



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTE August 14, 2021

Location: Omni Rancho Las Palmas Resort
41000 Bob Hope Dr, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270

Call to Order: 8:44 AM

Members Present: President Mark Waronek, Vice President Ali Sajjad Taj, Secretary/Treasurer Jeff Wood, Immediate Past President Lindsey Horvath, Associate Members Co-Chair Frank Zerunyan, City Managers Chair Ryan Smoot, Director-at-Large Rex Richardson, Director-at-Large Lori Woods, Legal Contract Committee Blanca Pacheco, Legislative Committee Co-Chair Jennifer Perez, Marketing Committee Jose Gonzalez, Selection Committee Sandra Armenta, Resolutions Committee Dr. Julian Gold, Special Events Committee James Bozajian, Membership Committee Nancy Tragarz, Legislative Committee Co-Chair Stacey Armato, Director-at-Large Margret Finlay, Director-at-Large Cedric Hicks, Associate Members Co-Chair Mike Davitt

Absent: By-Laws Committee Yesenia De La Rosa, Public Safety Committee Brenda Olmos, Budget and Audit Committee Dana Reed, Ambassador Committee Ray Hamada

Others Present: Marcel Rodarte, Jorge Morales, Mayra Bonilla, Alejandra Hernandez

Quorum: YES

Meeting Proceedings

- Secretary/Treasurer Jeff Wood presented the June financial report, August disbursements, and July meeting minutes for approval. Stacey Armato motioned for approval, seconded by Rex Richardson. No abstentions, motion passed.

Reports

President's Report - *President Mark Waronek*

- President Waronek thanked the Executive Board for their participation in the Strategic Planning Session to follow. The Session is an opportunity for members to shape annual goals and provide feedback to ensure follow-through. President Waronek reminded members to register for the Fall Educational Summit (FES) with over 300 registrants.

Executive Director's Report - *Marcel Rodarte*

- Director Rodarte provided an overview of FES, including proposed session topics. Director Rodarte highlighted the partnership with Tripepi Smith; the PR firm will create op-eds and materials to boost the association's outreach.



Legislative Committee Report - *Co-Chairs Jennifer Perez and Stacey Armato*

- Co-Chair Perez announced that following the new attendance and camera policies participation and engagement has increased significantly. Co-Chair Armato briefly reviewed recent bills considered by the committee. This year the committee has considered 27 bills, and 12 of those are still active, including SB 9 and SB 15. Staff encouraged members to contact their legislators and continue sending the Association copies of their city's position letters.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to conduct, or actions required, President Mark Waronek adjourned the August 2021 Executive Board Meeting at 8:58 AM.

Recorded by: Alejandra Hernandez
Administrative Specialist

Jeff Wood
Secretary/Treasurer