

**46<sup>th</sup> 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  
**February 25, 2026**

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

Toll Free Number: One tap mobile +13462487799,81355031204

Meeting ID: 813 5503 1204

**Passcode: 439278**

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 4:07pm**

**2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Susan Nelthorpe

**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, Palumbo, Magnuson, Skala, Scott, Bruno

**Absent Director:** Yeager

A motion to excuse President Yeager's absence was made by Director Skala and seconded by Vice President Palumbo.

Motion carried, 6-0.

**4) INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & STAFF**

**Present:** Russ- CEO, Linda – Staff, Alicia – Staff, Rose Marotta, Katie Keyes, Martina Dyer, Judy Hoffmann, Susan Nelthorpe, Becky Bailey Findley,

**Via phone:** Rich Persons – PK Consulting

**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.

Martina Dyer – requested horse arena be returned to the McElhinney family foundation.

**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.

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

**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 December 17, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes
- b) Review and Approval of December 17-18, 2025, Strategic Planning Session Minutes.

A motion to approve December 2025 minutes was made by Director Almiron and seconded by Vice President Palumbo.  
Motion carried, 6-0.

**9) REPORTS AND INFORMATION** (Informational)

- a) Correspondence – Form 700 are due
- b) CEO Report
  - 1) Day to Day Operations Update
  - 2) California Construction Authority Update

Thanked staff for their hard work, March grounds events, lighting upgrade by Toro Wapo area, Darlene resignation, CCA moved out of office,
- c) Management Consultant Report
  - 1) DWR Project Oversight

Not many changes, work has continued on Evans, paperwork delays for utilities resolved, pending scheduling information for bridge structure demo Gate A, pending CCA info for electric sign board.
- d) McElhinney Arena sign presentation – presented last month to family
- e) Committee Reports
  - 1) Finance Committee
  - 2) DWR Ad-Hoc Committee
  - 3) Fairgrounds and Contracts Committee
  - 4) Junior Livestock Committee
  - 5) Policy Committee
- f) Barn Bash Report
- g) Friends of So Cal Fair Report Judy- need more members, April 22<sup>nd</sup> fundraiser, foundation in need of volunteers.

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**10) NEW BUSINESS** (Action required)

a) Review and Approval of December 2025 Financials / STOP [tabled till next meeting](#)

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

b) Adoption of Southern-California Fair Strategic Planning Goals 2026-2030 -  
Becky Bailey-Findley

[A motion to adopt was made by Director Almiron and seconded by Director Magnuson.](#)

[Motion carried, 6-0.](#)

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

d) Discuss and vote on whether to adopt a District resolution confirming that the simulcast wagering conducted on the 46<sup>th</sup> District's property best serves the interests of the 46<sup>th</sup> District

[A motion to approve was made by Director Almiron and seconded by Vice President Palumbo.](#)

[Motion carried, 6-0.](#)

e) Derby Room proposal for rent modification – Kiko Zennedjian [item discussed and negotiated through the Finance Committee.](#)

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

a) Directors' Comments

[Director Almiron – conflict for March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting](#)

[Director Magnuson – happy to see a good turnout for today's meeting](#)

[Director Scott – WFA convention, Indio Fair, thanked Becky Findley](#)

**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.

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.

**13) Adjournment:** [at 4:57pm](#)

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