

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

- Date and Time:** August 21, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.
- Location:** California Exposition and State Fair Grandstand
1600 Exposition Boulevard
Sacramento, CA 95815
- Board Members Present:** Gregory Ferraro, Chairman
Oscar Gonzales, Vice-Chairman
Dennis Alfieri, Member
Damascus Castellanos, Member
Brenda Washington Davis, Member
Peter Stern, Member
- Staff Members Present:** Cynthia Alameda, Deputy Executive Director
Amanda Brown, Chief Counsel
Jeff Blea, Equine Medical Director
- Board/Staff Members Absent:** Thomas Hudnut, Member
Scott Chaney, Executive Director

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 19, 2025.**Motion:** Approve.**Motioned/Seconded:** Castellanos/Alfieri.**Roll call vote: Aye:** Stern, Davis, Gonzales, Castellanos, Alfieri, Ferraro. **Nay:** None.**Absent:** Hudnut. **Motion carried.**

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2. DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY THE BOARD ON THE APPLICATION FOR LICENSE TO CONDUCT A HORSE RACING MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES TURF CLUB II (T), AT SANTA ANITA, FROM SEPTEMBER 24, 2025, THROUGH OCTOBER 28, 2025.**Motion:** Approve.**Motioned/Seconded:** Gonzales/Alfieri.**Roll call vote: Aye:** Davis, Gonzales, Alfieri, Castellanos, Stern, Ferraro. **Nay:** None.**Absent:** Hudnut. **Motion carried.**

Pages 11-28 in the Board transcript.

3. DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY THE BOARD ON THE APPLICATION FOR LICENSE TO CONDUCT A HORSE RACING MEETING OF THE LOS ALAMITOS HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION (LARA) AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE, FROM SEPTEMBER 10, 2025, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 23, 2025.

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Motion: Approve.

Motioned/Seconded: Stern/Castellanos.

Roll call vote: Aye: Davis, Gonzales, Alfieri, Castellanos, Stern, Ferraro. **Nay:** None.

Absent: Hudnut. **Motion carried.**

Pages 29-35 in the Board transcript.

4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY THE BOARD REGARDING AN **AMENDMENT TO THE APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO CONDUCT ADVANCE DEPOSIT WAGERING OF XPRESSBET, LLC, PURSUANT TO BOARD RULE 2072(I).**

Motion: Approve.

Motioned/Seconded: Stern/Castellanos.

Roll call vote: Aye: Davis, Gonzales, Alfieri, Castellanos, Stern, Ferraro. **Nay:** None.

Absent: Hudnut. **Motion carried.**

Pages 35-39 in the Board transcript.

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY THE BOARD REGARDING THE **AMENDMENT TO RULE 1878 WORKOUTS, TO ESTABLISH A MAXIMUM AGE HORSES MAY WORKOUT.**

Motion: Approve.

Motioned/Seconded: Castellanos/Davis.

Roll call vote: Aye: Davis, Gonzales, Alfieri, Castellanos, Stern, Ferraro. **Nay:** None.

Absent: Hudnut. **Motion carried.**

Pages 39-41 in the Board transcript.

6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY THE BOARD REGARDING THE **AMENDMENT TO RULE 1699 RIDING RULES, TO ALLOW STEWARDS DISCRETION WHEN ISSUING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATING THE RULE AND TO ADDRESS A LEADING HORSE TO NOT SHORTEN THE STRIDE OF A PASSING HORSE.**

Motion: Approve.

Motioned/Seconded: Davis/Stern.

Roll call vote: Aye: Davis, Gonzales, Alfieri, Castellanos, Stern, Ferraro. **Nay:** None.

Absent: Hudnut. **Motion carried.**

Pages 41-43 in the Board transcript.

7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY THE BOARD REGARDING THE REQUEST FOR **APPROVAL OF THE NOMINATED MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CALIFORNIA THOROUGHBRED HORSEMEN'S FOUNDATION, INC., PURSUANT TO CHRB RULE 2049(A), DESIGNATION AND APPROVAL OF HORSEMEN'S WELFARE FUND.**

Motion: Approve.

Motioned/Seconded: Alfieri/Davis.

Roll call vote: Aye: Davis, Gonzales, Stern, Alfieri, Ferraro. **Nay:** None. **Absent:** Hudnut.

Recuse: Castellanos. **Motion carried.**

Pages 43-48 in the Board transcript.

8. REPORTS:

A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Pages 0-0 in the Board transcript.

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B. EQUINE MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

Pages 48-69 in the Board transcript.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Pages 69-80 in the Board transcript.

The Board Meeting was Adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

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A full and complete transcript of the aforesaid proceedings are on file at the office of the California Horse Racing Board, 1010 Hurley Way, Suite 300, Sacramento, California, and therefore made a part hereof.

Chairman

Executive Director