



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

Held

Thursday September 10, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.
Via teleconference originating at
California State Fairgrounds
1600 Exposition Blvd.
Sacramento, California 95815

Council Members Present

Anita R. Johnson, Chair
Jag Nagendra, Vice Chair

Dorian Almaraz, Member	Letitia P. Earl, Member
David Banuelos, Member	Cha Vang, Member
Debora Richardson-Brister, Member	Danny Vang, Member
Stephanie Foster, Member	Jerry Yamashita, Member
Susan Knutson, Alternate Member	

Council Members Absent

Delgreta Brown, Member	Michael Colbruno, Member
Twiana Armstrong-Bryant, Member	Chris Mateo, Member
Denise Carter, Member	Cat Nou, Member
Richard Pannell, Alternate Member	

Board and Staff Present

Director Erin Choi, Board Liaison
Sonney Chong, Board Liaison
Tom Martinez, Chief Deputy General Manager
Sue O'Brien, Recording Secretary

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MINUTES

1) **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was call to order at 5:34 p.m. by Chair Johnson.

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

Council Member Delgreta Brown, Cat Nou, and Twiana Armstrong-Bryant were not present and asked to be excused. Council Members Carter, Colbruno, Mateo and Alternate Council Member Pannell were not present.

MOTION:

Chair Johnson asked for a motion to excuse Council Members Brown, Armstrong-Bryant and Nou. Motion was moved by Council Member Earl and seconded By Council Member Richardson-Brister. **All in favor, motion carries unanimously.**

3) **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & STAFF**

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Bridgett Hankerson, State Senate

4) **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

a) Approval of Council Meeting Minutes from May 14, 2020

b) Approval of Council Meeting Minutes from July 23, 2020

c) Approval of Council Meeting Minutes from August 20, 2020

MOTION:

Chair Johnson asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 14, 2020 and July 23, 2020. Meeting minutes from August 20, 2020, will be moved to the November 12, 2020 agenda. Vice Chair Nagendra moved the motion and Council Member Banuelos seconded the motion. **All in favor, motion carries unanimously.**

5) **STRATEGIC PLANNING**

a) Strategic Planning Wrap Up

Vice Chair Nagendra reported that out of the Strategic Planning sessions the group developed a list of actives that are being done at Cal Expo/State Fair and then ID additional actives to add to the list. Chair Johnson and Vice Chair Nagendra met to prioritize list and realized that 99% of the activities on the list developed during the Strategic Planning sessions were directly related to State Fair and if there is no State Fair it is hard to plan. However, the cataloging of the actives for the CAC is a good thing as it helps with the new members and new Board members to see what the CAC is all about. Chair Johnson and Vice Chair Nagendra came up with 3 items that they felt the CAC could do/help without a State Fair:

1) Recruiting new members

2) Volunteering with Cal Expo Staff

3) Feed Back to Staff/Board of Directors

4) CAC Members potentially assisting with actives/events as needed

Feedback from CAC: Council Member Earl stated that with the uncertainty of Cal Expo that we should be trying to help in anyway. Vice Chair Nagendra wrapped up with saying that the CAC is willing to help Cal Expo and State Fair in anyway.

b) Cal Expo Updates

Chief Deputy General Manager Martinez commented on:
911 Memorial – was cancelled as promoters could not get a permit from Sacramento County Health.

Legislators reconvened and approved one of the trailer bills that had some monies in it to help Cal Expo through the remainder of the fiscal year. This will not stop the layoff plan in place. This allows us to continue to help with the emergencies around the State. The drive through testing here at Cal Expo is the largest one in the State.

6) MATTERS OF INFORMATION

a) Public Comments Matters not on the Agenda

b) Members Comments Matters not on the Agenda

Council Member Banuelos thanked Tom for the updates as we are all vested in the CAC, Cal Expo and State Fair and are excited to get back together.

c) Next Cultural Advisory Council Meeting **November 12, 2020.**

7) ADJOURNMENT

The Cultural Advisory Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.