

CALIFORNIA EXPOSITION & STATE FAIR

Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Held Pursuant to Due Notice
December 13, 2019

California Exposition & State Fair
1600 Exposition Boulevard
Sacramento, CA 95815

Directors Present

Director Rina DiMare, Chair
Director Jess Durfee, Vice Chair
Director Sonney Chong
Director Rex Hime
Director David Mallel
Director Tony Ortiz

Directors Absent

Director Rima Barkett

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
Randy Brink, Goodwill Ambassador

Others Present

Joe Johal, R & B of the Pacific, Inc.
Scott Hubbard

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair DiMare called the meeting to order at 1:00 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 Barkett 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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair DiMare asked Director Hime to lead the Board and Staff in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board convene into closed session at 1:05 p.m.

4. CLOSED SESSION

The Board will convene in closed session as authorized by Government Code Section 11126(a)(1),(c)7(A), and (e)(2)(B) to (1) employment matters regarding the General Manager, (2) real property negotiations, and (3) matters that present a significant exposure to litigation against California Exposition & State Fair, based on the facts and circumstances.

5. PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

- a. Report out of Closed Session if needed.

The Board re-convened at 1:25 p.m. for the Public Meeting. Chair DiMare reported out that the Board has directed the CEO to work with the Attorney General regarding employment matters.

6. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & STAFF

7. MINUTES OF MEETNGS

- a. Accept Cultural Advisory Council Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2019.
- b. Accept Cultural Advisory Council Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2019.

Motion:

Director Hime moved acceptance of items 7a and 7b. Director Mallel seconded the motion. Discussion – None **All in favor, motion carries unanimously.**

- c. Approve Board Committee Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2019.
- d. Approve Board Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2019.
- e. Approve Board Meeting Minutes of October 29, 2019.
- f. Approve Board Planning Workshop Minutes of November 1 & 2, 2018.

Motion:

Director Hime moved approval of items 7c, 7d, 7e and 7f. Director Chong seconded the motion. Discussion – None **All in favor, motion carries unanimously.**

8. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

a. Finance Committee

1. 2020 Revenue Budget – Proposed
2. 2020 Expense Budget – Proposed
3. Approval of Proposed 2020 Annual Budget
4. Service Contracts Requiring Board Notification/Approval
5. Purchase Orders Requiring Board Notification/Approval
6. Relief of Accountability

Director Hime reported that items a1 through a6 were reviewed and discussed by the Finance Committee.

Motion:

Director Hime moved that the Finance Committee recommended approval to the full Board items a1, 2 and 3-6. Director Chong seconded the motion. **All in favor, motion carries unanimously.**

b. Horse Racing Committee

Director Mallel reported out that the committee was updated on the recent approval of the Northern California Horse Racing dates. The committee had a lengthy discussion regarding the Sports Wagering Initiative.

Motion:

The committee recommends to the full Board sending a letter to the Attorney General in opposition of the Sport Wagering Initiative unless amended and that Cal Expo staff attends all hearings. It was moved by Director Hime and seconded by Vice Chair Durfee. **All in favor, motion carries unanimously.**

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Approval of Proposed 2020 Annual Budget

Director Hime reviewed the 2020 Annual Budget with the full Board.

Motion:

Director Hime moved approval of the 2020 Annual Budget as presented. Vice Chair Durfee seconded the motion. **All in favor, motion carries unanimously.**

b. Update by Rock & Brews (R&B of the Pacific, Inc.)

CEO Pickering reviewed the staff report. Mr. Johal updated the Board on this project and his projected start date right after the holidays.

Motion:

Director Hime made a motion to approve Rock & Brews request to defer rent until such time as the facility is open, and allow for the payment of back rent at \$5,000/month. Director Mallel seconded the motion. Discussion: Chair DiMare suggested an amendment to the motion of

reconvening in 90 days to check on the project status. Director Hime accepted the amendment. **All in favor, motion carries unanimously.**

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Review for Approval Proposed 2020 Cal Expo Board Meeting Dates
After discussion of the calendar dates Chair DiMare called for a motion.

Motion:

The motion to approve the Proposed 2020 Calendar Meeting Dates was moved by Vice Chair Durfee and seconded by Director Hime. **All in favor, motion carries unanimously.**

- b. Review and Approval of the Board Liaison's Recommendations of New Members of the 2020 Cultural Advisory Council
Director Chong updated the Board of the process and selection of new members.

Motion:

Director Chong moved recommended to the Board approval of Danny Vang and Michael Colbruno as Members and Susan Knutson as an alternate member of the Cultural Advisory Council. Director Ortiz seconded the motion. **All in favor, motion carries unanimously.**

11. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- a. Nominations Received at Last Public Meeting on October 29, 2019
Chair DiMare explained the nomination/election process of the officers.

1. Chair – Jess Durfee

Prior to this meeting Director Durfee's name was submitted in nomination for Chair. Chair DiMare asked for nominations from the floor. Seeing none, the Chair asked for a motion to close nominations.

Motion:

Director Hime move to close nominations for Board Chair. Director Chong seconded the motion. **All in favor, motion carries unanimously.**

Chair DiMare asked for a vote to elect Jess Durfee as Board Chair. **All in favor, motion carries unanimously.**

2. Vice Chair – Tony Ortiz, Rex Hime (Director Ortiz respectfully declined the nomination)

Prior to this meeting Director Ortiz and Director Himes names were submitted in nomination for Vice-Chair. Director Ortiz respectfully declined the nomination Chair DiMare asked for nominations from the floor. Seeing none, the Chair asked for a motion to close nominations.

Motion:

Director Durfee moved to close nomination for Board Vice Chair. Director Chong seconded the motion. **All in favor, motion carries unanimously.**

Chair DiMare asked for a vote to elect Rex Hime as Board Vice Chair. **All in favor, motion carries unanimously.**

3. Nominations from the Floor

4. Close Nominations
5. Hold Elections of 2020 Officers of the Board
- b. Office of Secretary-Treasurer/General Manager – Rick Pickering
Board Chair DiMare asked for a motion to reappoint CEO Rick Pickering to the position of Secretary-Treasurer/General Manager.

Motion:

Director Durfee moved to reappoint CEO Rick Pickering to the position of Secretary-Treasurer/General Manager. Director Ortiz seconded the motion. **All in favor, motion carries unanimously.**

12. MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- a. Public Comments on Matters not on the Agenda
- b. CEO Comments
CEO Pickering thanked everyone for making 2019 an exciting year. The Almond Board Conference was a success. CDFCA celebrated their 100-year anniversary as a State Agency at the Miller Lite Clubhouse. Complements to our finance department for their hard work. Have a happy holiday.
- c. Directors Comments/Agenda Items for Future Meetings
Director Hime – Thank you to staff – Looking forward to 2020.
Director Chong – Looking forward to continuing working with everyone. Congratulations to Jess and Rex.
Director Durfee – Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Board Chair.
Director Mallel – Thank you everyone. It has been an amazing 8 years to learn what I have learned – I am grateful.
Director Ortiz – Thank you to all of the staff and congratulations to Jess and Rex. This will be my last meeting and it has been an honor to work with everyone and be a part of this organization.
Chair
- d. Next Board Meeting – **Friday, January 31, 2020**
- e. Other, if any

13. ADJOURNMENT

Director Hime moved to adjourn the meeting and Director Chong seconded the motion. **All in favor, motion carries unanimously.**

The Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 1:59 p.m.