

CALIFORNIA AUTHORITY OF RACING FAIRS
Board of Directors & Live Racing Committee
Concurrent Meeting
Tuesday, January 28, 2025

MINUTES

A concurrent meeting of the California Authority of Racing Fairs (CARF) Board of Directors and Live Racing Committee was held at 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, January 28, 2025. The meeting was held via teleconference originating at 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.

CARF Live Racing Committee members joining by conference call: Christina Estrada, Greg Gomes, Moira Kenney and Tom Martinez.

Staff and Guests participating via conference call: Larry Swartzlander, Tom Doutrich, Heather Haviland, Juliana Gomes, Raechelle Gibbons, Ann Grottveit, Louie Brown, Cody Boyles, Michael Francesconi, Michael Flores, Matt Cranford, Angel Moore, Tiffany Loushin, Bill Patterson, Bill Nader Jim Ahern, Stacey Lapham, Michael Ernst, Randy Malmgram, Marielena Trujillo, Duane Martin, Ellen Jackson, Teresa Fasolino and the following numbers: 916-591-8791, 707-798-9155, 408-483-4519, 650-218-0293.

Agenda Item 1 – Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting: To Be Determined.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment. Ms. Stoehr prefaced public comment with a summary regarding the history of modern-day racing in California and the steady decline of racetrack operators. The California fairs system has historically taken on the needs of their communities and will continue to in times of need. The CARF Board of Directors will continue to operate in transparency and honesty as they move forward.

No public comment.

Agenda Item 3 – 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 4 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on Development of 2025 CARF Budget. {ACTION} Mr. Keaney moved to approve moving the 2025 CARF Budget to the

finance committee for in-depth review. Mr. Martinez seconded. YES Vote: Mr. Martinez, Mr. Keaney, Mr. Castillo, Mr. Jacobs, Ms. Stoehr. ABSTAIN: Ms. Violini. Motion passes.

Agenda Item 5 – Report, Discussion and Action, if any, on CARF’s Ability to Pursue a 2025 Racing Application on behalf of its Membership. Mr. Jacobs moved to not apply for racing licenses on behalf of the CARF membership this next year. Mr. Castillo seconded. YES Vote: Ms. Violini, Mr. Martinez, Mr. Keaney, Mr. Castillo, Mr. Jacobs, Ms. Stoehr.

Respectfully submitted,
Juliana Gomes