

# **CALIFORNIA EXPOSITION & STATE FAIR**

Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Held Pursuant to Due Notice  
June 26, 2020

The meeting was conducted by teleconference originating at  
California Exposition & State Fair  
1600 Exposition Boulevard  
Sacramento, CA 95815

**Directors Present**

Director Jess Durfee Chair  
Director Rex Hime, Vice Chair  
Director Rima Barkett  
Director Erin Choi  
Director Sonney Chong  
Director Rina DiMare  
Director David Mallel  
Director Brian May

**Staff Present**

Rick Pickering, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)  
Tom Martinez, Chief Deputy General Manager (CDGM)  
Samantha Brown, Deputy General Manager, Administration  
Margaret Mohr, Deputy General Manager, Business Development & Marketing  
Marcia Shell, Assistant General Manger Expo Events  
Jay Carlson, AG Programs Manager  
Sue O'Brien, Recording Secretary

**Others Present 5 as identified by Zoom**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Durfee called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m. Chair Durfee dispensed with the reading of the Mission Statement, Policy Statement and the Public Comment Statement.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

**3. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF**

Chair Durfee read a list of Staff on the Zoom Board Meeting call.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

In accordance with state law, the Board will not comment or otherwise consider Public Comment matters until and unless such item has been properly noticed for future meeting.

None

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

All items on the consent agenda are to be approved in one motion unless a Board Member request a separate action on a specific item.

- a. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for May 29, 2020.
- b. Approval of Board Committee Minutes for May 29, 2020

Chair Durfee asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

**MOTION:**

It was moved by Director Chong and seconded by Vice Chair Hime to approve the Consent Agenda. **All in favor, motion carries unanimously.**

**6. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS**

Finance Committee

- a. Review and Update of Cash Flow

Committee Chair Hime reported that Deputy General Manger Brown reviewed the working draft budget outlining the potential income and mandated expenses and challenges Cal Expo faces. Hime stated that the reality is that as of the end of July Cal Expo will be out of money to pay bills. He went on to state that there certainly no money to get us to the end of the year nor is there any money for the planning or implementing the fair for 2021.

Committee Chair Hime went on to report that after a lengthy discussion there was a motion adopted by the committee to move to the board for adoption. As Committee Chair, Vice Chair Hime made the motion.

**MOTION:**

To direct staff to draft a letter that outlines the steps taken in the last 2 years to address our concerns, some meetings we've held, some

statements we have released and all of our finances. To have the letter end with the fact that the sustainability of California Exposition and State Fair will end on July 31, 2020. To direct staff to determine an amount that will allow us to get to August 2021. To be signed by all Board Members and provided to the Governor and every member of the Legislature and possibly the media. Director May seconded the motion. Discussion: Director Choi thought that the media aspect is important. Director Chong asked if a solution was given in this letter and Vice Chair Hime explained about the dollar amount in the letter. Director Barkett asked why this time would be different from what has been done before and Vice Chair Hime stated that this time we are giving them notice and it would become a public discussion. A roll call vote was taken. Chair Durfee, yes; Vice Chair Hime, yes; Director Barkett, yes; Director Choi, yes; Director Chong, yes; Director DiMare, yes; Director Mallel, yes, Director May, yes. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Deputy General Manager Brown reported out that the total expenses incurred for Cal OES, FEMA and COVID support is \$390,354.00. We have received \$9100.00 and the remaining balance is \$381254.00.

## **7. New Business**

- a.** Request from the City of Sacramento for up to a three-month extension on the contract for the use of Lot 26, which currently houses 63 FEMA RV Trailers as a COVID-19 Emergency Isolation and Recovery Facility for homeless persons.

Chief Deputy General Manager (CDGM) Martinez reviewed the staff report with the Board. Martinez reported that the contract for the 63 COVID Isolation Trailers was requested by the City and County of Sacramento in April of 2020. In order for the County of Sacramento to move into phase two of reopening a public health officer has to attest that Sacramento has the capacity to shelter at least 15% of the County's homeless. In order to show that the County of Sacramento can meet the 15% housing requirement the County has asked to keep the trailers at Cal Expo. The original contract stated an expiration date of June 30, 2020 or within seven days of the COVID-19 emergency order being lifted whichever date comes first. As the COVID-19 emergency order is still in place the City and County of Sacramento would like to extend the COVID-19 Isolation Trailers contract for another three months. This would make the termination date September 30, 2020 or within seven days of the COVID-19 emergency order being lifted, whichever comes first. Staff respectfully recommends approval of the extension of the contract for the COVID-19 Isolation Trailers.

### **MOTION:**

Vice Chair Hime moves to accept staff's recommendation to extend the COVID-19 Isolation Trailers contract for another three months making the termination date September 30, 2020 or within seven days of the COVID-19 emergency order being lifted, whichever comes first. Director Chong

seconded the motion. Discussion: Director Mallel asked if the original intent has changed regarding the housing of COVID-19 positive homeless people. Chief Robillard reported that there is a mixture of COVID-19 positive or homeless that are COVID 19 vulnerable. Chair Durfee asked for a roll call vote. Chair Durfee, yes; Vice Chair Hime, yes; Director Barkett, yes; Director Choi, yes; Director Chong, yes; Director DiMare, yes; Director Mallel, No; Director May, yes. **Motion carries, 7 yes, and 1 no.**

**b. Review and Approval of Property Insurance 2020-2021**

Committee Chair Hime reposted that Deputy General Manager Brown reviewed the staff report and policy with the committee and the committee recommended approval of staff's recommendation.

**MOTION:**

Committee Chair Hime moved to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation of approving the Haas & Wilkerson Property Insurance proposal for 2020/2021. Director Chong seconded the motion. Discussion: None. **All in favor, motion carries unanimously.**

**c. Bylaw Amendment: Extending term of Chair and Vice Chair due to COVID-19.**

Chair Durfee asked that Director DiMare chair this item given the topic and that she is the immediate past chair. Chair Durfee and Vice Chair Hime will also abstain the vote. Director DiMare reported that this issue was discussed at the last board meeting to amend our bylaws with regards to having the current Board Chair and Vice Chair term extended into 2021 due to the extreme circumstances of COVID-19. Director DiMare called for a motion to recommend extending the terms of the Board Chair and Vice Chair to expire in December 2021.

**Motion:**

The motion was moved by Director May and seconded by Director Barkett. Director DiMare called for a roll call vote. Chair Durfee, abstain; Vice Chair Hime, abstain; Director Barkett, yes; Director Choi, yes; Director Chong, yes; Director DiMare, yes; Director Mallel, yes; Director May, yes. **Motion carries 6 yes, 2 abstain.**

**8. MATTERS OF INFORMATION:**

**a. Update on COVID-19 Emergency Support Provided by Cal Expo**  
CEO Pickering reported that the County of Sacramento Drive-through testing has completed more than 10,000 tests to date.

The Lt. Governor and Congressman Bera have been out to tour the Drive-through testing site. Senator Pan has toured the Isolation Trailers and the County's Drive-through testing site. The County of Sacramento would like to continue the Drive-through testing to the middle or end of August depending on Federal funding.

**b. CEO Comments**

CEO Pickering reported that Friends of the CA State Fair have finalized their scholarship awards for the 2020 season. They selected 26 scholarship recipients and are in the process of distributing \$44,000 in awards. Paul and Carol Chandler who were selected as the Agriculturalists of the Year by the State Fair Board will be honoring at next year's State Fair Gala due to COVID-19. The Chandlers are big supporters of the Big Fresno Fair. The CEO of the Big Fresno Fair would like to hold a small reception honoring the Chandlers and have invited any Board Member and myself to attend in October. We have submitted a draft reopening plan to Sacramento County Health and are waiting to hear back from them. We have a number of promoters that would like to get their events going again. Had a successful "Giving Monday" with SMUD and also brought attention to the needs of our food banks. We are planning a blood drive in August. Sent an email announcing Chief Robillard's retirement in December 2020. We have submitted our draft layoff plan to CalHR and are waiting for comments.

**c. Directors Comments/Agenda Items for Future Meeting**

Director May – Thanks Chief Robillard. The results of the last 2 fairs speak to the excellent work he has done.

Director Barkett – Thanks Chief Joe. I never realized the difference a Chief can make. I'm sad to see you go and wish you the best.

Director DiMare – I'd like to echo others comments. Joe, you did a great job and we can't thank you enough.

Chair Durfee – Want to thank Director DiMare, Tom and Rick for all of the hard work they did to get Cal Expo included in the Sports Wagering bill that won't be moving on. Also echo the comments about Chief. Greatly appreciate your service.

**d. Next Board Meeting – Friday, July 24 2020** (Subject to change due to COVID-19 emergency)

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Durfee called for a motion to adjourn.

**Motion:**

Director May moved the motion to adjourn and Director Chong seconded the motion. **All in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

The Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.