

46th District Agricultural Association/Southern California Fair
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BOARD MEETING MINUTES - SUMMARY

Administration Building Board Room
18700 Lake Perris Drive, Perris, CA 92571
December 17, 2025

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81355031204>

Toll Free Number: One tap mobile +13462487799,81355031204

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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 at 4:06pm

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Don Kazarian

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 Directors: Almiron, Magnuson, Skala, Scott, Yeager

Absent Directors: Palumbo, Bruno

A motion was made by Director Almiron and seconded by Director Scott.

Motion carried, 5-0.

4) INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & STAFF

Present: Alicia – staff, Dale – FAF, Rose Marotta, Don Kazarian, Russ – CEO, Judy Hofmann, Katie Engel – Farmers Daughter and mom, Warren McCoy.

Zoom: Rick – PK Consulting, Denise – consultant, Kiko – Derby Room.

5) PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

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

Rose Marotta requested to be added to the next board agenda for the McElhinney Arena.

6) CLOSED SESSION (Action to adjourn for Closed Session)

The Board will meet in closed Session to confer with and/or receive legal advice from counsel or the represented delegate to discuss the matters listed below. All guests and audience will be asked to adjourn the meeting at this time.

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

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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 the Directors request a specific item be considered separately.

- a) Review and Approval of October 22nd, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes
- B) Review and Approval of November 19th, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve October and November Board Meeting Minutes was made by Director Almiron and seconded by Director Magnuson.
Moton carried, 5-0.

9) REPORTS AND INFORMATION (Informational)

- a) Correspondence - Training requirements are due for Board Members
- b) CEO Report
 - 1) Day to Day Operations Update
 - 2) California Construction Authority UpdateDecember events, office holiday closure, LED lighting upgrade, WFA 2026, Sacramento visit – CCA, 2014 Ford truck purchased, Bill Hoop's retirement end of December 2025.
- c) Management Consultant Report – Rich Persons
 - 1) DWR Project OversightWork is at a standstill; ground water has become an issue. Contractor still expected to finish within targeted dates.
- d) Committee Reports
 - 1) Finance Committee – nothing to report
 - 2) DWR Ad-Hoc Committee – discussed under 9, c
 - 3) Fairgrounds and Contracts Committee – Derby Room proposal next meeting
 - 4) Junior Livestock Committee – Al Fernandes and Gary Lesh dedications of buildings recommendation not to move.
 - 5) Policy Committee – nothing to report
- e) Barn Bash Report – nothing to report
- f) Friends of So Cal Fair Report – Judy – foundation is struggling to replace members, PAS raffles, Bill over the years with Farmers Daughters,

10) NEW BUSINESS (Action required)

- a) Review and Approval of October 2025 Financials

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- 1) Balance Sheet
- 2) Profit and Loss Statement
- 3) AP Payments/AR Aged Invoices/General Ledger

b) Review and Approval of November 2025 Financials

- 1) Balance Sheet
- 2) Profit and Loss Statement
- 3) AP Payments/AR Aged Invoices/General Ledger

A motion to approve October and December 2025 Financials was made by Director Skala and seconded by Director Magnuson.

Motion carried, 5-0.

c) Derby Room proposal for rent modification – Kiko Zennedjian [tabled till next meeting](#)

d) Resolution approving the FY 25/26 Base Allocation from the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

A motion to approve was made by Director Almiron and seconded by Director Scott.

Motion carried, 5-0.

e) Proposal to name the Livestock Show Ring and Livestock Administration Building in honor of Mr. Gary Lesh and Mr. Al Fernandes – Josh Button [not approved per committee recommendation. Discussed under item 9, d, 4.](#)

f) Board of Directors Executive Leadership Appointments (President/Vice President) [tabled till next meeting](#)

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

a) Directors' Comments

Director Almiron – applications submitted for vacant Board Member seat; requested staff and fellow board members to follow up.

Director Magnuson – Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all staff and guests.

Director Skala – Thanked everyone for attending and thanked everyone for everything they do.

Director Scott – made through another and thanked everyone for everything they do. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Agrees with Director Almiron on the vacant board members' seats and submitted applications.

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President Yeager – Strategic Plan review, appreciates all staff and partners, wished everyone

12) IMPORTANT 2026 DATES: (Review and Approve)

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

January 28, 2026, February 25,2026, March 25, 2026, April 22, 2026, May 27, 2026, June 24, 2026, July 22,2026, August 26, 2026, September 23, 2026, October 28,2026, November 18, 2026, December 16, 2026.

A motion to approve 2026 dates was made by Director Almiron and seconded by Director Magnuson.

Motion carried, 5-0.

13) Adjournment: at 4:55pm In Memory of all those who have contributed and continue to contribute to the 46th DAA.

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