

CALIFORNIA EXPOSITION & STATE FAIR

Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Held Pursuant to Due Notice
February 21, 2019

California Exposition & State Fair
Administration Building Boardroom
1600 Exposition Boulevard
Sacramento, CA 95815

Directors Present

Director Rina DiMare, Chair
Director Jess Durfee, Vice Chair
Director Corny Gallagher
Director Rex Hime
Director David Mallel
Director K. Mark Nelson
Director Tony Ortiz

Directors Absent

Director Rima Barkett
Director Sonney Chong

Staff Present

Rick Pickering, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Tom Martinez, Chief Deputy General Manager (CDGM)
Samantha Brown, Deputy General Manager, Administration (DGM)
Margaret Mohr, Deputy General Manager, Business Development & Marketing (DGM)
Marcia Shell, Assistant General Manager, Expo Events (AGM)
Rachelle Weir, Programs Manager
Jay, Carlson, AG Programs Manager
Everest Robillard, Acting Police Chief
Robert W. Murray Stroud, Chief of Plant
Sue O'Brien, Recording Secretary
Jen Koga, Finance
Darla Givens, Marketing & Media
Randy Brink, Goodwill Ambassador

Others Present

Brian Honebein, Event Partnership
Amber Williams, un/common
Randy Cesena, SYWEST
Mona Foster, Ka'onohi Foundation
Eric, Ka'onohi Foundation

*May not include all others present in the room or arriving late.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair DiMare called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m. Chair DiMare dispensed with the reading of the Mission Statement and the Policy Statement and read the Public Comment Statement into the record.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. Director Barkett and Director Chong were not present and asked to be excused.

Motion:

It was moved by Director Hime and seconded by Director Ortiz to excuse the absence of Director Barkett and Director Chong. **All in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair DiMare asked Director Mallel to lead the Board and Staff in the Pledge of Allegiance. Board Members convened into Closed Session at 12:35 p.m.

4. CLOSED SESSION

The Board will convene in closed session as authorized by Government Code Section 11126(e)(2)(B) to confer with legal counsel regarding a matter that presents a significant exposure to litigation against California Exposition & State Fair, based on the facts and circumstances.

- a. Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(e)(1), the Board will meet in closed session. The purpose of the closed session is to confer with and receive legal advice from counsel regarding pending litigation to which California Exposition and State Fair is a party. *Lozada v. Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, et al.*, United States District Court, Eastern District of California, Case Number: 2:10-CV-01102-JAM-KJN.
- b. Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(e)(1), the Board will meet in closed session. The purpose of the closed session is to confer with and receive legal advice from counsel regarding pending litigation to which California Exposition and State Fair is a party to. *Roat v. California Exposition & State Fair, et al.*, United States District Court, Eastern District of California, Case Number: 2:18-cv-01701-MCE-CKD.

5. PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

- a. Report out of Closed Session if needed.

The Board re-convened at 1:48 p.m. for the Public Meeting. CEO Pickering noted that there was nothing to report out of Closed Session.

6. INTRODUCTION OF GUEST & STAFF

7. PRESENTATION

None

8. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

- a. Accept Cultural Advisory Council Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2018, as presented.
- b. Accept Cultural Advisory Council Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2018, as presented.
- c. Accept Agricultural Advisory Council Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2018, as presented.
- d. Approve Board Committee Minutes for December 14, 2018, as presented.
- e. Approve Board Meeting Minutes for December 14, 2018, as presented.

MOTION:

Vice Chair Durfee moved to accept items a, b, & c as presented. Director Hime moved the motion and Director Ortiz seconded. **All in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

MOTION:

Vice Chair Durfee moved to postpone items d & e to the March 22, 2019 Board Meeting. Director Hime moved the motion and Director Ortiz seconded. **All in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

9. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chair DiMare suggested taking item “b” out of order with no objections.

- a. Annual State Fair – Board Vice Chair Durfee

Committee Chair Durfee reported that there were a number of reports from staff that went through details regarding State Fair and the planning. Committee Chair made the motion that the Agricultural Advisory Council recommends Secretary Karen Ross of Department of Food and Ag as the 2019 Agriculturalist of the Year. Director Gallagher seconded motion. **All in favor, motion carries unanimously.**

- b. Long Range Planning – Director Hime

- o Report on request of the City of Sacramento to enter into negotiations for the use of Parking Lot “P”, a roughly 1 acre parcel of land located at the southeast end of Ethan Way, to assist the City in providing local homeless services.

Committee Chair Hime reported that the City of Sacramento gave a presentation that explained the City’s homeless program and how it would work at Lot P on Ethan Way. Many questions asked and answered. There was public comment from Sacramento County Supervisor Susan Peters and Property owner Ethan Conrad Properties in opposition to this proposal.

MOTION:

Committee Chair Hime moved for approval by the full Board the following recommendations for staff:

- Continue good faith discussions with the City of Sacramento in an effort to best determine how the State Fairgrounds may assist with addressing the pressing issue of homelessness.

- Specifically dialogue with the City and appropriate State Agencies to prudently develop safeguards to ensure that Cal Expo and the State would not be responsible to continue to shelter individuals into the future if funding to the shelter triage program is reduced or eliminated.
- Specifically dialogue with the County of Sacramento.
- Specifically dialogue with members of the Cal Expo and State Fair “family” including business partners, vendors, neighbors, local businesses, American River Parkway, etc.
- Continue to seek input and guidance from other pertinent State Agencies that Cal Expo routinely consults with regarding the use of State lands.

Director Durfee seconded the motion. There was no discussion. **All in favor, motion carries unanimously.**

- c. Finance Committee – Director Gallagher
Committee Chair Gallagher reported out the review of the financial documents by the Finance Committee.

10. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. Profit & Loss Statement for December 2018
- b. Balance Sheet for 2018
- c. Cash Flow Statement and Chart of 2018
- d. Request for Relief of Accountability
- e. Account Receivable Report
- f. Contracts/Purchases Requiring Board Notification/Approval

MOTION:

Committee Chair Gallagher moves that the Finance Committee recommend approval by this Board of the 12-31-18 financial documents and supplemental documents. Director Mallel seconded the motion. **All in favor, motion carries unanimously.**

11. CORRESPONDENCE

None

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

13. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Review for Approval Agricultural Advisory Council’s recommendation of the 2019 Agriculturalists of the Year.

14. MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- a. Public Comment on Matters not on the Agenda
Mona Foster invited all Board Members to attend the 2019 Aloha Festival on October 5, 2019. Ms. Foster introduced the new chair of the Festival, Eric Gums.

b. CEO Comments

CEO Pickering reported that this weekend is the Black Expo. Country in the Park has sold out their concert on 5/11/19. He also acknowledged several employees in the room for their outstanding work.

c. Directors Comments/Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Director Gallagher reported on the Gala Committee and Friends of the Fair scholarship program. It has been a pleasure to service since 1985.

Director Ortiz is excited to bring his son to State Fair and thank you to staff.

Director Mallel would like an update on Horse Racing.

Director Nelson would like to see something get done with the homeless shelter.

Vice Chair Durfee commented on the four meetings that he and Chair DiMare had in the Capitol yesterday to secure long term funding for the fair.

He stated that Chair DiMare is wonderful asset for Cal Expo.

Chair DiMare thanked staff for the wonderful job they do. She thanked

Director Gallagher for his 35 years of service. She told Director Nelson that his service on the Board was greatly appreciated.

d. Next Board Meeting – Friday, March 22, 2019

e. Other, if any

15. CLOSED SESSION

a. The Board will convene in closed session as authorized by Government Code Section 11126(c)(7) to confer with and advise its negotiators regarding a potential real estate transaction related to the proposed Drive Shack Family Entertainment and Innovative Golf Facility at Cal Expo, as requested by Drive Shack LLC, on behalf of Drive Shack, Inc.

b. The Board will convene in closed session as authorized by Government Code Section 11126(c)(7) to confer with and advise its negotiators regarding a potential real estate transaction related to the southeast end of Ethan Way, (known as Parking Lot P) as proposed by the City of Sacramento.

16. PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

a. Report out of Closed Session if needed.

17. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Motion to adjourn was moved by Vice Chair Durfee and seconded by Director Mallel.

The Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.