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WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2026

9:30 A.M.

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APPEARANCES

BOARD MEMBERS

Gregory L. Ferraro, DVM, Chair  
Oscar Gonzales, Vice Chair  
Damascus Castellanos, Commissioner  
Dennis Alfieri, Commissioner  
Brenda Washington Davis, Commissioner  
Thomas Hudnut, Commissioner  
Peter Stern, Commissioner

STAFF

Scott Chaney, Executive Director  
Cynthia Alameda, Deputy Executive Director  
Amanda Brown, Staff Counsel  
Jeff Blea, Equine Medical Director

ALSO PRESENT

Eric Sindler, Santa Anita Park  
Nate Newby, Santa Anita Park  
Orlando Gutierrez, Los Alamitos Racing Association, and  
Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Racing Association  
Mike Machowsky, Fasig-Tipton  
Jordyn Egan, Thoroughbred Owners of California  
Darrell Haire, Jockeys Guild

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gail Matthews, Winning Hands Equine Massage

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P R O C E E D I N G S

9:30 A.M.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2026

CHAIR FERRARO: All right, ladies and gentlemen, this meeting of the California Horse Racing Board will please come to order. Please take your seats. This is the regular notice meeting of the California Horse Racing Board on Wednesday, July 8th, 2026 at Cannabis Control Appeals Panel, Hearing Room 330, at 400 R Street in Sacramento, California.

Present at today's meeting are: myself, Dr. Gregory Ferraro, Chair; Oscar Gonzales, Vice Chair; Dennis Alfieri, Commissioner; Damascus Castellanos, Commissioner; Brenda Washington Davis, Commissioner; Thomas Hudnut, Commissioner; Peter Stern, Commissioner. Mr. Scott Chaney will arrive shortly.

Before we go to the business of the meeting, I need to make a few comments.

The Board invites public comment on the matters appearing on the meeting agenda. Procedurally, the Board will first hear from those directly involved in the agenda item. I will then invite public comment on the agenda item. The Board will not answer questions. This item is for comments only, not questions.

1           Unsolicited speakers are limited to two minutes.  
2 During all public comments, a tone will sound to indicate  
3 the speaker's time is up. The Board may ask questions of  
4 individuals who speak, which may extend their two-minute  
5 limit.

6           There are public comment sign-in sheets located at  
7 the designated table for each agenda item on which the Board  
8 invites comments. There is also a sign-in sheet for those  
9 wishing to speak during the public comment period for  
10 matters not on the Board's agenda if it concerns horse  
11 racing in California. Please print your name legibly on all  
12 sign-in sheets.

13           When a matter is open for public comment and you  
14 come to the podium, introduce yourself by stating your name  
15 and organization. This is necessary for the court reporter  
16 to have an accurate, clear record of all those who speak.  
17 When your two minutes are up, I'll ask you to return to your  
18 seat so that others can be heard.

19           I will insist that all speakers stay strictly on  
20 topic for each agenda item. If a speaker strays off topic,  
21 I will ask to move on to the next speaker. If a speaker  
22 repeats themselves, I will ask the speaker has any -- if the  
23 speaker has any new comments to make. If there are none,  
24 the speaker will be asked to let others make comments to the  
25 Board.

1           If anyone has comments of a more general nature  
2   that are not specific to earlier agenda items, those  
3   comments must wait until the agenda item 13, public comment.  
4   There will be a 30-minute time limit for public comment in  
5   order to allow as many individuals to speak as possible  
6   within that half hour. I will strictly enforce the two-  
7   minute time limit.

8           And with that, we'll get started by asking for a  
9   motion to approve the minutes from May 13, 2026.

10          COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Davis moves approval.

11          COMMISSIONER STERN: Stern. Second.

12          CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Hudnut?

13          COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: Yes.

14          CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Alfieri?

15          COMMISSIONER ALFIERI: Yes.

16          CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Gonzales?

17          VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Yes.

18          CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Damascus?

19          COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: Yes.

20          CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Brenda Davis?

21          COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

22          CHAIR FERRARO: And Commissioner Stern?

23          COMMISSIONER STERN: Yes.

24          CHAIR FERRARO: The Chairman votes yes.

25          In light of Mr. Chaney's late arrival, we'll start

1 with item number four, discussion and action by the Board on  
2 the Application for License to Conduct a Horse Race Meeting  
3 of the Los Angeles Turf Club II at Santa Anita from  
4 September 23rd through November 3rd, 2026.

5 Gentlemen.

6 MR. SINDLER: Yes. Good morning. Eric Sindler  
7 here, along with Nate Newby, our Senior Vice President and  
8 General Manager.

9 As the Chairman just indicated, we're applying for  
10 our annual autumn race meet license application. Everything  
11 has been submitted and staff recommends approval. But Nate  
12 is going to give a brief overview of the meet.

13 MR. NEWBY: Good morning, Mr. Chairman and  
14 Commissioners. Nate Newby, Santa Anita.

15 We're very much looking forward to the autumn  
16 meet. It's an action-packed six weeks of racing, 19 race  
17 days, 26 stakes races in that six weeks, highlighted by 14  
18 races over the first two weekends. So the first two  
19 weekends start off with a really fast start. There's seven  
20 Breeders' Cup Challenge races in those first two weekends,  
21 so it's always an exciting meet.

22 I'm happy to report, purses continue to grow.  
23 We've got an increase over last year's autumn meet. We're  
24 going to hold the levels from our spring meet, which were  
25 increased about 8 to 10 percent depending on race category

1 over last year. For example, maiden special weight purse  
2 levels, which are really important, were \$54,000 two years  
3 ago, increased to \$60,000 last year, and it will be \$65,000  
4 for this year's autumn meet.

5 Also happy to report that our purse overpayment  
6 continues to go in the right direction. Our projections are  
7 to have that very close to zero by the end of the year. So  
8 good news, and we've made a ton of progress over the last  
9 two years.

10 The autumn meet is very busy with promotions and  
11 events every weekend. We have Free Fridays, Oktoberfest,  
12 Dollar Days, live money handicapping contests, car shows,  
13 Pumpkin Patch Festivals for families, and more.

14 Just a couple highlights from the wagering menu.  
15 Our \$3.00 Late Pick 3 and our \$5.00 Late Double, very  
16 player-friendly bets that we introduced at Santa Anita a  
17 couple years ago, they've been adopted by almost every  
18 racetrack in the country, and those pools continue to grow.

19 We're bringing back the popular Coast-to-Coast  
20 Players Pick 5, All Turf Pick 3, Sunset 6, and then we're  
21 introducing a new bet, the Place Pick 8 on the last eight  
22 races with a low takeout, and that will have a carryover  
23 \$1.00 bet. We think that's going to be really popular with  
24 our customers.

25 Happy to report our annual turf course resod for

1 our summer project was just completed. The course already  
2 looks great. The weather's been perfect, so timing worked  
3 out really well on that. The grass is already green, and as  
4 you know, it's very important for Santa Anita as we run more  
5 than 50 percent of our races on the turf course.

6 One additional important update that's a top  
7 priority for the entire industry right now is the TV  
8 strategy. Some of our Breeders' Cup Challenge races will be  
9 shown on NBC Peacock, so over those first two weekends.  
10 There's some good discussions going with Fox, who's shown  
11 interest in showing Santa Anita's races. And there's very  
12 likely going to be some new digital platforms showing our  
13 races, so more info to come on that. We believe it's a big  
14 priority. As you probably know, FanDuel TV will not have  
15 on-site coverage, but they still will be showing our races,  
16 very likely. RTN is still available.

17 And then we're expanding YouTube options. One of  
18 the requests we got from quite a few horseplayers was to  
19 upload the full race drone footage, which we've already  
20 collected, and it's just a really nice addition to their  
21 handicapping tools, which will be available for every race  
22 on YouTube.

23 And then, of course, we're going to focus on our  
24 Santa Anita simulcast signal. It's available free through  
25 1/ST BET, other ADWs, and we're going to plan to add even

1 more interviews, more analysis, and workouts, courtesy of  
2 1/ST TV, which are very popular.

3 So looking forward to an exciting six weeks of  
4 racing, and happy to answer any questions.

5 CHAIR FERRARO: Questions in front of the Board?

6 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Yeah, Dr. Ferraro, I've got  
7 one. Thank you. Great update, looking forward to the meet.

8 Related to what NYRA's doing, related to the  
9 computer-assisted wagering, any -- are you looking at that  
10 closely? Any plans to make adjustments as it relates to  
11 whether it's cutoff times or anything else related to CAW?

12 MR. NEWBY: Sure. You know, that's a stakeholder  
13 decision, so I don't want to speak for everybody, because  
14 TOC is involved. Obviously, it affects purses. But our  
15 plan is to continue with the two-minute cutoff in the win  
16 pool, which in California has really shown a dramatic  
17 reduction in late odds changes. And I can tell you  
18 personally, the amount of complaints we received since that  
19 policy was implemented is almost zero. So that's the plan,  
20 to continue.

21 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Thank you.

22 CHAIR FERRARO: Anyone else? No questions? Since  
23 there's no further comment, can we have a motion to approve?

24 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: So moved. Hudnut.

25 COMMISSIONER ALFIERI: I'll second. Alfieri.

1 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Stern?  
2 COMMISSIONER STERN: Yes.  
3 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Davis?  
4 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.  
5 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Castellanos?  
6 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: Yes.  
7 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Gonzales?  
8 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Yes.  
9 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Alfieri?  
10 COMMISSIONER ALFIERI: Yes.  
11 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Hudnut?  
12 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: Yes.  
13 CHAIR FERRARO: The Chairman votes yes.  
14 Congratulations. Carry on.  
15 MR. SINDLER: Thank you.  
16 MR. NEWBY: Thank you.  
17 CHAIR FERRARO: Okay, item number five is  
18 discussion and action by the Board regarding the Application  
19 for License to Conduct a Horse Racing Meeting of the Los  
20 Alamitos Horse Racing Association at Los Alamitos Race  
21 Course, from September 9th, 2026, through September 22nd,  
22 2026.  
23 Good morning.  
24 MR. GUTIERREZ: Good morning, Chairman. Good  
25 morning, CHRB Board members. My name is Orlando Gutierrez,

1 representing Los Alamitos Racing Association.

2 I'm here to request approval of our license for  
3 the upcoming September meet here at Los Alamitos. As the  
4 Chairman noted, it is a two-week meet. Opening day would be  
5 Friday, September 11th, and continuing through Sunday,  
6 September 20th. It's six days of racing.

7 We are just on the heels of concluding our summer  
8 meet. We finished on a big high. We had a closing day  
9 program that included over 100 horses. It was one of our  
10 best days of the meet. And during that weekend, Los  
11 Alamitos made its first appearance on America's Day at the  
12 Races, with four of our races being shown as part of that  
13 great program. It was a great opportunity for us to  
14 showcase Los Alamitos Race Course. And I think with the  
15 help of Tony Allevato, his team, Fox, and NYRA, I think our  
16 track in Southern California showed well. And we're looking  
17 forward to hopefully making more appearances in the future.

18 Again, we're working very hard to continue to  
19 expand and enhance our TV coverage. There was no FanDuel  
20 on-site coverage on our closing weekend, but we did enhance  
21 our product, and I think we did a good job. And we're only  
22 going to get better as our meets progress.

23 Some other highlights for our upcoming meet.  
24 We're going to introduce a brand new stakes race called the  
25 Becca Taylor. A great racehorse owned by Nick Alexander,

1 and with a nice story from Los Alamitos. This horse debuted  
2 at Los Al, made their first start ever with a victory. And  
3 her final start was at Los Alamitos, winning the Great Lady  
4 M. Stakes.

5 So it's a horse with a nice history at Los Al, and  
6 we're very proud to be hosting this race for the first time  
7 at Los Alamitos in the upcoming September meet. That will  
8 be the feature race on our opening Saturday, September 12th,  
9 our first Saturday of the meet. It's for three-year-old  
10 fillies at six furlongs. So we're excited to see that race  
11 debut and grow as the years progress.

12 Additionally, we'll have a nice staple of  
13 promotions. We're working very closely not only with  
14 FanDuel, but also we're building great relationships with  
15 Xpressbet to continue to grow our racing program on their  
16 platform, to TwinSpires as well, and hopefully continuing to  
17 work well with NYRA Bets and so forth.

18 So looking forward to a strong meet and humbly  
19 request approval of our application.

20 CHAIR FERRARO: How about horses? Do you have  
21 enough horses?

22 MR. GUTIERREZ: Well, we finished on a very strong  
23 closing week, over 100 horses with 11 races. That's the  
24 most we've had in recent years at Los Al. So, you know, we  
25 do have a lot of horses from our night program that will

1 move to and race during the other daytime, but you know,  
2 we're ready to make whatever adjustments necessary to put  
3 together a strong racing card every single racing program,  
4 so --

5 CHAIR FERRARO: Questions from the Board? None?  
6 Rita?

7 Would someone like to make a motion since we have  
8 nothing to discuss?

9 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: I move approval.

10 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: I'll second. Gonzales.

11 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Stern?

12 COMMISSIONER STERN: Yes.

13 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Davis?

14 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

15 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Castellanos?

16 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: Yes.

17 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Gonzales?

18 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Yes.

19 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Alfieri?

20 COMMISSIONER ALFIERI: Yes.

21 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Hudnut?

22 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: Yes.

23 CHAIR FERRARO: The Chairman votes yes. Good luck  
24 with that meeting.

25 MR. GUTIERREZ: Thank you. Thank you.

1 CHAIR FERRARO: Thanks.

2 Okay, item number six, discussion and action by  
3 the Board regarding the Los Alamitos Equine Sale Company's  
4 request for authorization of its horse sale at Los Alamitos  
5 Race Course in Cypress, CA, on October 3rd and 4th, 2026,  
6 pursuant to CHRB Rule 1807, Authorized Horse Sales.

7 MR. GUTIERREZ: Yeah, it's me again, Orlando  
8 Gutierrez on behalf of the Pacific Coast Quarter Horse  
9 Racing Association and the Los Alamitos Equine Sale as well,  
10 just here requesting authorization of the upcoming sale.  
11 It's a weekend sale held on October 3rd and 4th. This will  
12 be the 23rd year of this horse sale, mostly consisting of  
13 Quarter Horse yearlings. It's the only major horse sale for  
14 Quarter Horses in the state.

15 And this year we'll have approximately 225  
16 yearlings in the sale with 40 different consignors. It's a  
17 wonderful sale. It's very respected around the nation.  
18 Many national champions go through the walking ring in that  
19 the sale, the sale ring at the equine sale. And it's going  
20 to feature a brand new venue, still held within the Los  
21 Alamitos grounds. And we're excited to have that sale  
22 again. It's put together by Dr. Ed Allred and Steve Burns.  
23 Both of them are AQHA champion breeders, and it's managed by  
24 the Pacific Coast Quarter Horse Racing Association as it has  
25 done for the past two decades.

1           So again, humbly requesting authorization of the  
2           upcoming sale, October 3rd and 4th.

3           CHAIR FERRARO:   Approximately how many horses  
4           are -- usually go through that sale?

5           MR. GUTIERREZ:   Last year it was about over 200,  
6           and I expect about the same number this year.   So it's still  
7           holding on strong.

8           CHAIR FERRARO:   Questions from the Board?   Motion?

9           COMMISSIONER STERN:   Stern.

10          COMMISSIONER HUDNUT:   So moved.   Approval.  
11          Hudnut.

12          CHAIR FERRARO:   No, wait a minute, I'm confused.  
13          Who made the motion?

14          COMMISSIONER STERN:   Stern.   Motion to approve.

15          CHAIR FERRARO:   Okay.

16          COMMISSIONER HUDNUT:   Hudnut.   Second.

17          CHAIR FERRARO:   Hudnut second.   All right.  
18          Commissioner Stern?

19          COMMISSIONER STERN:   Yes.

20          CHAIR FERRARO:   Commissioner Davis?

21          COMMISSIONER DAVIS:   Yes.

22          CHAIR FERRARO:   Commissioner Castellanos?

23          COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS:   Yes.

24          CHAIR FERRARO:   Commissioner Gonzales?

25          VICE CHAIR GONZALES:   Yes.

1 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Alfieri?

2 COMMISSIONER ALFIERI: Yes.

3 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Hudnut?

4 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: Yes.

5 CHAIR FERRARO: And the Chairman votes yes. Good  
6 luck.

7 MR. GUTIERREZ: Thank you so much.

8 CHAIR FERRARO: Thank you.

9 MR. GUTIERREZ: Appreciate it.

10 CHAIR FERRARO: Item number seven, discussion and  
11 action by the Board regarding Fasig-Tipton's request for  
12 authorization of its horse sale at Fairplex Park in Pomona,  
13 California, on September 30, 2026, pursuant to CHRB Rule  
14 1807, Authorized Horse Sales.

15 Mike?

16 MR. MACHOWSKY: Good morning. I'm Mike Machowsky  
17 representing Fasig-Tipton.

18 We have our yearly yearling sale scheduled for  
19 September 30th at Fairplex and estimate, you know, 250 to  
20 275 amount of horses, majority Cal-Bred. And we've, you  
21 know, tweaked a few things this year. We've put the sale on  
22 a Wednesday instead of a Tuesday, what we've had every year,  
23 just to try to give an extra day of looking.

24 And we've also teamed up with the CTBA and put  
25 quite a nice bonus onto the sale this year. For any horse

1 that goes to the sale, if it's RNA or if it does sell, we  
2 have a \$500,000 bonus, which if that horse wins a Grade 1 at  
3 age two or three. And we have it split up to whoever the  
4 seller at the time is, which majority would be the breeder,  
5 would get \$250,000, and whoever buys the horse and wins the  
6 Grade 1 would get \$250,000. And just something to entice  
7 people to maybe put a little more quality in there and make  
8 sure we have enough shoppers.

9 COMMISSIONER ALFIERI: Amazing.

10 MR. MACHOWSKY: Do you guys have any yearlings you  
11 want to sell?

12 CHAIR FERRARO: Any questions from the Board?  
13 Rita, nothing? Well, no discussion. How about a motion?

14 COMMISSIONER ALFIERI: I'll make a motion to  
15 approve.

16 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Davis seconds.

17 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: Second.

18 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Hudnut?

19 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: You beat me, Brenda.

20 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Hudnut?

21 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: Yes.

22 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Alfieri?

23 COMMISSIONER ALFIERI: Yes.

24 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Gonzales?

25 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Yes.

1 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Castellano?

2 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: Yes.

3 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Davis?

4 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

5 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Stern?

6 COMMISSIONER STERN: Yes.

7 CHAIR FERRARO: The Chairman votes yes. Good  
8 luck.

9 MR. MACHOWSKY: Thank you, guys.

10 CHAIR FERRARO: Very good luck.

11 CHAIR FERRARO: Let's see, where are we?

12 Discussion and action by the Board regarding the request for  
13 approval of the nominated members to the Board of Directors  
14 of the California Thoroughbred Horsemen's Foundation,  
15 Incorporated, pursuant to CHRB Rule 2049(a), Designation and  
16 Approval of Horsemen's Welfare Fund.

17 Since Mr. Chaney's not here, can you fill us in,  
18 Cynthia?

19 DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALAMEDA: Yeah, this is  
20 just one of our standard industry requests that's coming,  
21 and not to steal Jordyn's thunder, because pretty much  
22 saying anything about it will probably capitalize on what  
23 you have to say, so just turn it over to Jordyn.

24 MS. EGAN: Sure. Thank you. Jordyn Egan, the  
25 Executive Director of the California Thoroughbred Horsemen's

1 Foundation. Thank you for having me today.

2 As Cynthia said, this is just the standard  
3 approval of our renewing terms. We have four directors  
4 returning. I noticed in the staff analysis that we left  
5 Lucy Lawrence off, so we have four directors that were re-  
6 elected this year. They include Angie Carmona, Dr. James  
7 Dunn, Eric Sindler, and Lucy Lawrence. They were re-elected  
8 for terms that expire on June 30th, 2029, so the standard  
9 request on that.

10 And if I may, I'd give a couple of bullet points  
11 on things that we've been up to this year, if that's okay,  
12 additionally.

13 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: That would be great.

14 MS. EGAN: So, CTHF, we've been busy for the last  
15 year. Our patient visits and programs have increased year  
16 over year, and the calendar year, and our fiscal year.  
17 We're getting more people in the door by doing health fairs,  
18 a lot more cross referrals. When people come in for  
19 medical, we're making sure they're in for dental.

20 Also, we offer free gym memberships, discounted --  
21 or discounted gym memberships, discounted memberships to the  
22 Arboretum, so we get a lot of exercise riders and younger  
23 people that come in for those types of programs, and we're  
24 saying, you know, come get your physical. We're not all  
25 invincible.

1           So that's working well. Our numbers are  
2 increasing as far as actual patients and patient visits, so  
3 it's not just sicker people, but newer people coming in the  
4 door. That's our primary business, medical, dental,  
5 optometry. It's what we stay focused on. That's what our  
6 clinicians are doing.

7           But we've also been increasing our programs, just  
8 overall wellness programs, trying to support our patients  
9 that have the common chronic diseases, diabetes, high blood  
10 pressure, with some more education, kind of real-world  
11 support, understanding that it's difficult to always eat  
12 healthy and exercise and do all the right things, regardless  
13 of where you live or how you live.

14           We were happy to introduce an eight-week diabetes  
15 education series two years ago. We repeated that this year.  
16 We also layered on the availability of medically-tailored  
17 meals for our sickest diabetic patients. Meals were  
18 delivered to our clinic weekly, a pilot program with an  
19 organization called Project Angel Food in L.A., and  
20 something that we'll continue to offer to our sickest  
21 patients. We did see improvements in A1C levels. Again,  
22 that's in addition to the typical clinical treatment.

23           Also, at Los Alamitos, we introduced a diabetic  
24 cooking class, so an opportunity for our patients, not just  
25 diabetic patients, to get together. We did it at one of

1 the -- at the chaplaincy's facility, and then something  
2 shifted, so we put it together in the clinic. We try to  
3 make everything we do approachable and realistic for where  
4 our patients are living, so everything's done on hot plates  
5 or just, you know, fruits and vegetables that can be  
6 processed anywhere. We also provide groceries for the  
7 participants in those programs when they come for the class.

8           So really looking at the individual as a whole  
9 human, not just, you know, here's your medication, make sure  
10 you take it and refill it, but also how can we build  
11 community around these chronic diseases, help people feel  
12 supported throughout the year, because we're there and  
13 that's what we're there to do.

14           Additionally, we are happy to continue to support  
15 the Backstretch Meals programs. It started at Del Mar. We  
16 continue to support Santa Anita as well as Los Alamitos. So  
17 we now are involved in the Backstretch Community Meals at  
18 all the racetracks, looking at including a little bit more  
19 at San Luis Rey this year too. We're always looking at,  
20 okay, where's equity in all of this, and what are we doing  
21 everywhere, not just where we might have a full-blown  
22 clinic, but how are we spreading support everywhere and  
23 showing up everywhere. So those are our most exciting  
24 initiatives going right now.

25           Finally, and this one crosses over between the

1 food and the health space, we're always looking to have a  
2 more comprehensive food program. The way I see it is the  
3 Backstretch Community Meals are really just around  
4 community, they're not always like focused on the healthiest  
5 food, that's fine, not everything has to be 100 percent  
6 health, but anything we do out of the clinic, I do try to  
7 emphasize health, food related to health outcomes. So we've  
8 started partnering with agencies in L.A. County and Orange  
9 County that help distribute recovered food, and so we've  
10 started doing monthly, up to twice a month, actual produce  
11 distributions from the clinic patio, have built out a little  
12 system where we get the food, we either go pick it up or  
13 have it delivered, and it's becoming kind of a farmer's  
14 market model.

15           We're always watching what the chaplain is doing,  
16 as well, because they also just distribute recovered food,  
17 so working with them to make sure that we're not all  
18 distributing food on the same day or week, but just  
19 continuing to make healthy food available for free, and  
20 double checking and saying, hey, have you been to the doctor  
21 lately? Come on in and make an appointment, we're here.

22           So those are the things we're up to. It's the  
23 work of the hard-working staff, the dedicated CTHF staff,  
24 some of which have been there for 40 years. I am totally  
25 the newcomer here, and the directors. Commissioner

1 Castellanos, gets to sit in on everything we do, and he's a  
2 great contributor. So I just want to thank everyone for  
3 their support. Thanks for hearing me today, and thanks for  
4 everything you do for us.

5 CHAIR FERRARO: Thank you very much.

6 Questions from the Board?

7 COMMISSIONER ALFIERI: You're giving out the  
8 excess food, it's Los Alamitos, but other -- you do this at  
9 Santa Anita and Del Mar?

10 MS. EGAN: Yeah, Santa Anita and Los Alamitos.  
11 Del Mar, we actually, last year, we started having our  
12 federally-qualified health center partner come to provide  
13 services, medical and dental services, at Del Mar. That  
14 agency is called TrueCare, and everywhere they come, they  
15 show up with food too.

16 So the primary food support at Del Mar is the  
17 Backstretch Community Meals, because those are every race  
18 day, maybe plus a day, so there's a good amount of food  
19 support there. But the health center does provide food, and  
20 we're there on site with them as well.

21 Yes?

22 CHAIR FERRARO: Any other questions?

23 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: It's not a question, just a  
24 comment. It's clear that you're doing a lot of good, and I  
25 think we on the Commission thank you.

1 MS. EGAN: Oh, thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: And those you work -- and  
3 those who work with you.

4 MS. EGAN: Thank you. It's a privilege. I have  
5 the best job in horse racing, so I really appreciate the  
6 support. Thank you.

7 CHAIR FERRARO: Rita, anything? No?  
8 Can we have a motion?

9 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: So moved.

10 COMMISSIONER ALFIERI: And I'll second.

11 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Stern?

12 COMMISSIONER STERN: Yes.

13 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Davis?

14 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

15 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Castellanos?

16 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: Since I sit on that  
17 Board, I have to recuse, but I can say that Jordyn has done  
18 a tremendous job of gathering -- you know, hitting the  
19 ground running, I said that last time, but hitting the  
20 ground running and taking this bull by the horns, and really  
21 has expanded the program, and it's really helpful. So thank  
22 you very much.

23 MS. EGAN: Thank you.

24 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Gonzales?

25 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Yes.

1 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Alfieri?

2 COMMISSIONER ALFIERI: Yes.

3 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Hudnut?

4 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: I think she grabbed the  
5 horse by the cinch, not the bull by the horns. Yes.

6 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: I didn't want to use  
7 the horse reference.

8 MS. EGAN: Thank you.

9 CHAIR FERRARO: And the Chairman -- the Chairman  
10 votes yes, so thank you very much.

11 I'm going to call for a 10-minute break to give  
12 Mr. Chaney a chance to get organized here a little bit.

13 (Off the record at 9:55 a.m.)

14 (On the record at 10:00 a.m.)

15 CHAIR FERRARO: A chance to get started with his  
16 comments with item number three, please.

17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: Sure. Thanks, Mr.  
18 Chairman. Good morning, Commissioners. You guys moved  
19 fast. I was listening to the webcast, and I'll have to  
20 share the record with Deputy Executive Director Alameda.

21 As the Board knows, CHRB spending authority is set  
22 by the legislation, set by legislation, and each year  
23 pursuant to statute, the stakeholders, in this case tracks  
24 and owner groups, develop a wagering formula to fund our  
25 budget. This year was no exception, and I am happy to

1 report that industry stakeholders successfully arrived at a  
2 formula.

3 That negotiation was made slightly easier this  
4 year, because part of the state budget bill included a \$4  
5 million reduction in stakeholder regulatory burden. This  
6 reduction represented a commitment to agriculture, jobs, and  
7 industry stabilization, in addition to recognition of our  
8 hard work with respect to animal welfare over the last few  
9 years.

10 I'd like to thank Commissioner Stern, Governor  
11 Newsom, and the legislature for their work on this. It's  
12 very much appreciated.

13 Regarding this agenda item, the wagering formula  
14 is simply presented to the Board for your approval.

15 CHAIR FERRARO: Comments from the Board?

16 COMMISSIONER STERN: I would just like to echo my  
17 gratitude to Governor Newsom and the Senate. It's greatly  
18 appreciated. And I hope this is an active conversation that  
19 we have for years to come with California leadership. It's  
20 extremely important to support the industry, the ecosystem,  
21 the workers, and I'm committed to continue these  
22 discussions.

23 CHAIR FERRARO: Thank you. Can we have a motion.

24 COMMISSIONER ALFIERI: Let me just say, I want to  
25 commend Commissioner Stern as well, that, you know, he put a

1 lot of time and effort in this.

2 CHAIR FERRARO: It wouldn't --

3 COMMISSIONER ALFIERI: It was a lot of --

4 CHAIR FERRARO: -- it wouldn't have happened  
5 without you, Peter. Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER ALFIERI: Yeah, so just to recognize  
7 you, thank you for really taking the bull by the horns  
8 and --

9 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: It's been said already.

10 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: The horse by the bridle.

11 COMMISSIONER ALFIERI: The horse by the bridle.

12 CHAIR FERRARO: Are you going to make a motion?

13 And then I'll --

14 COMMISSIONER ALFIERI: Yeah, I'll make a motion to  
15 approve.

16 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: Second.

17 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Hudnut?

18 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: Yes.

19 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Alfieri?

20 COMMISSIONER ALFIERI: Yes.

21 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Gonzales?

22 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Yes.

23 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Castellanos?

24 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: Yes.

25 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Davis?

1 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

2 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Stern?

3 COMMISSIONER STERN: Yes.

4 CHAIR FERRARO: Mr. Chaney, we can skip to item  
5 number nine.

6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: Okay. Did somebody  
7 give you that script she had, the one you were supposed to  
8 read from? This one, I think.

9 CHAIR FERRARO: No, this one is supposed to trump  
10 this one.

11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: Oh, it is?

12 CHAIR FERRARO: You can have whichever one you  
13 want.

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: Okay.

15 CHAIR FERRARO: (Indiscernible.)

16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: Sure. So this is  
17 obviously agenda number nine. It's proposed regulatory text  
18 amending Board Rules 1588 and 1878, which is included in the  
19 Board's agenda materials for this item.

20 Just a note to both the Board and the folks who  
21 have the digital packet, Rita, am I correct in saying that a  
22 new version's been uploaded sometime this morning? We got  
23 additional feedback from OAL. We also have hard copies here  
24 if people in the room are interested. This comes back to  
25 the Board for a third time, some minor changes suggested by

1 OAL.

2 Also, we wanted to sort of bolster the reasoning  
3 behind the rule, and that is more uniformity throughout the  
4 state with respect to max age for racing and max age for  
5 training, both thoroughbreds, Quarter Horses, and  
6 Standardbreds.

7 So it's once again, and hopefully the final time,  
8 presented to you to begin the regulatory process pursuant to  
9 the language that's in your packet.

10 CHAIR FERRARO: And we're still talking about 10  
11 years of age; correct? There's a limit there?

12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: That's correct. So 10  
13 years would be the oldest for racing on thoroughbreds and  
14 Quarter Horses, 14 for Standardbreds, which is their breed  
15 registry rule. Neither Jockey Club nor AQHA have max ages  
16 as breed registries. And as I explained earlier, our tracks  
17 are kind of all over the map in California.

18 CHAIR FERRARO: Questions from the Board?  
19 Comments? None? None? Can we have a motion?

20 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I take it we didn't get any  
21 public comments? I didn't see any.

22 CHAIR FERRARO: Did we?

23 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. Okay. I move  
24 approval.

25 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: Second.

1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: And just to clarify  
2 for purposes of OAL, are you moving to -- let's see here,  
3 I'm trying to read the language staff has given me because  
4 they're probably wringing their hands right now.

5 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I move. Davis.

6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: You're moving for the  
7 Board to approve regulatory efforts using the proposed  
8 regulatory text exactly as presented in agenda item nine.  
9 The motion will authorize staff to prepare this specific  
10 text for formal notice and initiate the rule-making process.

11 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: That part.

12 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: Second.

13 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I so move.

14 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Hudnut?

15 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: Yes.

16 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Alfieri?

17 COMMISSIONER ALFIERI: Yes.

18 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Gonzales?

19 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Yes.

20 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Castellanos?

21 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: Yes.

22 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Davis?

23 Commissioner Stern?

24 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

25 CHAIR FERRARO: God, I'm glad we're --

1 COMMISSIONER STERN: Yes.

2 CHAIR FERRARO: -- through with that one.

3 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: Oh, man.

4 CHAIR FERRARO: That brings us to item number 10,  
5 discussion and action by the Board regarding request from  
6 the Jockey Defined Contribution Retirement Plan pension  
7 trustees to amend the plan to comply with federal law and  
8 permit participant-directed investments.

9 Amanda?

10 MS. BROWN: Good morning, Commissioners. Amanda  
11 Brown, Chief Counsel. I'm also appearing today as CHRB's  
12 trustee member of the Jockey Defined Contribution Retirement  
13 Plan.

14 So the trustees of the plan are asking the Board  
15 to approve amendments to keep it compliant with federal law  
16 and also to modernize participant options. So the changes  
17 will update required minimum distribution ages and  
18 beneficiary and overpayment rules under the federal SECURE  
19 Act, SECURE 2.0, and the CARES Act. So basically, these  
20 updates are essential to maintain the plan's tax-qualified  
21 status.

22 The other amendments will, for the first time, add  
23 participant-directed investment options, which will allow  
24 jockeys to choose their own investments and match their  
25 goals and risk tolerance rather than being limited to the

1 shared trust fund.

2 And so we're asking for your approval for these  
3 plan changes, and I'm happy to try and answer any questions.

4 CHAIR FERRARO: It says, "Permit participant-  
5 directed investment." Is there some approval process for  
6 those, once the request is made?

7 MS. BROWN: So the default is you're in the shared  
8 trust fund, and then a member can opt-in. And there's,  
9 like, three options. I think you can choose an aggressive  
10 fund, a moderate fund, or a conservative fund.

11 CHAIR FERRARO: Oh, okay. Okay. All right.

12 Darrell, you have some comments you want to make?

13 MR. HAIRE: Good morning, Chairman Ferraro,  
14 members of the Board. Darrell Haire, Western Regional  
15 Manager of the Jockeys Guild. I'm here on behalf of the  
16 Jockeys Guild as a trustee, along with Amanda, of the  
17 pension plan.

18 I'm here to support the CHRB's adoption of the  
19 pension plan amendments. They are necessary to comply with  
20 the federal SECURE Act and to ensure the pension plan  
21 participants have a choice of investment options for their  
22 particular accounts. These will still be very conservative,  
23 but will offer an opportunity to earn higher returns,  
24 depending on where the markets are. Additionally, it will  
25 make the default a 60-40 plan, with 60 percent in a typical

1 S&P 500 index fund and 40 percent in a bond fund. Lastly,  
2 the participants will be able to go opt into an age-based  
3 investment plan.

4 I urge your support for the adoption of the  
5 amendments. Thank you.

6 CHAIR FERRARO: Questions from the Board? Rita?  
7 No questions? We got Darrell. Okay, we need a motion.

8 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: So moved. Hudnut.  
9 Approval.

10 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: Second.

11 CHAIR FERRARO: Okay. Commissioner Stern?

12 COMMISSIONER STERN: Yes.

13 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Davis?

14 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

15 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Castellanos?

16 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: Yes.

17 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Gonzales?

18 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Yes.

19 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Alfieri?

20 COMMISSIONER ALFIERI: Yes.

21 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Hudnut?

22 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: Yes.

23 CHAIR FERRARO: The Chairman votes yes. Good luck  
24 with that.

25 MR. HAIRE: Thank you.

1 CHAIR FERRARO: Moving on to item number 11,  
2 discussion and action by the Board regarding the future and  
3 challenges of horse racing in California.

4 Mr. Chaney --

5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: Sure.

6 CHAIR FERRARO: -- you think you can handle that?

7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: I think I can. And  
8 just a note. Apparently, we need to return to item number  
9 two as well, the consent calendar items.

10 CHAIR FERRARO: Oh, right, I forgot.

11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: But with respect to  
12 number 11, we've had this item once or twice before.  
13 There's obviously no staff analysis or anything in the Board  
14 packet. It's really just kind of an open forum for the  
15 Board to talk about anything they'd like to. Not required.  
16 And obviously, the Board can't take formal action, you know,  
17 but can certainly direct staff to do certain things. It's  
18 really open to the seven of you.

19 CHAIR FERRARO: Okay. No action required.

20 Item number two. Do you want to take this?

21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: Sure. The consent  
22 calendar item, consent calendar is something we added a  
23 few -- several Board meetings ago that includes  
24 noncontroversial items, things we don't expect to have  
25 discussion on.

1           Just a note for the future, both listeners and  
2 those present in the room, we plan to add approval of the  
3 minutes to the consent calendar. Just a note that any of  
4 the items can be teased out and considered separately if any  
5 Board member so desires.

6           But for this consent calendar, it's two more of  
7 the satellite applications that the Board has been in the  
8 process of approving over the last three Board meetings. I  
9 think we have about four or five more to go. As you might  
10 recall, this is the first time we've actually had a formal  
11 process for gaining information and actually having an  
12 application that pairs up with the satellite locations.

13           So these two, Santa Clara County Fair and National  
14 Orange Show Fair, their application is up for your approval.  
15 And they're fully complete.

16           CHAIR FERRARO: Questions from the Board?  
17 Comment? Can we have a motion?

18           COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Davis moves.

19           CHAIR FERRARO: Second?

20           COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: Hudnut second.

21           CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Stern?

22           COMMISSIONER STERN: Yes.

23           CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Davis?

24           COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

25           CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Castellanos?

1 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: Yes.

2 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Gonzales?

3 VICE CHAIR GONZALES: Yes.

4 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Alfieri?

5 COMMISSIONER ALFIERI: Yes.

6 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Hudnut?

7 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: Yes.

8 CHAIR FERRARO: The Chairman votes yes.

9 And where are we now? We've got everything done?

10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: Just the reports.

11 CHAIR FERRARO: Just the reports. Oh, my  
12 goodness, the exciting part comes up next.

13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: This is why I rushed  
14 to get here, Mr. Chairman.

15 CHAIR FERRARO: Yeah, right. Oh, wow. Okay, Mr.  
16 Chaney, let's hear it.

17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: Sure. Thank you, Mr.  
18 Chairman and good morning, Commissioners. Sorry for my  
19 lateness.

20 I will begin with the handle report for the month  
21 of May. Day racing handle was level compared to last year,  
22 night racing was down seven percent, and total handle was  
23 down one percent compared to May of 2025. A year to date,  
24 day racing was down 5 percent, night racing was down 18  
25 percent, and total handle was down 6 percent compared to the

1 first five months of 2025.

2 Fiscal year 25-26 has just concluded and it is  
3 important to report that there were 51 catastrophic  
4 injuries, only 33 of which were musculoskeletal, the lowest  
5 fiscal year total yet again. That is from approximately  
6 7,000 unique horses at regulated facilities during the  
7 fiscal year.

8 While one fatality is too many, recognizing the  
9 progress that California has made in this area of animal  
10 welfare is important. For context, in calendar year 2008,  
11 there were 348 -- 345, sorry. Calendar year 2019, when kind  
12 of our big push started, there were 128. This year's  
13 extremely low number represents years of hard work by the  
14 CHRB and stakeholders.

15 Importantly, the regulations and policies that we  
16 have created here in California have served as a model for  
17 other states and countries and in a very real way have  
18 driven the pursuit of animal welfare around the globe. Our  
19 work is not done, but the progress we've made here in  
20 California is undeniable.

21 Lastly, a few administrative notes. The next  
22 Board meeting will be held in Sacramento on September 9th.  
23 Additionally, CHRB staff are working to standardize Board  
24 packet submissions to make them more accessible and comply  
25 with accessibility laws surrounding public documents. So if

1 you're submitting something to the Board beyond like our  
2 applications, which are already accessible, check out the  
3 Board meeting area on the website for guidance on how those  
4 things should be submitted. And rest assured, this is going  
5 to be kind of a work in progress. And we'll, you know, if  
6 we get non-accessible documents, we'll certainly push back  
7 and let's help stakeholders figure out how to make those  
8 accessible.

9 And that, Mr. Chairman, is my report.

10 CHAIR FERRARO: Thank you very much.

11 Jeffrey?

12 DR. BLEA: Good morning, Chairman Ferraro, Vice  
13 Chairman Gonzales, Commissioners and Executive Director, Mr.  
14 Scott Chaney.

15 To really spice things up for the Chairman, I'll  
16 begin my report with an update on New World screwworm, a  
17 foreign animal disease last eradicated in the United States  
18 in 1966 and is now currently present in the United States.  
19 As of today, there are 32 cases, 18 active, 14 inactive  
20 cases, primarily in South Texas.

21 The California Department of Food and Ag has  
22 issued entry requirements for horses entering California  
23 originating from a state with an active New World screwworm  
24 infested zone. In other words, any state with any screwworm  
25 will now have requirements for those horses entering

1 California. Those requirements have been communicated to  
2 owners, trainers, racetrack management, and transport  
3 companies, and they will likely change throughout the summer  
4 and into the fall.

5 Last week, I attended the Grayson-Jockey Club  
6 Research Foundation Welfare and Safety Summit of the  
7 Racehorse in Lexington. Presentations and panel discussions  
8 included topics such as the Equine Injury Database, track  
9 surface and maintenance reporting, the regulatory vet  
10 scratch process, and aftercare programs to mention a few.  
11 CARMA presented a program which was very well received by  
12 the audience. There were also six presentations from  
13 several objective gait analysis and wearable biometric  
14 sensor companies.

15 Following the Welfare and Safety Summit, I  
16 attended a HISA Exercise-Associated Sudden Death Expert  
17 Summit and Workshop, which brought together a number of  
18 researchers, pathologists, regulators, as well as internal  
19 medicine and cardiac specialists from around the globe. The  
20 goals of the meeting included possibly developing a  
21 practical plan that can be implemented in the United States  
22 to reduce the incidence of sudden death in racing and  
23 training, identify key knowledge gaps for future research,  
24 and develop pre- and post-exercise protocols, including  
25 recommendations for veterinary listing and return to

1 participation requirements. Here in California, we've been  
2 doing that for about a year now.

3 A better understanding of exercise-associated  
4 sudden death will certainly help identify at-risk horses in  
5 the future. Much has been accomplished in this area.  
6 However, there's still quite work that needs to be done to  
7 address this complex and multifactorial syndrome.

8 Moving on to fatalities, in the month of May in  
9 California, there was one musculoskeletal fatality in racing  
10 and one in training. In the month of June, there were three  
11 musculoskeletal fatalities in racing. Additionally, there  
12 was one fatality related to a gastrointestinal disease in  
13 the month of June.

14 In CHRB testing at the Maddy Lab in May, 107  
15 paired blood and urine samples and one urine-only sample  
16 underwent routine post-race testing. Moreover, 136 post-  
17 race samples underwent supplementary analysis for anabolic  
18 steroids, EPO, or cobalt. Fourteen out-of-comp samples were  
19 submitted for routine testing, including EPO. Ten official  
20 work bloods were also, official vet list work bloods were  
21 also tested. In the month of May in California, there were  
22 three adverse analytical findings, one for albuterol and two  
23 for ethanol glucuronide, also known as drinking alcohol, in  
24 the month of May.

25 In CHRB testing in June, 117 paired blood and

1 urine samples, four blood-only and one hair sample underwent  
2 routine testing for post-race analysis. 121 post-race  
3 samples also underwent supplementary analysis for anabolic  
4 steroids, EPO, or cobalt. Twenty out-of-comp blood, hair,  
5 or urine samples were submitted for routine testing,  
6 including EPO. Also, nine official vet list work bloods  
7 were tested, and there were three -- there were three  
8 adverse analytical findings for phenylbutazone in the month  
9 of June.

10 This concludes my report, and I'm happy to answer  
11 any questions.

12 CHAIR FERRARO: Jeff, where are we with wearable  
13 lameness detection devices, the use of them?

14 DR. BLEA: We have -- we're still sorting out  
15 which one fits the needs of racing, quite frankly. So in  
16 California, we use an AI program called Sleip, S-L-E-I-P,  
17 which is an AI-based program that allows for gait analysis  
18 of a horse in motion. It's on an iPhone or it's on an iPad.  
19 You look at 30 seconds of a horse at the trot, and you get a  
20 complete analysis of that horse's gait. The official vets  
21 are using that program currently.

22 There's a company called Arioneo who came out to  
23 California a couple years ago. I met with them, took them  
24 around. We have probably three or four trainers using their  
25 wearable sensors. They are coming back out to California,

1 and I'd like to encourage more trainers to get onto that  
2 program. Not only does that wearable provide gait analysis,  
3 it provides fitness tools for the trainer, but it also  
4 provides a real-time ECG as soon as it's put on the girth of  
5 that horse to the time that it's taken off, the tack is  
6 removed from that horse. There's three or four others that  
7 StrideSAFE has used in Kentucky for race events.

8 I don't think the one-time race event is of much  
9 value. I think a daily longitudinal analysis using  
10 wearables is where we want to go, not only for  
11 musculoskeletal analysis, but for cardiac events.

12 So they're all trying to improve their product.  
13 Like with anything else in life, it's all about time or  
14 money. They're not cheap. I asked a trainer, I was trying  
15 to convince him to go to the wearables, and he told me they  
16 were too expensive. The next words out of his mouth were,  
17 check out my Meta glasses. Look what they can do.

18 So people are starting to engage. They're  
19 starting to get some traction. There's competitive  
20 companies out there. So I think we'll get closer and closer  
21 as things get better.

22 CHAIR FERRARO: So what's the cost right now for  
23 the average one of these things?

24 DR. BLEA: It depends on which one and how many  
25 you have, whether it's a monthly basis or a yearly basis.

1 So it all depends on the program that's set up. And some  
2 are still in development.

3 CHAIR FERRARO: Okay. Any questions from the  
4 Board?

5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: Just kind of a quick  
6 clarification, Doc. Most of these technologies have a  
7 hardware, right, which is like the initial investment, but  
8 they also come with subscriptions. Is that a fair --

9 DR. BLEA: Correct.

10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: -- statement for the  
11 ongoing?

12 DR. BLEA: You get the tool, the wearable, and  
13 then you have a subscription, and data services --

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: And the software?

15 DR. BLEA: -- and things like that, so --

16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: Thank you.

17 CHAIR FERRARO: Got one?

18 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: Is this for - oh, it's  
19 for public -- for public comment.

20 CHAIR FERRARO: Oh, okay. Okay. We don't need to  
21 approve these? No. All right. So thank you very much to  
22 both of you.

23 We're going to move on to public comment now. The  
24 first one up is Gail Matthews, Winning Hands -- I not --

25 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: I think it says Equine

1     Message.

2                 CHAIR FERRARO:  -- Equine Massage.

3                 MS. MATTHEWS:  It's Gail Matthews, Winning Hands  
4     Equine Massage, and I think I have the best job in horse  
5     racing.  It's such an awesome privilege to be with the  
6     horses the way I am, and it's why when I acknowledge and  
7     thank the CHRB, and HISA, and Dr. Blea, and the regulatory  
8     vets, it is heartfelt.  Your efforts, you are successful at  
9     what you're doing in making racing so much safer.  The  
10    change is enormous, so thank you.

11                There are two safety issues I would like to see  
12    the Board address.  One is the hillside turf course, and the  
13    number of fatalities that occur when the horses are crossing  
14    the dirt.  That's been consistent over the years.  It  
15    happened in the last meet, and I don't know what you can do.  
16    You know, you can't be moving turf over onto the dirt track  
17    so the horses are on a consistent surface, but something  
18    needs to be done to stop those fatalities.

19                The other thing I'd like to see is for you to  
20    consider scratching horses that break through the gate.  I  
21    am aware of one injury that took place during the last meet  
22    at Los Alamitos, not during -- not this recent meet, but  
23    previously.  And days later, the horse had to be put down,  
24    and it was due to a pelvic injury.  It just got me thinking,  
25    and I've seen other cases where horses have difficulties

1 after they've broken through the gate, so please consider  
2 scratching those horses.

3 And again, thank you.

4 CHAIR FERRARO: Thank you.

5 MS. MATTHEWS: It's a pleasure to see you all  
6 again.

7 CHAIR FERRARO: Any questions from the Board for  
8 Gail?

9 Keep up the good work, Gail.

10 MS. MATTHEWS: Thank you.

11 CHAIR FERRARO: Thanks very much. Anyone else?  
12 No. So we have a --

13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHANEY: Closed session.

14 CHAIR FERRARO: -- closed session, so I have to  
15 ask everyone to leave, please.

16 (Off the record at 10:25 a.m.)

17 (On the record at 10:43 a.m.)

18 CHAIR FERRARO: All right, can I entertain a  
19 motion to adjourn, please?

20 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: Motion.

21 COMMISSIONER ALFIERI: Second.

22 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Hudnut?

23 COMMISSIONER HUDNUT: Yes.

24 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Alfieri?

25 COMMISSIONER ALFIERI: Yes. Yes.

1 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Gonzales?

2 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: Yes.

3 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Castellanos?

4 COMMISSIONER CASTELLANOS: Yes.

5 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Davis?

6 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

7 CHAIR FERRARO: Commissioner Stern?

8 COMMISSIONER STERN: Yes.

9 CHAIR FERRARO: The Chairman votes yes. Meeting  
10 is adjourned.

11 (The Board adjourned at 10:43 a.m.)

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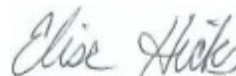
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