

CALIFORNIA AUTHORITY OF RACING FAIRS
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, December 9, 2025

MINUTES

A meeting of the California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF) Board of Directors was held at 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, December 9, 2025. The meeting was held via teleconference originating from the CARF Office, 1776 Tribute Road, Sacramento, CA 95815.

CARF Board Directors joining by conference call: Daniel Castillo, Dan Jacobs, Tom Keaney, Tom Martinez, Dana Stoehr and Kelly Violini.

Staff and Guests participating via conference call: Heather Haviland and Raechelle Gibbons.

Agenda Item 1 – Attendance Roll Call. Quorum present.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment. None.

Agenda Item 3 – Board Member Comment. Mr. Martinez described how fantasy-sports platforms have quickly evolved beyond traditional player-statistic wagers, now offering point spreads, team-based outcomes, and even novelty bets linked to cultural events. This expansion represents a clear move toward activity that closely resembles full-scale sports betting rather than the fantasy-style models these platforms originally promoted.

No additional board comments were offered.

Agenda Item 4 – Approval of Minutes: October 7, 2025. {ACTION} Mr. Martinez moved to approve the meeting minutes from October 7, 2025, as presented. Mr. Keaney seconded.

YES VOTE: Mr. Castillo, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Keaney, Mr. Martinez, Ms. Stoehr, Ms. Violini. Unanimously approved, minutes adopted as presented.

Agenda Item 5 – Board Chair Update. Ms. Stoehr stated that the election of officers will take place at the next meeting and noted that the chair position is open to any board member who wishes to serve.

Agenda Item 6 – Report, Discussion, and Action, if any, on Satellite Resolution for CHRB License Application. Ms. Stoehr reported that new CHRB Rule 2057-12(g) mandates that all existing satellite wagering facilities submit a license application to CHRB by January

1, 2026. As part of that process, a resolution is required from a governing body to affirm that satellite wagering is in the best interest of fair operations.

{**ACTION**} Mr. Jacobs moved to adopt the “Resolution Affirming the Value of Simulcast Wagering at Fairgrounds” as presented in the meeting packet. Mr. Keaney seconded.

YES VOTE: Mr. Castillo, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Keaney, Mr. Martinez, Ms. Stoehr, Ms. Violini. Unanimously approved, resolution adopted as presented.

Agenda Item 7 – Financials. Ms. Gibbons presented a detailed overview of the financials for the period ending November 2025, as presented in the meeting packet. Ms. Gibbons added that CARF’s 2024 audit would begin the following week with Gilbert CPA, and that the financials presented were pre-audit figures.

{**ACTION**} Mr. Martinez moved to accept the financials as presented. Mr. Jacobs seconded.

YES VOTE: Mr. Castillo, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Keaney, Mr. Martinez, Ms. Stoehr and Ms. Violini. Unanimously approved, financials adopted as presented.

Agenda Item 8 – New Business. Ms. Stoehr shared that CDFA has inquired regarding allocating CARF funds to the Sonoma County Fair, though after the financial review it doesn’t seem that the agency is in a position to make large expenditures. The board agreed to revisit the matter in January, once year-end financials and outstanding liabilities are fully assessed.

Agenda Item 9 – Closed Session: Pending Litigation pursuant to Brown Act. Section 54956.9. Ms. Stoehr reported no action was taken in closed session.

Agenda Item 10 – Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Haviland