



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

Held

Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 5:00 pm  
In the Administration Building Boardroom  
California State Fairgrounds  
1600 Exposition Blvd.  
Sacramento, California 95815

**Council Members Present**

Indi Kallirai, Chair  
Catherina Nou, Vice-Chair

Debora Richardson Brister, Alternate  
Delgreta Brown, Member  
Letitia P. Earl, Member  
Cha Vang, Member

Anita R. Johnson, Member  
Jackie Morris-Henderson, Member  
Julie Rokser, Member

**Board and Staff Present**

Sonney Chong, Member Liaison  
K. Mark Nelson, Member Liaison  
Rachelle Weir, Programs  
Sue O'Brien, Recording Secretary

**Council Members Absent**

David Banuelos, Member  
Bill Campos, Member  
Sandra Varner, Member  
Norah LeDoux, Member

Chris Mateo, Member  
Elissa Ouchida, Member  
Olga Shilo, Member  
Jorrel Verella, Member

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## **MINUTES**

- 1) CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was call to order at 5:11 p.m. by Vice Chair Nou.
- 2) ROLL CALL** – Role was taken.
- 3) INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & STAFF** – Introductions were made around the room.
- 4) APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**
  - a) Approval of Council Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2016

### **Motion:**

It was moved by Council Member Vang and seconded by Council Member Rokser to approve Meeting Minutes from August 17, 2016. **All in favor, motion carried.** Council Member Earl abstained as she was not at the August 17, 2016 meeting.

## **5) Staff & Member Updates**

### **a) Cal Expo Updates**

CEO Pickering and CDGM Martinez are in Del Mar for a Race Date Committee meeting and the State Horse Racing Board Meeting. As they are unable to attend this meeting CEO Pickering wanted this Council to know that Cal Expo does not have fair dates yet for 2017. It is preferred to have the Thoroughbred race during State Fair however the Race Date Committee and State Horse Racing Board have not been able to agree on dates. The preferred Race dates for the 2017 State Fair is July 14-30, 2017 and a seconded choice is July 7-24, 2017. The Race Date Committee will recommend the dates to the State Horse Racing Board for their approval.

### **b) 2017 State Fair Updates**

CEO Pickering wanted this Council to know that next year will be the 50 anniversary of Cal Expo being at this site. We are planning a celebration to honor that event. CEO Pickering also wanted mentioned that the RFP for Marketing/Advertising was awarded to Glass Agency.

Council Member Rokser asked about the process of recruiting new members. Vice Chair Nou suggested that item 7, Old Business be taken out of order to answer Council Member Rokser's questions. There were no objections.

## **6) NEW BUSINESS**

### **a) Election of Chair**

Chair, Kallirai nominated Vice Chair Nou for Chair of the Cultural Advisory Council for 2017 and Council Member Earl seconded the nomination. **All in favor, nomination carried.**

**b) Election of Vice Chair**

Council Member Morris-Henderson nominated Council Member Johnson for Vice Chair of the Cultural Advisory Council and Council Member Earl seconded the nomination.

Council Member Rokser nominated Council Member Brown for Vice Chair of the Cultural Advisory Council and Council Member Earl seconded the nomination.

**All in favor. Nomination for Council Member Johnson carried.**

**c) Setting of Council Meetings for 2017**

There was a discussion regarding attendance, time of meeting and the day of the meetings. It was decided that the Cultural Advisory Council meetings would be moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 5:30pm to accommodate schedules.

**7) Old Business**

**a) Process to Recruit and Interview New Council Members.**

There was a discussion about the process of recruitment and the interview schedule along with attendance.

**8) Matters of Information**

**a) Public Comments Matters not on the Agenda.**

**b) Members Comments not on the Agenda**

Council Member Morris-Henderson thanked Council Member Rokser for her service on the Cultural Advisory Council as this is her last meeting because of the 1 year off year requirement. Vice-Chair Nou thanked Council Member Rokser for making everyone think about the decisions the Council made and also for re-introducing the cooking experience for everyone. Also for her commitment to the Read to Ride program.

There was also was a discussion about getting tickets for the Global Winter Wonderland.

**9) ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Council Member Rokser and seconded by Council Member Earl to adjourn. **All in favor, motioned carried.**

The Cultural Advisory Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.