

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Ventura County Fairgrounds
31st District Agricultural Association - 10 W. Harbor Blvd. - Ventura, CA 93001 - (805) 648-3376
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Monday, January 5th, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.
Ventura County Fairgrounds – Administration Conference Room

I. Call to Order

Roll Call

Declaration of Recusal or Conflict of Interest

The meeting convened at 1:04 p.m. and called to order by President Ceja.

Directors present: President Guillermo Rodriguez Ceja, Vice President Gloria Martinez, Leslie Cornejo, Betsy Chess, Leah Lacayo, Dan Long and Miriam Mack.

Directors Absent: Shante Morgan-Carter

Staff present: Heidi Ortiz, CEO, Jason Amelio, Deputy Manager.

Guests Present: None

There were no conflicts of interest with any of the Board members that were present.

II. Closed Session

Pursuant to Gov. Code Section 11126(e)(2), the Board is authorized to meet in Closed Session for the purpose of conferring with and receiving advice from legal counsel regarding pending litigation.

President Ceja convened into closed session at 1:04 p.m.

III. Report Out of Closed Session

The meeting reconvened and a motion was made by Director Cornejo and seconded by Director Lacayo.

MOTION: To pause implementation of the parking lot rate increase pending permitting from the Coastal Commission and to authorize CEO Ortiz to move forward with CDFA legal on the coastal commission permit process.

Board Member Name	Approved (Yes Vote)	Not Approved (No Vote)	Abstain
Director Cornejo (Motion)	X		
Director Lacayo (Second)	X		
Director Long	X		
Director Mack	X		

Vice President Martinez	X		
President Ceja	X		

The vote was unanimous, and the motion passed.

IV. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Submitted by: 
Jason Amelio, Deputy Manager

Approved by: 
Heidi Ortiz, CEO

Approved by: 
Dan Long, Board President