

**CALIFORNIA AUTHORITY OF RACING FAIRS
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, January 13, 2025**

MINUTES

A concurrent meeting of the California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF) Board of Directors was held at 12:00 P.M., Thursday, January 13, 2025. The meeting was held in person at the Cal Expo Administration Building Boardroom at 1600 Exposition Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95815.

CARF Board Directors joining by conference call: Dan Jacobs and Kelly Violini.

CARF Board of Directors in attendance: Daniel Castillo, Tom Keaney, Tom Martinez and Dana Stoehr.

Staff and Guests participating in person: Kim Alexander, Michael Flores, Raechelle Gibbons, Heather Haviland, Juliana Gomes.

Staff and Guests participating via conference call: Cody Boyles, Michael Francesconi, Moira Kenny, Greg Gomes, Becky Bartling, Matt Daly, Bill Patterson, Stacey Lapham, Richard Lewis, Doug Gooby and the following number: 510-483-4557.

Agenda Item 1 – Attendance Roll Call:

- Dan Jacobs attending via video conference from Antelope Valley Fairgrounds, located at 2551 W Avenue H, Lancaster, CA 93536 and available to the public, Pursuant to Brown Act. Section 54953.
- Kelly Violini attending via video conference from Monterey County Fairgrounds, located at 2004 Fairground Road, Monterey, CA 93940 and available to the public, Pursuant to Brown Act. Section 54953.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment. No public comment.

Agenda Item 3 – Board Member Comment. None.

Agenda Item 4 – Approval of Minutes recorded on 1/28/25. {ACTION} Ms. Stoehr moved to approve the meeting minutes from January 28, 2025 as presented. Mr. Martinez seconded. YES Vote: Ms. Violini, Mr. Martinez, Mr. Keaney, Mr. Castillo, Mr. Jacobs, Ms. Stoehr. ABSTAIN: Mr. Jacobs. Motion passes.

Agenda Item 5 – Closed Session: Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. Ms. Stoehr reported that the Board received an update and guidance regarding the status of anticipated litigation. No further action was taken.

Agenda Item 6 – Establishment of Ad Hoc Committees. {ACTION} Mr. Martinez moved to establish an Executive Ad Hoc Committee with the following members: Daniel Castillo, Dan Jacobs and Dana Stoehr with Tom Keaney as an alternate. Mr. Jacobs seconded. YES Vote: Ms. Violini, Mr. Martinez, Mr. Keaney, Mr. Castillo, Mr. Jacobs, Ms. Stoehr. Motion passes.

Agenda Item 7 – Oversee CARF restructuring, make financial, operational and contractual decisions, negotiate present or future legal counsel and report back to the board – Discussion and Action.

Item deferred.

Agenda Item 8 – Future Meeting Dates – Discussion and Action.

Item deferred.

Agenda Item 8 – Brown Act and AB2449 Presentation – Kim Alexander (Board member required attendance). Ms. Alexander presented an overview of the Ralph M. Brown Act and its applications to public agencies. The Board thanked Ms. Alexander for her thorough presentation.

Agenda Item 10 – Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,
Juliana Gomes