

MINUTES OF OCFEC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 19, 2020

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Rubalcava-Garcia called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. MISSION STATEMENT

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Director Aiken. Roll call was taken by Summer Angus.

4. DIRECTORS PRESENT (via Zoom):

Chair Rubalcava-Garcia, Vice Chair La Belle, Director Cervantes, Director Ruiz, Director Bagneris, Director Aitken, Director Pham and Director Kovacevich.

DIRECTORS ABSENT/EXCUSED: None.

OTHERS PRESENT:

(Via Zoom): Michele Richards, OCFEC CEO; Ken Karns, OCFEC Chief Operating Officer; Joan Hamill, OCFEC Chief Business Development Officer; Jason Jacobsen, OCFEC Director of Planning & Presentation; Terry Moore, OCFEC Director of Communications; Jerry Eldridge, OCFEC Director of Facilities; Summer Angus, OCFEC Executive Assistant; Evelyn Hernandez, OCFEC; Josh Caplan, Office of the Attorney General; Patricia Garrido, transcriptionist; Roy Englebrecht; Cindy Massaro; Kellie Avakian; Todd Martin; Jerilyn; Maile Henoian; Gibran Stout; Shannon Wooten; Leigh-Ann Kazolas; Jeanine Robbins

Chair Rubalcava-Garcia expressed the Board's condolences and paused to remember Vince Pollmeier of Friends and Neighbors of the Orange County Fairgrounds, who recently passed away.

5. CLOSED SESSION:

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 9:03 a.m. and reconvened at 9:56 a.m.

Matters to report out of closed session: Chair Rubalcava-Garcia reported the closed session agenda included discussion about pending litigation with Spectra regarding the outdoor Market Place.

She assured members of the public that the District is making all efforts to reopen the Market Place and mitigate losses caused by Spectra's breach of contract with the District.

6. CEO'S OPERATIONAL UPDATE

Michele Richards, OCFEC CEO, reported the following:

- The agreement with OC Animal Care was again activated and OCFEC became a large animal evacuation site during last month's fires in Orange County
- Fair Food Drive-thru event ended after 9 weeks
- KTLA News covered a story on the landscaping team of goats and donkeys on the Pacific Amphitheatre berm
- Centennial Farm and Heroes Hall Veterans Museum reopened to guests with advanced reservations
 - Heroes Hall will have to temporarily close the indoor exhibits due to Orange County falling back in the purple tier
- Heroes Hall Supervisor, Carol Singleton was honored by California Assemblywoman Cottie-Petrie-Norris as one of 74th District's Veterans of the Year

Richards presented the October 2020 financial statements.

Joan Hamill, OCFEC Chief Business Development Officer, gave an update on current and upcoming events.

7. MINUTES:

A. Board meeting held October 22, 2020

Action Item

ACTION: Director Aiken motioned and Vice Chair La Belle seconded to approve the minutes from the Board meeting held October 22, 2020. **MOTION CARRIED. AYES: Chair Rubalcava-Garcia, Vice Chair La Belle, Director Cervantes, Director Ruiz, Director Bagneris, Director Aitken, Director Pham and Director Kovacevich. NAYES: None. ABSTENTIONS: None.**

8. MATTERS OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Rubalcava-Garcia noted for the record, an email was received by Reggie Mundekis with several items she would have liked to have made public comment on. The Chair stated the email will be included as a part of correspondence on the December Board meeting agenda.

Cindy Massaro thanked the Board for forming the Diversity Committee and their commitment to addressing the flag issue that has been raised. She shared she is looking forward to the flag issue being resolved, hoping for an equitable resolution today. She asserted that if only one single special interest flag is flown other groups may feel disenfranchised if their flags are not also recognized. She added this can be avoided through a resolution to fly other groups' flags for equal inclusion; or remove any and

all special interest flags and only fly the United States flag and the state of California flag which represents all.

Kellie Avakian also thanked the Board for the Diversity Committee. She stated she has been speaking about the same flag issue for months and criticized that the issue has not been addressed. She discussed other flags that represent other groups of Orange County that she'd like to see flown. She stated she had spoken with a reporter who was on grounds at Centennial Farm and how they would like to explore the issue further in the media. She urged the Board to take action.

Todd Martin echoed the comments of Cindy Massaro. He shared he believes in equal representation criticizing that one special interest flag seems unequal. He stated he would like to see family friendly flags flown. He spoke in support of the previous two speakers comments.

Jerilyn spoke in support of the previous speakers comments. She stated she likes to hear about all the good things that are happening at the fairgrounds. She stated she is perplexed why the flag issue has not been address yet.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR: (Policy 4.3.4)

A. Standard Agreements (New): SA-137-20YR; SA-143-20YR; SA-145-20YR; SA-146-20YR

i. Standard Agreement Amendments: SA-146-20YR (Amend. #1)

B. Rental Agreements: R-010-21; R-108-20; R-117-20; R-119-20; R-120-20; R-121-20; R-122-20; R-123-20; R-124-20

i. Rental Agreement Amendments: R-023-20 (Amend. #3); R-107-20 (Amend. #5); R-116-20 (Amend. #1); R-120-20 (Amend. #1)

C. Active Joint Powers Authority Agreements (New): None.

D. Concession Rental Agreements: FFDT-006 (Revised); FFDT-007 (Revised); FFDT-008 (Revised); FFDT-009 (Revised); FFDT-010 (Revised); FFDT-012 (Revised)

E. Judging Agreements: CA-002-20; CA-009-20

F. Correspondence:

Communications to the Board from members of public related to OC FEC business are identified below and included with the Board materials (available on the OC FEC website). Note that this agenda item includes only those communication(s) that were sent to the entire Board and CEO before the publication of this month's agenda. *The*

deadline for correspondence to be included on the October agenda is October 9, 2020.

- i. 10/19/2020: Reggie Mundekis Regarding 10/22/2020 Board Meeting – Infrastructure Audit – Emergency Backup Power, Lighting & Paging
- ii. 10/19/2020: Reggie Mundekis - Equestrian Center Correspondence Regarding a New Vision and Contract for the Equestrian Center
- iii. 10/21/2020: Leigh-Ann Kazolas – Equestrian Center Task Force Letter

G. CDFA Correspondence:

Communications to the Board from the California Department of Food & Agriculture Division of Fairs & Expositions regarding relevant topics at Fairs and Expositions.

- i. 10/27/2020: F2020-14 – Cycle 2 Industry Letter
- ii. 11/06/2020: Public Workshops to Address Alternative Fairground Operating Models

-End of Consent Calendar-

CEO Richards highlighted CDFA correspondence item 9G(ii) stating she and Director Aitken will be on the call as recommended by the Board Chair.

ACTION: Vice Chair La Belle motioned and Director Cervantes seconded to review and approve the Consent Calendar. **MOTION CARRIED. AYES:** Chair Rubalcava-Garcia, Vice Chair La Belle, Director Cervantes, Director Ruiz, Director Bagneris, Director Aitken, Director Pham and Director Kovacevich. **NAYES:** None. **ABSTENTIONS:** None.

10. GOVERNANCE PROCESS:

A. Committee / Ad Hoc Committee / Liaison Reports

Information Item

To assure compliance with the Bagley-Keene Act, Committee reports are only for the purpose of the Committee chair, Ad Hoc Committee members or Liaison to provide a verbal update. Should the Board want to discuss any Committee work item not already on the agenda; those would need to be agendized for a future Board meeting.

- Community Engagement Committee (Vice Chair Rubalcava-Garcia, Committee Chair; Director Ruiz)
- Heroes Hall Veterans Foundation Board (Director La Belle, Chair Cervantes)
- Centennial Farm Foundation (Chair Cervantes)

- Financial Monitoring Committee (Director Pham, Committee Chair; Director La Belle)
- Legislative Monitoring Committee (Director Aitken, Committee Chair; Director Ruiz)
- Governance Committee (Vice Chair Rubalcava-Garcia, Committee Chair; Director Bagneris)
- Safety & Security Committee (Chair Cervantes, Committee Chair; Director Ruiz)
- Facilities Committee (Director Aitken, Committee Chair; Director Pham)
- Audit and Compliance Committee (Vice Chair Rubalcava-Garcia, Committee Chair; Director La Belle)
- Storage, Parking and Traffic Ad Hoc Committee (Director La Belle, Committee Chair; Director Bagneris)
- Diversity Committee Diversity Committee (Director Ruiz, Committee Chair; Director Kovacevich)

Director Pham, on behalf of the Financial Monitoring Committee, reported:

- The public 2021 Budget Study session was held November 6th
 - Committee is satisfied with the budget considering the challenges for an unknown 2021
- Committee also met and reviewed the October Financials
 - Unfavorable to budget by \$17.6M due to lack of the 2020 Fair
 - Reforecast for yearend 2020 indicating a deficit of \$16.8M

Director Pham, on behalf of the Facilities Committee, reported:

- Committee reviewed the Capital Expenditures (CapX) projects list (current projects and the projects that will be deferred until the following year) – the list was also reviewed as part of the budget study session

Director La Belle, as the Heroes Hall Veterans Foundation Board liaison, reported:

- Foundation continues to work with the fundraising consultant Sandy Stone
 - Putting together fundraising options for the foundation to consider
- Congratulations to Heroes Hall Supervisor Carol Singleton for her honor as Veteran of the Year in Orange County

C. Review of Current Enhanced Worker Safety Policy and Vote on Whether or Not to Revise
Action Item

Director Ruiz explained this item was brought forward because the current policy has had some compliance challenges for both construction contractors and trade unions, resulting in project delays. He recommended the current policy be reviewed by the Facilities Committee and for the committee to come back with

recommendations, to adopt language to the policy and make an amendment that works for all the trade crafts, while remaining in line with California State Contract Policy Code.

ACTION: Vice Chair La Belle motioned and Chair Rubalcava-Garcia seconded to refer the current Enhanced Worker Safety Policy to the Facilities Committee for recommendations on an amendment to the policy. **MOTION CARRIED. AYES: Chair Rubalcava-Garcia, Vice Chair La Belle, Director Cervantes, Director Ruiz, Director Bagneris, Director Aitken, Director Pham and Director Kovacevich. NAYES: None. ABSTENTIONS: None.**

D. Consideration of and Vote on Whether or Not to Revise Current Cannabis Event Policy

Action Item

Chair Rubalcava-Garcia stated the Board put policy in place to eliminate any cannabis-type products, including CBD products from being sold on the fairground property. She invited the Board to discuss the possibility of revising the policy to allow at least CBD products be able to be sold on property, like at the farmer's market.

Director Aiken spoke in support of amending current policy, given that there is a world of information about some of the cannabis products; and also to see whether the Board differentiates between products that contain CDB and whether they can be sold on property versus the sale of marijuana, marijuana paraphernalia or products containing THC. She suggested having a public forum/information session inviting the public and City of Costa Mesa staff, with OCFEC staff. She stated she would like to see community buy-in and buy-in from the City of Costa Mesa staff as well as OCFEC staff.

Vice chair La Belle and Director Cervantes spoke in support of Director Aitken's suggestions.

Todd Martin spoke in oppositions of allowing products that contain THC. He shared the negative impact marijuana has had on his life.

Roy Englebrecht, Fight Club OC Promoter, shared he was approached by several cannabis businesses in Orange County asking to advertise at Fight Club OC events at OCFEC, and having to decline due to the current Board policy. He asked the board to consider amending the current policy for event-specific shows, like his, to approve signage and/or the sale of products allowing him the opportunity to generate revenue.

Cindy Massaro spoke in support of the Board's unanimous decision to ban cannabis events and cannabis-related products, keeping the fairgrounds family friendly. She spoke in oppositions of amending the

policy allowing promotion and display of cannabis products. She stated, related to the previous comment regarding event specific allowances, she would be in favor if the event would only be admitting people over the ages of 18 or 21. She urged the Board, in any other circumstance, not to change policy on posting signage related to cannabis.

Chair Rubalcava-Garcia recommended that a public study session on the policy be held as recommended by Director Aitken. She added the session would identify economic impact that cannabis could have on the local economy and the opportunity to discuss and decide if there are levels of cannabis that might be incorporated into the policy that would allow the sale of products by vendors on property. She shared she is interested in learning more about the event side for specific events, like suggested by Roy Englebrecht. The Chair asked CEO Richards to look for a date for the study session inviting people and agencies from the county at large.

No action taken.

E. Consideration of and Vote on Whether to Dissolve the Board-created Diversity Committee

Action Item

Director Kovacevich explained that the way the Diversity Committee was formed, Board voted and having to adhere to Bagley-Keene rules, the committee felt it hindered their effectiveness in carrying out the mission of the committee. He continued that the committee believes they will have more impact with diversity initiatives, having the flexibility to work closely with staff on day-to-day basis making an impact on the operations within the fair. He reported it is the committee's recommendation to disband the committee in the way it was formed and reconsider how the committee is to function.

Director Ruiz added a two person committee, not constrained to the rules of Bagley-Keene, would be better and would expedite a lot of action that the committee would like bring to the Board. He added the committee would have public meetings as well.

Director Bagneris asserted that she and Director Aitken brought the formation Diversity Committee to the Board for adoption with the specific purpose of it being a public committee; having the public involved in every aspect of diversity, equity and inclusion.

Board discussion ensued, items discussed:

- The misunderstanding, when the committee was formed, that no business can be conducted unless in a public meeting
- The committee's hands being tied that everything has to be done in public

Director Aitken discussed concern for disbanding a Board-created committee without ever giving it a chance:

- Saying the structure of the committee does not work when members of the public and diverse communities have not been invited
- Public committee provides accountability to the public protection that diverse voices to be heard
- Opportunity for diverse voices to clarify and bring things to the committee/Board's attention

Chair Rubalcava-Garcia stated she is prepared to create a two-person, Chair-created Diversity Committee.

Director Kovacevich asserted, if selected to continue on the Chair-created committee, having public meetings and public involvement is extremely important. He stated the committee put this initiative to disband with the hopes, and confirmed by the Chair, that the committee would be reformed in a different fashion with more flexibility to ultimately have a greater impact.

Director Aiken spoke in opposition of disbanding the public Diversity Committee.

Gibran Stout stated the community is very diverse and shared her belief that the Board is committed to diversity. She asserted action speak louder than words and instead of talking about dissolving the Diversity Committee, talk about combining the Diversity Committee perhaps with community engagement, both being important and two sides of the same coin.

Kellie Avakian shared her disappointment in the disbanding of the committee. She criticized that the flag issue has not been addressed and urged to either include other flags or take down the LGBTQ flag, which she stated is not diverse for everyone.

Cindy Massaro discussed transparency and a divided country and spoke in support of having a Diversity Committee to bring healing and unity. She spoke in opposition of reforming the committee into a two-person committee. She agreed with Director Aitken and Bagneris' comments regarding disbanding the committee before it has done anything. She suggested addressing and resolving the flag issue then decide if the structure of the committee is needed.

Shannon Wooten discussed that the point of a diversity committee is to have multiple opinions and viewpoints. She spoke in support of the previous speaker's comments regarding resolving the flag issue and giving the Diversity Committee a trial. She also spoke in support of either flying other groups' flags or only the State and US flags.

Todd Martin spoke in opposition of disbanding the Diversity Committee and criticized that the committee has not taken any action.

Jeanine Robbins spoke in support of flying the LGBTQ flag and spoke in support of flying other groups' flags, like 4-H and equestrian flags that represent activities on the fairgrounds. She criticized that the committee has not taken any action since its formation.

Chair Rubalcava-Garcia explained this item was brought back by the committee for reconsideration so that it is not a Board-created committee but rather a Chair-created committee.

Director La Belle spoke in support of restructuring the committee to follow the model of the other Board committees.

ACTION: Director Kovacevich motioned and Director Ruiz seconded to dissolve the Diversity Committee. **MOTION CARRIED. AYES: Chair Rubalcava-Garcia, Vice Chair La Belle, Director Cervantes, Director Ruiz, Director Pham and Director Kovacevich. NAYES: Director Bagneris, Director Aitken. ABSTENTIONS: None.**

Chair Rubalcava-Garcia announced the restructuring of all the Board committees. She outlined each committee appointments and each committee's purpose and focus as the following:

- **Leadership Committee**

Members: Chair Rubalcava-Garcia, Committee Chair; Vice Chair La Belle

- Purpose: This committee provides executive support to the Board and acts on behalf of the full Board during emergency situations.
- Focus:
 - Consult with CEO
 - Develop Board meeting agendas
 - Address Board issues
 - Conduct annual safety/security meeting
 - Initiate strategic planning

- **Financial Monitoring and Audit Committee**

Members: Director Pham, Committee Chair; Director Bagneris

- Purpose: This committee monitors the organization's financial position and ensures financial controls are in place.
- Focus:
 - Monthly financial oversight
 - Annual budget review
 - Annual audit process

- **Facilities Committee**

Members: Director Aitken, Committee Chair; Director Ruiz

- Purpose: This committee reviews buildings and grounds related projects and issues and recommends site planning direction
- Focus:
 - Construction projects
 - Capital expenditures
 - Master site planning

- **Governance Committee**

Members: Director Cervantes, Committee Chair; Chair Rubalcava-Garcia

- Purpose: This committee ensures compliance with all Board policies and regulatory requirements
- Focus:
 - Policy updates
 - Legislative monitoring
 - Bagley-Keene open meeting compliance
 - Annual form 700 reporting
 - Annual required Board training

- **Community Affairs Committee**

Members: Director Kovacevich, Committee Chair; Director Ruiz

- Purpose: This committee oversees the Board's relationship with the community
- Focus:
 - Diversity, equity and inclusion
 - Community engagement
 - Relationships with local, county and state officials

Also discussed was with the continuation of Vice Chair La Belle and Director Cervantes serving on the Heroes Hall Veterans Foundation Board and Director Cervantes serving on the Centennial Fair Foundation.

B. Presentation from Women for American Values and Ethics (WAVE) Regarding "Ghost Guns" at California Gun Shows
Information Item

Julie Demlow, Women for American Values and Ethics (WAVE), described the organization is an Orange County based, nonpartisan organization to engage, educate and empower the community, along with Steve Lindley, United Against Gun Violence/ghost gun educator, made a presentation discussing the rising trend of ghost gun sales at gun shows.

Board and presenter discussion ensued, items discussed:

- Ghost guns marketed and sold as piece together kits, not a ghost gun until assembled by either adding or removing parts
 - Then becomes a firearm under current law in California requiring the owner to seek a serial number and a background check
 - Buyer enforcement issues
- Fairgrounds compliance with state law; not wanting to enforce policies that are not in line with current California state law
- ATF office reported increase in seizures of ghost guns in their investigations
- Accelerated implementation of Cal DOJ regulations to go in effect July of 2022
- Legal implications of implementing policy prohibiting vendors from selling products legal in current California law

Cindy Massaro criticized that the length of the presentation was allowed when currently there are no gun shows happening on-site. She further criticized the presenter's organization alleging she left out the remainder of their mission statement (to advance progressive American values) and their claim to be non-partisan alleging they are listed under a Democratic progressive organization. She criticized that the presentation was a one-sided argument, that true education presents both sides.

Kellie Avakian criticized the amount of time the WAVE organization was given when the public speakers have been asking for the flag issue to be addressed for five months. She agreed with the previous speaker that it was a one-sided discussion/presentation. She also criticized the organization for claiming to be non-partisan.

Director Ruiz thanked the presenters sharing he is not in favor of taking or adopting any action without hearing the other side; adding to wait until statewide legislation takes place in 2022.

Director Kovacevich thanked the speakers for the presentation and thanked the Chair for allowing the agenda item and agreed the item should be discussed at a later date.

F. Review of Current Equestrian Center Contract and Vote on Direction to Staff for Next Steps

Action Item

CEO Richards presented the staff report outlining information regarding the Equestrian Center (EQC) and its operations contract with Equestrian Center II.

Leigh-Ann Kazolas, boarder and speaking on behalf of the EQC task force, discussed what a treasure the EQC is and how much and how many different ways it is utilized by the community. She stated the EQC users and supporters look forward to working with the Board and staff to ensure the EQC continues to thrive as a top model as a public boarding facility and community resource.

Lisa Sabo spoke in support of the previous speakers comments. She discussed holding COVID-safe camps over the summer and year-round lessons. She discussed events related to Changing Strides, her non-profit for at-risk youth, and some of the challenges related to COVID. She described the struggles of trainers and how it is a business of passion and love and how the EQC is an asset to the community.

Gibran Stout said thank you for judging the Halloween costume contest at the EQC. She thanked staff for the communication during the recent fires and the large animal evacuations. She corrected the staff report

stating that there is no breeding at the EQC and there are additional non-profits and city programs that were not listed in the report. She reminded the Board that there is an existing task force of volunteers who have information regarding other local facilities, operators and programs (private and public). She shared she looks forward to continued discussions to advance the EQC in community engagement.

Cindy Massaro spoke in support of the EQC and how her family has enjoyed it over the years. She shared she hopes the EQC will continue to be there for the community to enjoy.

Vice Chair La Belle stated the Board's opinion that the EQC is here to stay and continue to be an integral part of the OC FEC. He suggested that the item be referred to an ad hoc or the Leadership Committee for review and recommendation before any action takes place.

Chair Rubalcava-Garcia assigned the EQC contract for further review to the Leadership Committee.

No action taken.

G. Consideration of and Vote on Amending Board Policy 1.01: *Policy Framework and Definitions*, to Align Terms with California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Code Language
Action Item

CEO Richards presented the agenda item.

ACTION: Director Bagneris motioned and Vice Chair La Belle seconded to approve Amending Board Policy 1.01: Policy Framework and Definitions, to align terms with California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Code language. **MOTION CARRIED. AYES: Chair Rubalcava-Garcia, Vice Chair La Belle, Director Cervantes, Director Ruiz, Director Bagneris, Director Aitken and Director Kovacevich. NAYES: None. ABSTENTIONS: None.**

H. Review and Vote on Whether or Not to Approve Groups 3 and 5 Board Governance Policies
Action Item

Vice Chair La Belle went on record encouraging every effort be made to have required trainings session be group training sessions with the full Board.

CEO Richards confirmed that policy 3.6 included language regarding group trainings when possible.

Board, staff and legal discussion ensued regarding the language related to lifetime credentials.

Attorney Caplan recommended removing the language allowing lifetime credentials, to be in line with FPPC policy.

Director Bagneris and Director Cervantes amended their motion to approve Groups 3 and 5,

ACTION: Director Cervantes motioned and Director Bagneris seconded to approve Groups 3 and 5 Board Governance Policy, deleting the language allowing lifetime credentials. **MOTION CARRIED. AYES: Chair Rubalcava-Garcia, Vice Chair La Belle, Director Cervantes, Director Ruiz, Director Bagneris, Director Aitken and Director Kovacevich. NAYES: None. ABSTENTIONS: None.**

I. Presentation of 2021 Budget and Vote on Whether or Not to Amend or Approve
Action Item

Vice Chair La Belle stated the Financial Monitoring Committee held the public 2021 Budget Study Session on November 13th.

CEO Richards presented the 2021 Budget.

Vice Chair La Belle asked for Board consideration to include the domestic water system and the video taping of the on-site sewer lines in the capital budget that were identified in the infrastructure audit. He also asked that a consultant be added to the RFP list for assessment of solar installation options.

Chair Rubalcava-Garcia suggested having the Facilities Committee further explore Vice Chair La Belles requests and leave the budget as presented. Vice Chair La Belle agreed.

ACTION: Chair Rubalcava-Garcia motioned and Director Cervantes seconded to approve the 2021 Budget as presented. **MOTION CARRIED. AYES: Chair Rubalcava-Garcia, Vice Chair La Belle, Director Cervantes, Director Ruiz, Director Bagneris, Director Aitken and Director Kovacevich. NAYES: None. ABSTENTIONS: None.**

11. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MATTERS OF INFORMATION

Director Aitken thanked the Governance and Finance Committees for their hard work on the policies and the budget. She wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Director Cervantes wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and to be safe. She shared her excitement for the Night of Lights OC Drive-thru event and expressed her deepest sympathies regarding the passing of Vincent Pollmeier.

Director Bagneris shared she did not mean any disrespect to the Diversity Committee members with her earlier comments and praised them for doing an outstanding job. She stated she is ready to assist the committee in whatever way she can to further diversity in the community. She thanked the Chair for her leadership.

Director Ruiz thanked everyone for their hard work and thanked the Chair for pushing the agenda along. He wished everyone a happy, safe and healthy Thanksgiving. He expressed his condolences to Reggie Mundekis and her family for the loss of her husband.

Vice Chair La Belle wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving. He also thanked the Governance and Facilities Committees for their hard work and staff for their work on the budget. He also expressed his condolences to Reggie Mundekis and asked to adjourn the meeting in memory of Vincent Pollmeier for his advocacy of the fairgrounds.

Chair Rubalcava-Garcia wished Director Bagneris a happy birthday. She closed the meeting in memory of Vincent Pollmeier who was a fierce advocate for the fairgrounds and will be missed.

12. NEXT BOARD MEETING: DECEMBER 17, 2020

13. ADJOURNMENT MOTION TO ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.



Natalie Rubalcava-Garcia, Chair



Michele Richards, Chief Executive Officer