Notice of Meeting

California Exposition & State Fair

Strategic Planning Session and Board Meeting

Meeting of the Board of Directors

To be held

Thursday, October 22, 2026 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
and continuing on
Friday, October 23, 2026 9:30 a.m.

In the Clubhouse located at the Michelob Ultra Grandstand
California Exposition and State Fair
1600 Exposition Boulevard
Sacramento, CA 95815

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331 days to California State Fair (September 17-October 3, 2027)

This notice is also available on the Internet at: www.CalExpoStateFair.com

Mission Statement

The California Exposition & State Fair mission is to create a State Fair experience reflecting California including its industries, agriculture, and diversity of its people, traditions and trends shaping its future supported by year-round events.

Policy Statement

The Board shall serve as the policy-making body for the California Exposition & State Fair and shall have full responsibility for the year-round management and operation of all facilities of the California Exposition & State Fair.

Public Comment

Any member of the public wishing to address the Board on any matter listed for consideration on this agenda shall fill out a Speaker's Form and provide it to the Board's Recording Secretary. All speakers will be recognized by the Chair and be allowed a maximum of three minutes to address the Board at the time the agenda item is being considered by the Board.
If you wish to address the Board on a matter not listed on the agenda, you have that right. If you wish to exercise that right, please fill out a Speaker's Form and provide it to the Board's Recording Secretary. You will be allowed a maximum of three minutes to address the Board during the Public Comment item on the agenda.

STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

1. **CALL TO ORDER – Public Meeting**
   All matters noticed on this agenda, in any category, may be considered for action as listed. Any items not so noticed may not be considered. Items listed on this agenda may be considered in any order, at the discretion of the Chair.

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **CLOSED SESSION**
   a. Pursuant to Government Code §11126(c)(7)(A) the Board will convene into closed session for the purposes of discussing leasing of real property at 1600 Exposition Blvd.

4. **RESUME PUBLIC MEETING**
   b. Report out of Closed Session, if needed

5. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

   We would like to take a moment to acknowledge the land on which we are gathered as the traditional homelands of the Nisenan and Miwok tribal nations. These sovereign people have been the caretakers of this land over many centuries. We take this opportunity to acknowledge the land and our responsibility to the original peoples, the present-day Nisenan and Miwok tribal nations.

6. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

7. **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

8. **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

   Introduction of Facilitator and Ground Rules

   c. Review/Progress of Board's Strategic Plan Goals-2025-2026

9. **PARTNERSHIP PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSIONS**

   d. Event Partnership – Sponsors/Sponsorships

   e. State Fair Foundation

   f. Oak View Group

10. **YEAR-ROUND EVENTS**

    g. Heart Health Park

    h. Events – January - August

11. **State Fair Programming**

    i. Monorail

12. **DEFERRED MAINTENANCE**

    j. Capital Outlay

    k. Facility Projects

13. **FINANCE**

    l. General Discussion of Draft 2027 Budget

14. **BOARD REQUESTED DISCUSSION ITEMS**

m. Cal Expo Strategic Improvement Plan

1) Turton Real Estate
2) Grandstand/Race Track
3) Water Park

n. Farm

o. Bushy Lake

15. DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGIC GOALS

p. Immediate Short Term – 2027-2028

q. Long Term – Next 5 years 2029-2033

16. CALL TO ORDER

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17. ROLL CALL

18. CLOSED SESSION

r. Pursuant to Government Code §11126(a) the Board will convene into close session to consider certain personnel matters.

19. RESUME PUBLIC MEETING

s. Report out of Closed Session, if needed.

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21. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

22. INTRODUCTION OF GUEST AND STAFF

23. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

In accordance with state law, the Board will not comment or otherwise consider Public Comment matters until and unless such item had been properly noticed for a future meeting.

24. CONSENT AGENDA

All items on the consent agenda are to be approved in one motion unless a Board Member requests a separate action on a specific item.

t. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for September 25, 2026

u. Service Contracts/Purchase Orders Requiring Board Notification/Approval

25. REPORT OUT OF ACTIONABLE ITEMS FROM BOARD'S STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

26. NEW BUSINESS

v. Opening of Nominations for Board Officers

27. CORRESPONDENCE

None

28. MATTERS OF INFORMATION

w. CEO Comments

x. Directors Comments/Agenda Items for Future Meetings

y. Next Board Meeting **Friday, December 11, 2026**

Date of Notice: October 13, 2026

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