

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

- Date and Time:** January 14, 2026, at 9:28 a.m.
- Location:** CCAP Hearing Room #330 at 400 R Street
Sacramento, CA 95811
- Board Members Present:** Gregory Ferraro, Chairman
Oscar Gonzales, Vice-Chairman
Damascus Castellanos, Member
Brenda Washington Davis, Member
Thomas Hudnut, Member
Peter Stern, Member
- Staff Members Present:** Scott Chaney, Executive Director
Cynthia Alameda, Deputy Executive Director
Amanda Brown, Chief Counsel
Jeff Blea, Equine Medical Director
- Board/Staff Members Absent:** Dennis Alfieri, Member

1. Approval of the minutes of November 19, 2025.**Motion:** Approve.**Motioned/Seconded:** Davis/Stern.**Roll call vote: Aye:** Stern, Davis, Hudnut, Castellanos, Gonzales. **Nay:** None. **Absent:** Alfieri. **Abstained:** Ferraro. **Motion carried.**

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2. Discussion and action by the board regarding the amendment to the application for license to operate a minisatellite wagering facility of Oaks Local Craft Kitchen and Bar, pursuant to board rule 2066(h).**Motion:** Approve.**Motioned/Seconded:** Hudnut/Gonzales.**Roll call vote: Aye:** Stern, Davis, Ferraro, Gonzales, Hudnut, Castellanos. **Nay:** None. **Absent:** Alfieri. **Motion carried.**

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3. Discussion and action by the Board regarding comments received during the comment period for proposed amendments to CHRB rules 1588 and 1878 maximum age a horse may race or workout, respectively.**Motion:** - **NO ACTION** – (need more data)

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4. Discussion and action by the board regarding a request to amend the previously approved modified distributions of market access fees from advanced deposit wagering conducted by thoroughbred associations and racing fairs in the central and southern zones.**Motion:** Approve.

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Motioned/Seconded: Hudnut/Castellanos.

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

Absent: Alfieri. **Motion carried.**

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5. Discussion and action by the board regarding the **approval of an agreement, pursuant to CHRB rule 1581 (racing secretary to establish conditions), between the Los Alamitos quarter horse racing association and the pacific coast quarter horse racing association regarding entry conditions and intra-articular injections to be implemented at the race meet running December 24, 2025 through December 22, 2026, at Los Alamitos Racecourse.**

Motion: Approve.

Motioned/Seconded: Hudnut/Stern.

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

Absent: Alfieri. **Motion carried.**

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6. Discussion and action by the board regarding the **request by Bernal Park Racing Management Company for the allocation of race dates for a northern California combined fair race meeting in 2026.**

Motion: - TABLED UNTIL FEBRUARY 2026 MEETING -

Motioned/Seconded: Ferraro/Stern.

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

Absent: Alfieri. **Motion carried.**

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7. Discussion by the board regarding the **future and challenges of horse racing in California.**

Motion: - NO ACTION -

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8. REPORTS:

A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

B. EQUINE MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

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9. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Pages 112 in the Board transcript.

The Board Meeting was Adjourned at 11:59 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