

46th District Agricultural Association
Southern California Fair
January 25, 2023 • 4:00 PM

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Administration Building Board Room
January 25, 2023

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81355031204>
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Meeting ID: 813 5503 1204

All matters noticed on this agenda may be considered for action. Items listed on the agenda may be considered in any order at the discretion of the Board President. Any item not so noticed will not be considered or discussed. Per CDC and State of California requirements, masks may be required to attend this meeting.

1) CALL TO ORDER 4:05pm

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by CEO Russell Vandenberg

3) ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS: Directors Present, Directors Excused

A motion and second is requested to excuse the absence of any Directors under this agenda item.

Present: Tricia Almiron, Brad Scott, Cindy Palumbo, Nick Bruno, Ron Magnuson, Gene Skala, Marisa Yeager

4) INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & STAFF

Present: Sally Scott, Dale and Cee Smith (Family Affair)

Staff: Mayra Zepeda, Linda Thompson

Zoom: Richard Persons, Charles CDFA

5) PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

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

No public comment

6) CLOSED SESSION The board is authorized to enter into closed session for discussion with its negotiator prior to the purchase, sale, exchange, or lease of real property. (Gov. Code 11125(7)a)

Entered into closed session at 4:08 pm

The Board is authorized to enter closed session to discussion pending litigation with the Attorney General's Office (Gov. Code § 11126(e)(1)).

a) 46th District Agricultural Association v. APEX, LLC.

7) RECONVENE OPEN SESSION Report of any action taken during Closed Session

Reconvened at 4:14pm when public was brought back into meeting with no action to report.

8) CONSENT AGENDA (Discussion/Action by Board)

All matters listed are considered by the Board to be routine and will be approved in one motion unless Directors request a specific item be considered separately.

9) NEW BUSINESS (Action required)

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- a) Review and Approval of December 2022 Financials
 - 1) Balance Sheet
 - 2) Profit and Loss Statement
 - 3) AP Payments/AR Aged Invoices/General Ledger

Item tabled until February Board Meeting.

10) REPORTS AND INFORMATION (Informational)

- a) Correspondence
 - 1) State of California Amusement Rise and Tramway Unit – Temporary Amusement Rides
CEO provided overview of correspondence to Board.
- b) CEO Report
 - 1) Day to Day Operations Update
CEO provided overview of: Jan/Feb interim activities at fairgrounds; PSX and Harley Davidson Contract renewal/extension; proposed 2023 budget to be presented at Feb meeting; Reviewing all contracts; El Toro Wapo contract is up this year; Attendance at WFA Conference with staff and board members; CCA January meeting; and reviewed conditions of Livestock restrooms. Finally, the annual SCF contracted dates with Helms and Sons will be on October 5-8 (Thurs-Sun) and Oct 12-15 (Thurs-Sun) for a total of \$225k to SCF.
- c) Management Consultant Report
Shared latest efforts with DWR and list of items for DWR to address and provided assistance with recent Fair Contract.
- d) Committee Reports – Board President to meet with all board members for 2023 Committee Assignments. Will provide report at February meeting.
 - 1) Finance Committee
 - 2) DWR Ad-Hoc Committee
 - 3) Fairgrounds and Contracts Committee
 - 4) Junior Livestock Committee
 - 5) Marketing Committee
 - 6) Policy Committee
- e) Barn Bash Report – Nothing to report. Except put April 22, 2023, at the Barn Bash Event.
- f) Friends of So Cal Fair Report – Cee shared that the FOSCF met today, and they had a successful membership drive at the last fair; their Treasurer left and will be filling their Treasurer and President position soon. Also, to know that a Golf Tournament is planned in October 2023 during the fair.
- g) California Construction Authority Update
 - 1) Derby Room – Status Update
CEO reported that Derby Room should be approved for full 7-day a week operation soon.
 - 2) DWR Project Oversight
Nothing more to report that was previously shared in Management Consultant report

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11) MATTERS OF INFORMATION: (Informational – No deliberation/action)

a) Directors' Comments

Director Scott shared that the Indio Fairgrounds will be having their event next month for President's Day holiday including a livestock auction.

Director Bruno was appreciated of the CEO and looks forward to working with him.

Director Yeager thanked all of the board members involvement, staff efforts to continue to keep the fairgrounds operating and to the public for their interest and support of the fairgrounds.

12) IMPORTANT 2023 DATES: (Review and Approve)

Board Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 4:00 pm unless otherwise specified.

February 22, 2023; March 22, 2023; April 26, 2023; May 24, 2023; June 28, 2023; July 26, 2023; August 23, 2023; September 27, 2023; October 25, 2023; November 15, 2023; December 20, 2023.

Board members were advised to review meeting dates and to share with CEO and Board Leadership if there were any issues.

13) Adjournment

4:3pm -adjourned.

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