



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

Held

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

Council Members Present

Anita R. Johnson, Chair
Jag Nagendra, Vice Chair

Dorian Almaraz, Member	Stephanie Chavez, Member
David Banuelos, Member	Chris Mateo, Member
Debora Richardson-Brister, Member	Cat Nou, Member
Twiana Armstrong-Bryant, Member	Danny Vang, Member
Denise Carter, Member	Jerry Yamashita Member
Susan Knutson, Alternate Member	

Council Members Absent

Delgreta Brown, Member	Michael Colbruno, Member
Letitia P. Earl, Member	Cha Vang, Member
Richard Pannell, Alternate Member	

Board and Staff Present

Director Sonney Chong, Board Liaison
Rick Pickering, CEO-General Manager
Sue O'Brien, Recording Secretary

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MINUTES

1) **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was call to order at 5:32 p.m. by Chair Johnson.

2) **ROLL CALL** – Role was taken and a quorum was present.

Council Members Colbruno, Earl and Cha Vang were not present and asked to be excused. Council Members Carter, Kallirai and Pannell were not present.

MOTION:

Council Member Almaraz moved to excuse Council Members Colbruno, Earl and C. Vang. Motion was seconded by Council Member Richardson-Brister. **All in favor, motion passes unanimously.**

3) **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & STAFF**

4) **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

a) Approval of Council Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2019.

MOTION:

Councilmember Banuelos moved to approve the meeting minutes from November 14, 2019, as amended. Councilmember Armstrong-Bryant seconded the motion. **All in favor, motion carries unanimously.**

5) **STAFF UPDATES**

a) Cal Expo Updates

CEO Pickering gave a brief over view of the Hmong Festival, Salvation Army Family Food Distribution, International Sportsmen Expo and events from the Sacramento Convention Center while it is under remodel. He went on to discuss the update of our website and the new programing for the Brew Fest. Briefly touched on Sponsorships and new competitions.

6) **NEW BUSINESS**

a) Chair and Vice Chair comments:

- Participation at Community Events
- Participation at 2020 State Fair
- Attendance at CAC Meetings

Vice Chair Nagendra talked about the Mission Statement of the Cultural Advisory Council; Outreach, Advise and Support and how it is not just for State Fair but it's all year. This began a discussion that covered many areas. It was discussed that are gaps in the diversity represented at State Fair in entertainment, competitions, and other areas. It was suggested that the Council could help get the information to those groups. Chair Johnson reminded the Council about the attendance to these meeting and suggested members review the by-laws.

7) MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- a) Public Comments Matters not on the Agenda.
- b) Members Comments not on the Agenda

8) ADJOURNMENT

The Cultural Advisory Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.