

CALIFORNIA EXPOSITION & STATE FAIR

Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Held Pursuant to Due Notice
October 29, 2019

California Exposition & State Fair
Clubhouse located at the Miller Lite Racing Grandstands
1600 Exposition Boulevard
Sacramento, CA 95815

Directors Present

Director Rina DiMare, Chair
Director Jess Durfee, Vice Chair
Director Rima Barkett
Director Rex Hime
Director David Mallel
Director Tony Ortiz

Directors Absent

Director Sonney Chong

Staff Present

Rick Pickering, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Tom Martinez, Chief Deputy General Manager (CDGM)
Samantha Brown, Deputy General Manager, Administration
Margaret Mohr, Deputy General Manager, Business Development & Marketing (DGM)
Jay, Carlson, AG Programs Manager
Rachelle Weir, Programs Manager
Sue O'Brien, Recording Secretary
Jen Koga, Finance
Heidi Turpin, Contracts

Others Present

Stan Bollinger – Disabled American Veterans

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair DiMare called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m. Chair DiMare dispensed with the reading of the Mission Statement, Policy Statement and the Public Comment Statement.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Motion:

Vice Chair Durfee moved to excuse Director Chong. Director Hime seconded the motion. **All in favor, motion passes unanimously.**

3. 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 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.
- 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. *Wyman v. High Times Productions, Inc., and California Exposition and State Fair*, United States District Court, Eastern District of California, Case Number: 18-CV-02621-TLN-EFB

4. PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

- a. Report out of Closed Session if needed.
The Board re-convened at 12:59 p.m. for the Public Meeting. Chair DiMare reported out on two items. Directed our CEO to work with legal counsel on a court matter/legal matter and the second was an update on another matter of litigation.

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair DiMare asked Director Ortiz to lead the Board and Staff in the Pledge of Allegiance. Board Members convened into closed session at 12:33 p.m.

6. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & STAFF

7. PRESENTATION

Stan Bollinger – Presentation to California State Fair Board of a 1965 State Fair Program and Guide.\

Mr. Bollinger thanked the Board for having Military/Veterans Day at the State Fair. Mr. Bollinger went on to state he had some memorabilia to present to the Board from the 1965 California State Fair. He presented to the Chair a daily program from 1965 along with the Program from 1965 that listed all the sponsors, vendor and Borad Members.

8. MINUTES OF MEETNGS

- a. Approve Board Committee Minutes for September 27, 2019 as presented.
- b. Approve Board Meeting Minutes for September 27, 2019, as presented.
Approval of items has been moved to the December 13, 2019 meeting.

9. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. Service Contracts Requiring Board Notification/Approval

Motion:

Director Hime moved to approve the Service Contract for Holt of CA.

Director Ortiz seconded the motion. **All in favor, motion passes unanimously.**

- b. Profit & Loss Statement
- c. Balance Sheet
- d. Aged Receivable Report

Deputy General Manager Brown reviewed the staff reports with the Board. Chair DiMare called for a motion to accept the financials.

Motion:

Director Hime moved to accept the financials. Director Mallel seconded the motion. **All in favor, motion passes unanimously.**

10. CORRESPONDENCE

None

11. MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- a. Notification of Nomination Process for the election of the 2020 Board Officers
CEO Pickering reviewed the By-Laws of this Board as it related to the nomination process for the 2020 Board Officers. As of this meeting one name has been nominated for Chair and that is Jess Durfee, who if elected would agree to service. Nomination for Vice Chair has been Tony Ortiz and Rex Hime. Director Ortiz respectfully declines the opportunity and would nominate Rex Hime for Vice Chair. Director Hime, if elected would agree to serve.
- b. Public Comment on Matters not on the Agenda
- c. CEO Comments

CEO Pickering-Thanks to all of the staff and Board Members for their sustainability planning efforts. 2020 California State Fair dates will be July 17 – August 2, 2020. The CHRB Race Dates committee met at Cal Expo on October 16, 2019 and heard testimony. They opted not to provide a formal recommendation to the full board for the CHRB Board Meeting on October 24, 2019, which was cancelled due to no quorum.

- d. Director Comments/Agenda Items for future Meetings
Vice Chair Durfee asked to make a motion.

Motion:

Vice Chair Durfee moved to have the Board direct staff to seek budgetary and legislative proposals in the current Budget and Legislative cycle, for the ongoing sustainability of Cal Expo and State Fair. Director Hime seconded the motion. **All in favor, motion passes unanimously.**

Chair DiMare thanked everyone and staff for participating in the retreat

- e. Next Board Meeting – **Friday, December 13, 2019**
- f. Other, if any

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Director Hime moved to adjourn this meeting. Director Ortiz seconded the motion. **All in favor, motion passes unanimously.**

The Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 1:19 p.m.