

MINUTES OF OCFEC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD JUNE 23, 2022

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair La Belle, called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

2. MISSION STATEMENT

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Director Nick Kovacevich. Roll call was taken by Summer Angus.

4. DIRECTORS PRESENT (via Zoom):

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Director Aitken and Director Ruiz.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Michele Richards, OCFEC CEO; Ken Karns, OCFEC Chief Operating Officer; Joan Hamill, OCFEC Chief Business Development Officer; Summer Angus, OCFEC Executive Assistant; Arnold Duong, OCFEC; Josh Caplan, Office of the Attorney General (Via teleconference); Katherine Thomas, transcriptionist; Angelica Suarez, Orange Coast College; Dave Bennett, Orange Coast College; Chris Lopez, RCS; Jeanine Robbins; Mike Robbins; Reggie Mundekis

5. MINUTES:

A. Board meeting held May 26, 2022

Action Item

(Regarding the May Minutes; page 4 of 7, third paragraph) Director Bagneris noted her comment preceded by Director Aitken's comment under agenda item 8A "Director Aitken asked everyone to treat each other with respect." Was not related to her previous comment - "Director Bagneris spoke in support of Option #3 and noted that the original price was \$300,00 and the Foundation should contribute to the increased expenditure."

ACTION: Director Cervantes motioned and Director Bagneris seconded to approve the minutes from Board meeting held May 26, 2022. **MOTION**

CARRIED. AYES: Chair La Belle, Vice Chair Pham, Director Rubalcava-Garcia, Director Cervantes and Director Bagneris. **NAYES:** None.

ABSTENTIONS: Director Kovacevich

6. MATTERS OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Reggie Mundekis reported a new Supreme Court opinion was issued regarding concealed carry permits. She suggested the Board Governance Committee review the opinion with legal counsel to determine if a new policy regarding concealed carry and other weapons issues is needed at OCFEC.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- A. Standard Agreements:** SA-015-22PA; SA-101-22FT; SA-102-22YR; SA-114-22HB; SA-115-22PA; SA-116-22PA; SA-117-22CF; SA-118-22CF; SA-119-22CF; SA-120-22CF; SA-121-22PA; SA-122-22SP; SA-123-22CF; SA-124-22PA; SA-125-22PA; SA-126-22PA; SA-127-22PA; SA-128-22PA; SA-129-22FT; SA-130-22SP; SA-131-22SP; SA-133-22PA; SA-134-22PA; SA-135-22PA; SA-136-22PA; SA-137-22PA; SA-138-22CF; SA-139-22CF; SA-140-22CF; SA-141-22CF; SA-142-22CF; SA-143-22CF; SA-144-22CF; SA-145-22CF; SA-146-22CF; SA-147-22CF; SA-148-22CF; SA-149-22CF; SA-150-22CF; SA-151-22CF; SA-152-22CF; SA-153-22CF; SA-154-22PA; SA-155-22PA; SA-156-22PA; SA-157-22PA; SA-184-22IA; SA-185-22SP
 - i. Standard Agreement Amendments:** SA-030-22GE (Amend. #1); SA-089-22SP (Amend. #1)
 - ii. Standard Agreement Amendments (exercise option year):** SA-282-18CT (Amend. #2); SA-141-20YR (Amend. #3); SA-144-20YR (Amend. #1)
- B. Rental Agreements:** R-020-22; R-028-22; R-029-22; R-107-22; R-108-22; R-111-12; R-112-22; R-113-22; R-114-22; R-115-22; R-116-22; R-117-22; R-118-22; R-119-22; R-120-22; R-121-22; R-123-22; R-124-22
 - i. Rental Agreement Amendments:** R-094-22 (Amend #1)
- C. Active Joint Powers Authority Agreements:** None.
- D. Commercial Rental Agreements:** 22006; 22020; 22025; 22030; 22031; 22035; 22037; 22044; 22045; 22046; 22055; 22056; 22065; 22067; 22072; 22074; 22082; 22104; 22105; 22122; 22124; 22126; 22127; 22132; 22136; 22147; 22148; 22149; 22150; 22151; 22152; 22154; 22155; 22166; 22167; 22168; 22169; 22170; 22171; 22172; 22173; 22174; 22175; 22176; 22177; 22178; 22179; 22180; 22181; 22182; 22183
- E. Concession Rental Agreements:** 22517; 22518; 22519; 22521; 22527; 22536; 22556; 22591; 22570; 22590; 22595
- F. Independent Amusement Rental Agreements:** 22631; 22632; 22635; 22640
- G. Judging Agreements:** GF-01-22; GF-02-22; GF-03-22; GF-04-22; GF-05-22; GF-06-22; GF-07-22; GF-08-22; GF-09-22; GF-10-22; HA-001-22; HA-002-22; HA-003-22; HA-004-22; HA-005-22; HA-006-22; HA-007-22; HA-008-22; HA-009-22; HA-010-22; HA-011-22; HA-012-22; HA-013-22; HA-014-22; HA-015-22; HA-016-22; LS-009-22; LS-010-22; LS-017-22; LS-020-22; LS-021-22; LS-022-22; LS-032-22; VA-001-22; VA-002-22; VA-003-22; VA-004-22; VA-005-22; VA-006-22; VA-007-22; VA-008-22; VA-009-22; VA-010-22; VA-011-22
- H. Merchandise Service Rental Agreements:** 22633; 22634; 22637; 22638; 22639; 22641; 22642; 22643; 22644
- I. Platinum Rental Agreements:** 22707; 22714; 22729; 22737; 22738

J. Correspondence:

Communications to the Board from members of public related to OCFEC business are identified below and included with the Board materials (available on the OCFEC 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 September agenda is September 9, 2022.

- i. None.

K. 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. None.

- End of Consent Calendar -

CEO Richards clarified Standard Agreement SA-185-22SP of the Consent Calendar is a revenue generating agreement, highlighting the \$40,000 sponsorship amount was inadvertently placed under the incorrect column on the spreadsheet when originally posted.

CEO Richards pulled Commercial Rental Agreements 22035, 22082, 22149 and 22150 stating the contracts are not ready and that they will come back at the September Board meeting.

ACTION: Director Bagneris motioned and Director Cervantes seconded to approve the Consent Calendar with Commercial Rental Agreements 22035, 22082, 22149 and 22150 removed. **MOTION CARRIED.** **AYES:** Chair La Belle, Vice Chair Pham, Director Rubalcava-Garcia, Director Cervantes, Director Bagneris and Director Kovacevich. **NAYES:** None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

8. GOVERNANCE PROCESS

A. Presentation of the Community Partner of the Year Award by Orange Coast College President Angelica Suarez

Information Item

CEO Richards introduced Orange Coast College President Dr. Angelica Suarez and Executive Director Dave Bennett of the Orange Coast College Foundation.

Dr. Angelica Suarez presented OCFEC with the Orange Coast College Community Partner of the Year Award. She spoke of the partnership between OCFEC and Orange Coast College.

B. Review of Renewal MOU for Heroes Hall Veterans Foundation and Vote on Whether or Not to Amend

Action Item

CEO Richards presented the staff report and staff's recommendation to extend the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) through December 31, 2022 to allow

time for both the District and the Heroes Hall Veterans Foundation to thoroughly review the MOU.

ACTION: Director Cervantes motioned and Director Bagneris seconded to extend the current Memorandum of Understanding between the District and the Heroes Hall Veterans Foundation through December 31, 2022. **MOTION CARRIED.** **AYES:** Chair La Belle, Vice Chair Pham, Director Rubalcava-Garcia, Director Cervantes, Director Bagneris and Director Kovacevich. **NAYES:** None. **ABSTENTIONS:** None.

C. Presentation by Staff on the “State of the Fair” and Mid-Year Budget Review

Information Item

CEO Richards presented the State of the Fair and mid-year budget review.

Director Bagneris stated the Board should receive the report with commendations.

Director Rubalcava-Garcia noted the Board transitioned to a new CEO two and half years ago and since then the organization has created several transparency best practices for the industry and public agencies. She thanked CEO Richards for her leadership and engagement of the Board.

D. Presentation by Staff on the 2022 OC Fair

Information Item

Joan Hamill, OCFEC Chief Business Development Officer gave a presentation of the upcoming 2022 OC Fair.

Chris Lopez, Ray Cammack Shows, highlighted that a new ride “Sea Ray” will be premiering at the 2022 OC Fair.

E. Committee / Ad Hoc Committee / Liaison Report

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.

- i. **Leadership Committee** (Chair La Belle, Committee Chair; Vice Chair Pham)
- ii. **Financial Monitoring and Audit Committee** (Director Kovacevich, Committee Chair; Director Bagneris)
- iii. **Facilities Committee** (Director Ruiz, Committee Chair; Director Aitken)
- iv. Governance Committee (Director Cervantes, Committee Chair; Director Rubalcava-Garcia)
- v. **Community Affairs Committee** (Director Bagneris, Committee Chair; Chair La Belle)

- vi. **Entertainment and Business Development Committee** (Director Rubalcava-Garcia, Committee Chair; Director Cervantes)
- vii. **Governmental Relations Committee** (Director Aitken, Committee Chair; Director Pham)
- viii. **Centennial Farm Foundation Liaison** (Director Ruiz)
- ix. **Heroes Hall Veterans Foundation Liaison** (Director Cervantes, Chair La Belle)

Chair La Belle, on behalf of the Leadership Committee, reported:

- The committee is looking at the foundation process as requested by Director Bagneris and will be meeting with counsel to have information to report at the September meeting

Director Pham left the meeting.

Director Kovacevich, on behalf of the Financial Monitoring and Audit Committee, reported:

- The committee met with staff and reviewed the monthly financials
- Looking forward to the positive impacts the fair is going to bring

Director Bagneris, on behalf of the Community Affairs Committee, reported:

- June is Pride Month
- June is also National PTSD Awareness Month
- Recognition of Juneteenth, as a Federal Holiday
- A pre-fair neighborhood meeting was held
- Board directed donation of OC Fair admission tickets to nonprofit organizations are under way
- After the OC Fair there will be an update of the Plaza Pacifica DEI art project

9. CLOSED SESSION (Closed to the Public)

The Board adjourned to closed session at 10:40 a.m. and reconvened at 12:05 p.m.

Items to report out of closed session: None.

10. CEO'S OPERATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

CEO Richards reported the passing of Cotton Rosser, founder of Flying U Rodeo.

CEO Richards presented the May financial statements.

Ken Karns, OCFEC Chief Operating Officer, delivered an operations update.

11. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MATTERS OF INFORMATION

Board members expressed their excitement for the upcoming OC Fair and acknowledged and thanked staff for their hard work.

12. NEXT BOARD MEETING: SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chair La Belle adjourned the meeting in the memory of Janet Natalia Winter, daughter of Director Cervantes.

The meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.



Doug La Belle, Chair



Michele Richards, Chief Executive Office