



**Meeting Minutes of the
California Exposition & State Fair
Cultural Advisory Council**

Held

Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.
In the Administration Building Boardroom
California State Fairgrounds
1600 Exposition Blvd.
Sacramento, California 95815

Council Members Present

Catherina Nou, Chair
Anita R. Johnson, Vice-Chair

David Banuelos, Member	Denise Carter, Member
Debora Richardson-Brister, Member	Stephanie Chavez, Member
Delgreta Brown, Member	Letitia P. Earl, Member
Twiana Armstrong-Bryant, Member	Chris Mateo, Member
Bill Campos, Member	Olga Shilo, Member
Cha Vang, Member	

Board and Staff Present

Sonney Chong, Board Member, Liaison
Rick Pickering, CEO
Tom Martinez, Chief Deputy Manager
Margaret Mohr, Deputy General Manager-Business Development
Sue O'Brien, Recording Secretary
Michelle Johnson, Staff
Melissa Lamont, Staff

Council Members Absent

Indi Kallirai, Member	Jackie Morris-Henderson, Member
Jag Nagendra, Member	

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MINUTES

- 1) CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was call to order at 5:34 p.m. by Chair Nou.
- 2) ROLL CALL** – Role was taken.
Council Members Brown, Kallirai, Morris-Henderson and Nagendra were not present.
- 3) INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & STAFF** – Introductions were made around the room of Councilmembers, Board members and Staff.
- 4) APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**
 - a) Approval of Council Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2017

Motion:

It was moved by Council Member Banuelos, and seconded by Vice Chair Johnson to approve Meeting Minutes from January 12, 2017. **All in favor, motion carried.**

5) Staff & Member Updates

- a) Cal Expo Updates
Melissa Lamont from Wilson Entertainment introduced herself and gave a summary of the process to apply to perform on the Community Stages at State Fair.
Michelle Johnson, Culinary Programs Coordinator explained the process that was used last year by CAC. Councilmember Banuelos and Councilmember Earl volunteer to coordinate the cooking demonstrations for the 2017 State Fair on Saturday, July 22, 2017.
- b) Programs Updates
CEO Pickering introduced DGM Margaret Mohr, who is the new Business and Marketing Director. DGM Mohr talked about community outreach and sent around a signup sheet to help with the community events.
CEO Pickering reported that the olive oil, cheese and wine competitions have been moved up to March/April from May/June. This move will ensure that the Best of California magazine will be printed and available during State Fair. Programs is working on an exhibit to honor the Farm Worker and their contribution to Agriculture.
CEO Pickering explained that he and Chief DGM Martinez are reaching out to community leaders to gather input for opening and closing nights.
CEO Pickering mentioned that the Jaripeo dance will be back this year and trying to have a second dance.

6) NEW BUSINESS

a) Discussion of Fair Time Survey

Chair Nou discussed the survey from last year. It was discussed that many of the questions were repetitive. Councilmembers, Armstrong-Bryant, Chavez and Shilo volunteered to help with the survey.

7) Old Business

None

8) Matters of Information

a) Public Comments Matters not on the Agenda.

None

b) Members Comments not on the Agenda

Director Chong stated that this is a new year and a fresh start.

Council member Carter explained how she works with different communities and schools.

Council member Banuelos that he would send out information for the cooking demonstrations.

9) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Campos and seconded by Council Member Vang to adjourn this meeting. **All in favor, motioned carried.**

The Cultural Advisory Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.