvd.
Sacramento, California 95815

Council Members Present

Catherina Nou, Chair
Anita R. Johnson, Vice Chair

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| David Banuelos, Member | Chris Mateo, Member |
| Debbie Richardson-Brister, Member | Jackie Morris-Henderson, Member |
| Delgreta Brown, Member | Jag Nagendra, Member |
| Twiana Armstrong-Bryant, Member | Cha Vang, Member |
| Letitia P. Earl, Member | Jerry Yamashita, Member |
| Dorian Almaraz, Alternate Member | Richard Pannell, Alternate Member |

Council Members Absent

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| Bill Campos, Member | Denise Carter, Member |
| Stephanie Chavez, Member | Indi Kallirai, Member |

Board and Staff Present

Sonney Chong, Board Liaison
K. Mark Nelson, Board Liaison
Rick Pickering, CEO
Tom Martinez, Chief Deputy General Manager
Rachelle Weir, Programs Manager
Sue O'Brien, Recording Secretary

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MINUTES

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was call to order at 5:31 p.m. by Chair Nou.
- 2) **ROLL CALL** – Role was taken.
Council Members Campos and Chavez were not present and had asked to be excused.
Motion:
It was moved by Council Member Vang and seconded by Council Member Nagendra to excuse the absence of Council Member Campos and Council Member Chavez. **All in favor, motion carried unanimously.**
- 3) **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & STAFF**
 - a) New Members
Director Nelson introduced New Member Jerry Yamashita and Alternate Members Dorian Almaraz and Richard Pannell.
 - b) Director Nelson welcomed back Council Member Earl, Council Member Banuelos and Council Member Richardson-Brister.
- 4) **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**
 - a) Approval of Council Meeting Minutes of September 14, 2017.
Motion:
It was moved by Council Member Armstrong-Bryant and seconded by Council Member Vang to approve Council Meeting Minutes from September 14, 2017. **All in favor, motion carried. Council Members Earl and Nagendra abstained.**
- 5) **STAFF UPDATES**
 - a) Cal Expo Updates
CEO Pickering gave a summary of awards won at the IAFE Convention and the WFA Conference. He reported on California State Fair dates of July 13-29, 2018, 3 weeks of Thoroughbred Racing and partners that have multi-year contracts. He gave an update on issues that the Board of Director are working on.
 - b) 2018 State Fair Programs Updates
Programs Manager Weir gave an update on Competitions accepting entries and next Competitions opening. All Competitions are on the web-site. She reviewed the California Authors program with a reminder that this program closes soon.
- 6) **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a) Election of Chair
 1. Nominations from Floor
Catherina Nou was nominated by Vice Chair Johnson and seconded by Council Member Banuelos. Chair Nou accepted nomination.
Anita R. Johnson was nominated by Council Member Vang and seconded by Council Member Nagendra. Vice Chair Johnson accepted nomination.

2. Close Nominations
Chair Nou closed nominations.
 3. Hold Election
After counting all ballots Catherina Nou was elected Chair of the Cultural Advisory Council for 2018.
- b) Election of Vice Chair
1. Nominations from Floor
Anita R. Johnson was nominated by Council Member Morris-Henderson and seconded by Council Member Nagendra. Vice Chair Johnson accepted nomination.
Chris Mateo was nominated by Council Member Vang. Council Member Mateo did not accept the nominations.
 2. Close Nominations
Chair Nou closed nominations.
 3. Hold Election
Anita R. Johnson was elected Vice Chair of the Cultural Advisory Council for 2018.

7) OLD BUSINESS

a) 2018 Council Meeting Calendar

After a discussion there was a motion to move the February meeting to March 8, 2018, add a September 13, 2108 meeting and move the November 8, 2018 meeting to November 1, 2108.

Motion:

Motion was moved by Council Member Morris-Henderson and seconded by Council Member Brown. **All in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

8) MATTERS OF INFORMATION

a) Public Comments Matters not on the Agenda.

b) Members Comments not on the Agenda

Council Member Brown announced that she has been nominated as an emerging artist with the Sacramento Region Art Awards.

Council Member Richardson-Brister shared information about the Political Training Institute.

ADJOURNMENT

The Cultural Advisory Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.