

**CALIFORNIA EXPOSITION & STATE FAIR  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Committee Meeting Minutes  
Held via Teleconference  
Friday, September 25, 2020  
11:30a.m.

**MINUTES**

Committee Members Present:

Rina DiMare Committee Chair  
Director Erin Choi  
Director Jess Durfee  
Director Rex Hime

Staff Present:

Chief Executive Officer  
Chief Deputy General Manager  
Deputy General Manager-Administration  
Assistant General Manager Expo Events  
Ag Programs Manager  
Recording Secretary

Rick Pickering  
Tom Martinez  
Samantha Brown  
Marcia Shell  
Jay Carlson  
Sue O'Brien

**Others Present 8 as identified by Zoom**

Committee Chair DiMare called the Legislative Committee Meeting to order at 11:32a.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. Committee Chair DiMare dispensed with the reading of the Mission Statement and Public Comment Statement.

**GENERAL UPDATES**

- a. Review of 2019-2020 Legislative Session  
Chief Deputy General Manager Martinez reported that the Legislative Session ended on August 31, 2020. SB 115, known as the trailer bill was signed and affords Cal Expo \$6 million in funds to get us to the end of the fiscal year. (June 2021). He mentioned HR 7745 which would direct the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to establish a program to address the effects of the pandemic on state and local fairs. This bill has been referred to the House Committee on Agriculture for a hearing and will continue to be monitored.
- b. Update of outlook for 2020-2021 Legislative Session
- c. Chief Deputy General Manager Martinez mentioned that he will be looking into bring to the Retreat the leasing authority of Cal Expo which is now 20 years and increasing it to 30-40 years. Also discuss with the Board at the Retreat to determine either a line item or some way to direct funds to Cal Expo without going through another State Agency. Committee Chair DiMare asked to revisit the Sports Wagering proposition at the Board Retreat. Director Hime asked that

staff create a letter to the Governor, the Leadership and specifically Senator Pan, expressing our appreciation for signing SB 115 and that we look forward to working with them in the future.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Committee Chair DiMare asked for adjournment.

It was moved by Director Hime and seconded by Director Durfee. **All in favor, motion carries unanimously.**

The Finance Committee meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.