

CALIFORNIA EXPOSITION & STATE FAIR

Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Held Pursuant to Due Notice
July 24, 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

Directors Absence

Director Brian May

Staff Present

Rick Pickering, Chief Executive Officer
Tom Martinez, Chief Deputy General Manager
Samantha Brown, Deputy General Manager, Administration
Margaret Mohr, Deputy General Manager, Business Development & Marketing
Marcia Shell, Assistant General Manager Expo Events
Rachelle Weir, Programs Manager
Jay Carlson, AG Programs Manager
Mitch Pryor, Chief of Plant
Sue O'Brien, Recording Secretary
Rachel Finkes, Programs Department
Josie Lee, Marketing Department
Jaclyn Zdanowski, Executive Office

Others Present 3 as identified by Zoom

1. CLOSED SESSION

The Board will convene in closed session as authorized by Government Code Section 11126(e), (2), and (B), to confer with and receive advice from legal counsel regarding potential litigation involving the California Exposition and State Fair. Based on existing facts and circumstances, there is significant exposure to litigation against California Exposition & State Fair.

The Board Meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. and the Board immediately convened into closed session.

Chair Durfee reported out that the Board met for over an hour to discuss items that might involve potential litigation. No action was taken but may be looking for an emergency Board Meeting next week.

2. CALL TO ORDER – Public Meeting

Chair Durfee called the public meeting to order at 1:56 p.m. Chair Durfee dispensed with the reading of the Mission Statement, Policy Statement and the Public Comment Statement.

3. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. Director May had another meeting and asked to be excused. Chair Durfee asked for a motion to grant an excused absence to Director May.

MOTION:

The motion was moved by Vice Chair Hime and seconded by Director Chong. **All in favor motion carries unanimously.**

4. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF

5. 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.

6. 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 June 26, 2020.

b. Approval of Board Committee Minutes for June 26, 2020.

MOTION:

Chair Durfee called for a motion to approve the consent agenda items. The motion was moved by Vice Chair Hime and seconded by Director Mallel. **All in favor, motion carries unanimously.**

7. COMMITTEE AND STAFF REPORTS

Finance Committee

a. Review and Update of Cash Flow

Committee Chair Hime reported that Deputy General Manager Brown reviewed the working draft document that showed the monthly cash in and monthly cash out through December of this year with the committee. Finances have not improved since the last Board Meeting.

8. MATTERS OF INFORMATION:

a. Update on COVID-19 Emergency Support Provided by Cal Expo

CEO Pickering reported out that COVID-19 is now being referred as C-19 for ease of speech. Cal Expo is continuing with the County of Sacramento and Governor's Office of Emergency Service's drive through C-19 testing. This site is the most active C-19 testing site reaching 20,000 test taken. We are continuing to work with the City of Sacramento, OES and FEMA as related to the 63 trailers at Cal Expo as a temporary isolation recovery facility for homeless that have tested positive for C-19 or are showing signs of C-19 or are in a high risk categories. There have been as many as 50 individuals in these trailers. We will continue to support this program through September at the request of the County of Sacramento. Cal Expo was able to coordinate and conduct a successful food drive at the California letters for food banks as they are in need during this C-19 time. We are working with our Partners to conduct a blood drive in August. Cal Expo in continuing to work with Cal Fire and the Governor's Office of Emergency Service during this fire season. Cal Fire and OES are concerned about social distancing in fire camps and evacuation facilities for people and animals. With Cal Expo not having a fair this year we may play an important part for the fire camps and shelter facilities in Northern California. Due to C-19 the Sacramento County Courts are having a difficult time with trials because of social distancing. The County came out and toured Cal Expo grounds. They also were looking for space to accommodate the penalty phase of the Golden State killer trial. These conversations are difficult to have when the property in the pasted has been used for fairs and festivals.

b. CEO Comments

Deputy General Manager Mohr provided the board with a brief marketing report. CEO Pickering review the report with the Board and announced Cal Expo's Virtual State Fair on our web-site. He also commented on the progress of Rock and Brews. He then mentioned that at the request of the

Governor Cal Expo has begun layoffs. CDFA will be assisting the Fair with this process. We continue to move forward.

c. Directors Comments/Agenda Items for Future Meeting

Chair Durfee commented on the layoff process and how difficult it is. He went on to comment that there may be an emergency Board Meeting next week.

d. Next Board Meeting – Friday, August 28 2020 (Subject to change due to COVID-19 emergency)

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Chair Durfee called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was moved by Vice Chair Hime and seconded by Director Chong. **All in favor, motion carries unanimously.**

The Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 2:24 p.m.