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Christopher Schick, Water and Wager Harness

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Heather Hyde

Martha Sullivan

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Amanda Lundberg

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2:28 P.M.

TELECONFERENCE

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2020

WEBEX OPERATOR: I'd now like to turn the conference back over to our Chairman.

CHAIR FERRARO: This is a special meeting of the California Horse Racing Board on Thursday, March 26th, 2020. It's commencing, following the adjournment of our morning meeting.

This special meeting will be -- is being held pursuant to Government Code section 11125.4, allowing the California Horse Racing Board to consider a special meeting to consider the Modification of the Application for License to Conduct a Horse Racing Meeting of Watch and Wager LLC at Cal Expo. The meeting, the special meeting, is necessary because a ten-day notice reimbursement -- requirement, excuse me, set forth in Business and Professions Code 11125 would prevent the Board from acting upon the proposed date changes in a timely manner and immediate action is necessary to provide notice to the wagering public of the stability and continuation of horse racing in California.

Should at least two-thirds of the Board agree immediate action is required at the onset of the special

1 meeting, the agenda item will be considered.

2 My first item of business is to pollution the
3 Board for their approval to hold this special session.

4 So, Commissioner Alfieri?

5 COMMISSIONER ALFIERI: Yes.

6 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Castellanos?

7 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: Here.

8 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Solis?

9 COMMISSIONER SOLIS: Yes.

10 CHAIR FERRARO: Gonzales?

11 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Present.

12 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Mitchell?

13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BAEDEKER: Commissioners, we
14 need to be clear on what just took place. You all are
15 voting whether or not to approve the holding of this
16 special meeting. We had a couple of Commissioners just say
17 that they were here.

18 So you probably ought to retake that vote, Mr.
19 Chairman.

20 CHAIR FERRARO: Okay. Ferraro is yes.

21 Gonzales?

22 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Yes.

23 CHAIR FERRARO: Alfieri?

24 COMMISSIONER ALFIERI: Yes.

25 CHAIR FERRARO: Damascus Castellanos?

1 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: Yes.

2 CHAIR FERRARO: Wendy Mitchell?

3 COMMISSIONER MITCHELL: Yes.

4 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Solis?

5 COMMISSIONER SOLIS: Yes.

6 CHAIR FERRARO: We have one agenda item and one
7 agenda item only. It's discussion and action by the Board
8 on the Modification of the Application for License to
9 Conduct a Horse Racing Meeting of Watch and Wager LLC (H)
10 at Cal Expo, commencing December 26, 2019 through May 3,
11 2020 to Tuesdays and Wednesdays only.

12 Mr. Baedeker, can you clarify what we're talking
13 about here? Mr. Baedeker?

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BAEDEKER: Yes. I'm sorry.

15 Watch and Wager had requested this change. They
16 ordinarily race on Friday and Saturday evenings. They,
17 instead, are requesting to race on Tuesday and Wednesday
18 afternoons, I believe at 3:30. They approached the Board
19 for approval and Chairman Ferraro wanted the full Board to
20 consider this request.

21 And as was explained in your opening remarks, the
22 executive order permits this special meeting.

23 CHAIR FERRARO: Comments from the Board?

24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BAEDEKER: I believe we have
25 Mr. Chris Schick on the line.

1 CHAIR FERRARO: Yeah. Go ahead please.

2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BAEDEKER: Operator, can you
3 queue Mr. Chris Schick?

4 WEBEX OPERATOR: Yes. His line has now been made
5 live.

6 MR. SCHICK: Good afternoon, Commissioner Ferraro
7 and Members of the Board. Christopher Schick, Watch and
8 Wager Harness. Can you hear me fine?

9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BAEDEKER: Yes.

10 CHAIR FERRARO: Yes.

11 MR. SCHICK: Okay. Thank you. First of all, we
12 want to thank you for having this special session to hear
13 our request.

14 I want to assure that irrespective of the vote on
15 this, we plan to continue racing and that we would
16 anticipate no purse reduction under any circumstance.

17 I would also like to tell the Board that in the
18 event that the COVID situation prevails and our horsemen
19 are unable to leave Cal Expo for their next venue, we are
20 prepared to do everything that we legally can to keep the
21 barn area open and, you know, be conscious of their welfare
22 and the welfare of our horses.

23 The request that we have before you here today
24 is, as you stated, we were requesting to move eight days,
25 four Fridays and four Saturdays over to four Tuesdays and

1 four Wednesdays, commencing this coming Tuesday, March 31st
2 with a 3:30 post time.

3 Kind of the basis for this request is that pre-
4 COVID, on a normal night, we would handle right around
5 \$800,000 with about \$350,000 in-state at a much higher
6 dollar level than what's currently being generated. Under
7 this current model, with all of California closed and us
8 closed to the public on-track, we're handling about
9 \$700,000. But even though the handle is not that much
10 lower the revenue model has shifted drastically and our
11 purses are down about 40 percent, just below 40 percent,
12 which is about \$20,000 a night. So that would -- over the
13 next eight nights, we would incur an additional \$160,000
14 shortfall if the same model persisted until the end of our
15 meet.

16 So we've evaluated that. And, obviously, with a
17 lot of the tracks that are integrated with casinos being
18 closed, there's an opening on the Tuesday and Wednesday
19 where there's a distinct lack of product in the market.
20 And we thought this would be a good opportunity to try to,
21 you know, move forward and not have that overpayment and
22 try to, obviously, do things a little better on the
23 business side.

24 So to give you context, if we're doing \$700,000
25 now and we're falling about 40 percent short on purses, we

1 would need to do about \$1.2 million on the
2 Tuesday/Wednesday to kind of right that ship. And after
3 evaluating it, we think it's worth the chance because we
4 don't see, really, any downside from our \$700,000 and we
5 think there's -- you know, we think it's a distinct
6 possibility that racing those four hours almost by
7 ourselves in North America could be really good to resolve
8 this problem that's developed.

9 So that's kind of the basis of where we're coming
10 from. We've talked to the other stakeholders in the state.

11 No one has an objection. We've talked to the California
12 ADWs. Obviously, they're all in favor of it. And our
13 horsemen are totally in favor of it.

14 So we, again, we thank the Board for hearing this
15 request. And I'd be happy to elaborate on anything
16 regarding the request or the procedures that we're
17 following right now.

18 CHAIR FERRARO: Have you received any
19 communications from the Sacramento County Board of Health
20 regarding our operation?

21 MR. SCHICK: Yes, I have. After the county
22 issued an order last, I think, either Tuesday or Wednesday,
23 I called over there. And I did receive a return call from
24 the chief of staff from County Commissioner Susan Peters.
25 And he told me that we had been exempted from the county

1 order.

2 CHAIR FERRARO: Any questions from the
3 Commissioners?

4 (Background conversation.)

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6 CHAIR FERRARO: Do we have a queue? Do we not?
7 Is Larry Swartzlander in the queue?

8 WEBEX OPERATOR: I will bring Larry now into the
9 conference.

10 Your line is now live.

11 CHAIR FERRARO: Larry, do you have comments about
12 this?

13 WEBEX OPERATOR: And, sir, perhaps your phone
14 line is muted.

15 MS. SWARTZLANDER: Never mind. I have no
16 comments, Chairman.

17 CHAIR FERRARO: Go ahead.

18 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BAEDEKER: I think he said he
19 had no comments.

20 MS. SWARTZLANDER: I have no comments, Chairman.

21 CHAIR FERRARO: No comments. Okay.

22 Any questions or comments from the Commissioners
23 at this point?

24 We have a queue; right?

25 MR. MARTEN: Yes.

1 CHAIR FERRARO: Operator, we have a queue, do we
2 not?

3 WEBEX OPERATOR: Yes. We can open that queue.
4 And if anyone needs to make a question or comment, it is
5 star one.

6 CHAIR FERRARO: And how many do you have in the
7 queue?

8 WEBEX OPERATOR: Many are queuing up right now.
9 We currently have four lines. Thank you.

10 CHAIR FERRARO: Okay. All right. Let's go.

11 WEBEX OPERATOR: Thank you.

12 Our first will come from Ellen Erickson, activist
13 from San Diego.

14 Please go ahead.

15 MS. ERICKSEN: Good afternoon. Once again, we're
16 still arguing about horse racing being an essentially
17 business which it is not.

18 There does -- there's nothing good that's coming
19 out of horse racing right now. Your business, as you just
20 called it a business, is doing nothing to promote the well-
21 being, the welfare of millions of people that are sick and
22 that are going to be dying.

23 This racetrack is in Sacramento. And an order
24 was just put in place for everyone to stay home. And once
25 again, like with Santa Anita, you guys think you're above

1 the law and that you can get away with doing some good.
2 There is nothing good that comes out of racing horses right
3 now.

4 Why don't you guys open the track and bring in
5 sick people who need hospital beds everywhere. And you
6 guys are falling below again, as usual, with the standard
7 of disregard for animals and horses -- I mean animals and
8 humans.

9 I don't know how you're allowed to stay in
10 business when the whole planet is on red alert because
11 millions of people are going to die this month and then you
12 still continue to abuse horses and abuse the workers that
13 you don't have any regard for. You don't care about their
14 health. You don't care about the health of horses. You
15 only care about your pocketbooks and how much money you
16 guys can make.

17 This Horse Racing Board is so corrupt and should
18 not be allowed to continue on. The Governor needs to
19 appoint people to this Racing Board that actually care
20 about the humans, and especially about the horses that get
21 no special care at all.

22 This whole meeting today was a joke. You didn't
23 even talk about the virus and what's going on in this
24 country. Do you guys think that you're not going to get
25 this disease?

1 This all needs to stop immediately.

2 WEBEX OPERATOR: Thank you.

3 We will now move on to our next caller and that
4 is Heather Hyde.

5 Please go ahead.

6 MS. HYDE: Hello. This is Heather Hyde and I'm a
7 concerned citizen.

8 I do feel that you all believe it's the animal
9 activists that's the extremist but isn't it the ones that
10 harm, hurt, abuse, and knowingly wage on the lives of these
11 defenseless animals the extremist? Yet you also turn a
12 blind eye to the crimes on the lives of these poor horses.
13 You're all enablers.

14 This is the old boys' club. I keep realizing
15 over and over, when I go to the CHRB meetings, it's mostly
16 older men that are the driving force behind these barbaric
17 acts on these poor animals. It's like harness racing is
18 some sick form of sadistic bondage or S&M for horse racing.
19 Why do they need so much heavy equipment on them? Why do
20 their legs need to be strapped? Why do their mouths need
21 to be strapped? Some fool hanging on the end of a cart,
22 holding on to the horse at the end of its butt, this is a
23 disgusting sport and I can't believe you're not only
24 allowing this to happen.

25 You know, these trainings are grueling, they're

1 repetitive. What happens to the horses in the end? They
2 still are suffering really poor and bad injuries, no
3 different than regular horse racing. You know, I can't
4 even begin to fathom what this world is coming to when you
5 are still allowed to continue to horse race, even with this
6 coronavirus going on.

7 Like do you think we waste our time or are doing
8 this for fun? We're doing this because we care. Why don't
9 you care?

10 Thank you.

11 WEBEX OPERATOR: Thank you.

12 We will move to our next caller and that is
13 Martha Sullivan.

14 Please go ahead.

15 MS. SULLIVAN: Hello. This is Martha Sullivan.
16 I wanted to share with you a couple of updates from my
17 previous comments to this Board earlier today.

18 One is that the Aqueduct Racetrack in Jamaica,
19 New York, where racing has been suspended throughout New
20 York State, is now being used, the parking lot is now being
21 used, for testing the patients who have been referred by a
22 medical professional and have a prescription to be tested.

23 This is the kind of use that these facilities
24 need to be put to, particularly Cal Expo which is a state
25 property. Cal Expo is a state-owned property and it should

1 be put to priority use, not nonessential horse racing which
2 is going to jeopardize the health of the people that are
3 working there and the health of the people that -- the
4 folks going in and out of that facility are going to come
5 in contact with. This is really, really reprehensible.

6 And I want to add that Victoria and New South
7 Wales in Australia have suspended horse racing, as well,
8 because of a potential positive who hasn't been tested yet.

9 Just for a potential positive, they've suspended racing.

10 You guys need to wake up.

11 CHAIR FERRARO: Thank you, Martha.

12 WEBEX OPERATOR: Thank you.

13 We will move on to our next caller and that is
14 Sarah Segal, and she is a concerned citizen.

15 Please go ahead.

16 MS. SEGAL: Good afternoon, CHRB. I bet you're
17 glad we are not in person, having this, although you
18 probably want it in person so you can keep on doing the
19 same things you do.

20 But I'm calling in today to -- I'm just outraged.
21 I am outraged at your behavior. Once again, grown adults
22 justifying animal cruelty. Grown adults ignoring the
23 Governor's recommendation and it's not even a
24 recommendation. The government said, "Stay at home." The
25 Governor, Governor Newsom, said, "Stay at home."

1 Nonessential businesses should not be open.

2 Santa Anita, Cal Expo, Golden Gate, Los Alamitos,
3 all of the racetracks in California that are still open
4 must be shut down. This is not even a joke anymore. This
5 is serious.

6 Do you not know what's going on with COVID-19?
7 It's a coronavirus. Do you not realize that thousands of
8 people are dying? And you are ignoring every single sign.
9 Your workers live there. That's great. But they don't
10 need to be riding horses and they don't need to be racing
11 horses. And they -- you need to shut this place down.
12 This is just a complete human health hazard and this, I
13 mean, this is just outrageous. I cannot believe that, once
14 again, we are talking to grown adults.

15 What is that motivates you to make their
16 decisions? Why are you wanting to race so much? Because
17 I've heard is you talk about money, besides the stuff on
18 the agenda this morning where you were talking about how a
19 horse might bleed out or what kind of medicine to give or
20 if there's medicine that wasn't given properly, or drugs
21 that you give the horses. Why are you using horses that
22 cannot naturally carry their babies on their backs?

23 You're forcing them to race for money. You know
24 it.

25 Aiden is ridiculous, trying to say he's trying to

1 help these workers. That's a joke. He's a joke.

2 You guys only care --

3 MR. MARTEN: Thirty seconds.

4 MS. SEGAL: -- about money. We all know the
5 almighty dollar wins. And we're going to shut this place
6 down, mark my words. You're not getting away with this.

7 CHAIR FERRARO: Thank you.

8 WEBEX OPERATOR: We will now go to our next --

9 CHAIR FERRARO: That's the end of the queue,
10 Operator?

11 WEBEX OPERATOR: We have three --

12 CHAIR FERRARO: How many more?

13 WEBEX OPERATOR: -- more individuals.

14 CHAIR FERRARO: All right.

15 WEBEX OPERATOR: Thank you.

16 We'll go to our next caller and that is Amanda
17 Lundberg, an animal rights activist.

18 Please go ahead.

19 MS. LUNDBERG: This is absolutely disturbing that
20 you guys are still operating and still speaking about
21 operating in this time. It's just -- it was disturbing
22 before, when you were abusing animals, abusing and killing
23 animals. And now you want to spread this virus to the
24 humans, to the public.

25 This is absolutely unfair. We do not consent to

1 this. Our Governor has asked everybody to stay in place
2 and shelter at home. And these workers that live at the
3 track have no choice but to be there. This is where they
4 live. I understand that. They care for these horses.
5 They take care of them.

6 And then you have jockeys and other workers
7 coming on and off the property, spreading anything that
8 they might have, infecting anybody who lives at the -- the
9 workers that live there that don't have a choice. And then
10 you claim to care for them and you don't insure them. And
11 then you say, how can we keep paying them if we don't race
12 horses? Just pay them. You have millions of dollars. Pay
13 them. Take care of them. Care for them how you claim to
14 care for them. Care for the horses. Do what you claim to
15 do. Do your job. This is your job.

16 You guys are failures and you will be responsible
17 for many people being sick and possibly dying. And you
18 will be lucky if we cannot trace it back to these tracks.
19 You will be lucky. And guess what? We will try our
20 hardest to trace it back to you and hold you accountable.

21 WEBEX OPERATOR: We'll move on --

22 CHAIR FERRARO: In the queue, next.

23 WEBEX OPERATOR: -- to our next caller.

24 Thank you, sir.

25 And that is Bonnie Croker with -- and she is a

1 concerned a citizen.

2 Please go ahead.

3 MS. CROKER: Yes. I must first say, I have got
4 to hand it to the speaker from Cal Expo. My god, he was at
5 least totally honest. He said, California Horse Board, can
6 we take advantage of the lack of product in the market and
7 make a bunch of money? The lack of product. You know, I
8 know that you view horses and people like products but at
9 least he said it outright and forthwith on record for
10 everyone to hear, read and see in the future. Thank you
11 very much, speaker from Cal Expo.

12 Another point to consider, due to the COVID-19
13 virus and the indefinite shutdown of harness racing at the
14 Meadowlands Racetrack, the 2020 World Harness Handicapping
15 Championship presented by derbywars.com has been
16 rescheduled to July, maybe.

17 So in the midst of all this, once again, another
18 concerned citizen, I want to know why you're doing business
19 as usual, granting further permission for more horse
20 suffering and the inevitable spread of a catastrophic human
21 disease.

22 I must also say that Gavin Newsom was out of his
23 mind when he gave you the exclusive powers that he gave
24 you. With The Stronach Group, people like Cal Expo, they
25 come crawling to you because they know that you're the

1 authority. No one else is going to make them stop racing
2 except the California Horse Racing Board. This is
3 ludicrous. I mean, I haven't seen anything like this in
4 modern day. This is something out of a historical past,
5 you know, when people, a small number of people, had this
6 kind of privilege and it's a joke.

7 And the California public is not going to buy it
8 not much longer. If we spread the truth, they are going to
9 see that the whole thing is a farce. And then, like my
10 other colleagues have been saying, you're going to be held
11 individually and personally liable for deaths that are
12 inevitable, that are going to be taking place due to the
13 fact that you're keeping these mongers open so that they
14 can take advantage of a market that has lower product in
15 it. I mean, god, that's all --

16 MR. MARTEN: Thirty second.

17 MS. CROKER: -- I have to say for now.

18 CHAIR FERRARO: Thank you.

19 MS. CROKER: Thank you.

20 WEBEX OPERATOR: We are moving now to our next
21 caller and that is Ellen Ericksen, an activist from San
22 Diego.

23 Please go ahead.

24 MS. ERICKSEN: Hi. Thank you for letting me back
25 on the call. Ellen Ericksen, San Diego.

1 You know, gentleman and one lady on the Board, we
2 come back --

3 WEBEX OPERATOR: And, Ellen, you may have put
4 yourself on mute. Ellen, are you still with us?

5 There was no response from her line.

6 CHAIR FERRARO: Yes.

7 WEBEX OPERATOR: May I move on to the final
8 caller?

9 MS. CROKER: No.

10 CHAIR FERRARO: Yes.

11 MS. CROKER: I'm here. I am here.

12 WEBEX OPERATOR: We can hear you now, Ellen.

13 MS. CROKER: Okay.

14 WEBEX OPERATOR: And, Ellen, I do apologize, you
15 may be in a bad reception area. We are unable to hear you
16 at the moment.

17 MS. CROKER: I'll move. Can you hear me now?

18 WEBEX OPERATOR: Yes, ma'am.

19 MS. CROKER: Okay.

20 I want to mention to the Board, to the members,
21 that we come back to these meetings every single month
22 because we are concerned people in regards to the horses.
23 And now we have to advocate for the humans that you guys
24 exploit and abuse.

25 Right now the United States of America has the

1 highest amount of COVID-19. And you recklessly are keeping
2 horse tracks and racing tracks open with sick people cross-
3 contaminating each other and further adding to this high
4 number. We have exceeded the world record on cases in the
5 United States now.

6 Why can't you do the right thing? Do the moral
7 thing. Do the moral obligation. You know, screw the
8 money. It's not about the money anymore. It's about the
9 humans and the horses.

10 And, Ms. Mitchell, please, you're the only woman
11 on this Board, stand up to those men.

12 MR. MARTEN: Thirty seconds.

13 MS. CROKER: Don't be afraid of them. Don't let
14 them bully you because they're all a bunch of bullies on
15 this Board and they should all be retired out by the
16 Governor.

17 And let's -- and I'm just going to put it out
18 there, how much money are you paying politicians to get
19 these tracks to stay open? Because it's always about the
20 money with you. You never do the ethical, correct thing.
21 Shame on all of you.

22 And shame on you, Ms. Mitchell, for not standing
23 up to these bully men.

24 CHAIR FERRARO: Thank you.

25 WEBEX OPERATOR: And we will now move to our

1 final caller and that is Heather Wilson.

2 Please go ahead.

3 MS. WILSON: Good afternoon and thank you for
4 allowing me this opportunity to speak.

5 This is a statement from my twin sister. And she
6 actually had to go to work, so I'm going to be reading this
7 for her.

8 "My name is Holly Wilson and I am a physician. My
9 specialty is emergency medicine. I am on the front
10 lines of this war. And make no mistake, it is war.
11 We are running out of protective gear, COVID testing
12 kits, hospital beds, as well as ventilators. People
13 are dying every single day.

14 "The scariest part for me right now is the realization
15 that we are, in all likelihood, just at the beginning
16 of what is going to be a long and arduous journey.

17 "Your flagrant disregard of the Governor's Order
18 perfectly illustrates the sheer desperation of your
19 dying industry, as well as your ignorance and your
20 arrogance.

21 "Horse racing is a nonessential business. It isn't a
22 matter of if but rather a question of when one of the
23 backstretch workers will become sick.

24 "The living conditions are the perfect breeding ground
25 for this disease. These individuals do not live in a

1 closed community and they will infect others, those
2 that are not in the horse racing business. People are
3 going to die as a direct result of your unconscious
4 and self-serving decisions.

5 "Now, I ask you to imagine this. I have one
6 ventilator available and two people present to my
7 emergency department in respiratory failure. One of
8 them is you. Imagine the horror of suffocating and
9 realizing that you were a part of the problem.

10 "You are gambling with people's lives during a
11 pandemic, plain and simple. Your actions are shameful
12 and indefensible."

13 And those are the words of Dr. Wilson. She is on
14 the front lines working in a busy emergency department in a
15 huge, densely-populated city.

16 Now these are my words. The only person who had
17 any rational statements or any cognitive function during
18 the first half of this meeting was Commissioner --

19 MR. MARTEN: Thirty seconds.

20 MS. WILSON: -- Wendy Mitchell.

21 Wendy, you need to stand up to these bullies,
22 just like Ellen said. You were the only person who talked
23 about, should we still continue racing during this
24 pandemic? I need you to stand by your guns and stand up to
25 these bullies. We need to end this now.

1 And I hope the Governor is listening because we
2 invited him.

3 Thank you, everybody, and stay safe, and stop
4 racing.

5 Thank you.

6 CHAIR FERRARO: Thank you.

7 No other callers?

8 WEBEX OPERATOR: There are no further callers.

9 CHAIR FERRARO: Okay.

10 Do we have a motion to approve?

11 COMMISSIONER SOLIS: I move. Alex Solis.

12 CHAIR FERRARO: Do we have a second?

13 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: Castellanos. Second.

14 CHAIR FERRARO: All right. Commissioner Ferraro
15 agrees.

16 Commissioner Gonzales?

17 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Yes.

18 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Alfieri?

19 COMMISSIONER ALFIERI: Yes.

20 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Castellanos?

21 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: Yes.

22 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Mitchell?

23 Commissioner Mitchell?

24 Commissioner Solis?

25 COMMISSIONER SOLIS: Yes.

1 CHAIR FERRARO: Well, we have no comment from
2 Mitchell.

3 So are you there, Wendy?

4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BAEDEKER: I believe --

5 CHAIR FERRARO: Where did --

6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BAEDEKER: -- Commissioner
7 Mitchell indicated --

8 CHAIR FERRARO: -- Commissioner Mitchell go?

9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BAEDEKER: -- she wouldn't be
10 in attendance for this second meeting.

11 CHAIR FERRARO: Okay. So the motion passes.

12 Can I have a motion to adjourn the meeting?

13 COMMISSIONER ALFIERI: So moved.

14 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: Castellanos. Motion.

15 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Ferraro, yes.

16 Commissioner Gonzales?

17 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Yeah.

18 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Alfieri?

19 COMMISSIONER ALFIERI: Yes.

20 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Castellanos?

21 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: Yes.

22 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Mitchell is not
23 here.

24 Commissioner Solis?

25 COMMISSIONER SOLIS: Yes.

1 CHAIR FERRARO: Meeting is adjourned. Again, I
2 thank you all for your patience and (indiscernible) and
3 hope we can get through this with some dignity.

4 Thank you very much.

5 (The teleconference special meeting of the
6 California Horse Racing Board
7 adjourned at 2:59 p.m.)

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 2nd day of April, 2020.



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