

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Date and Time: July 8, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

Location: CCAP Hearing Room #330 at 400 R Street
Sacramento, CA 95811

Board Members Present: Gregory Ferraro, Chairman
Oscar Gonzales, Vice-Chairman
Dennis Alfieri, Member
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
Vitto Racowschi, Chief of Enforcement
Jeff Blea, Equine Medical Director

1. Approval of the minutes of May 13, 2026.

Motion: Approve.

Motioned/Seconded: Davis/Stern.

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

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2. Approval Consent Calendar Items: *Consent items are expected to be routine and noncontroversial. It is recommended that the Board adopt these items without discussion. If any interested party, member of the Board, or staff member requests that an item be removed from the Consent Calendar, it will be considered separately.***Action Items:**

Approval by the Board regarding the following **renewal applications for licenses to operate simulcast wagering facilities for a period of five years: Santa Clara County Fair and National Orange Show Fair.**

Motion: Approve.

Motioned/Seconded: Davis/Hudnut.

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

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3. Discussion and action by the Board on the approval of the formula and agreement to provide funding for the CHRB for fiscal year 2026-2027.

Motion: Approve.

Motioned/Seconded: Alfieri/Castellanos.

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

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4. Discussion and action by the Board on the **Application for License to Conduct a Horse Racing Meeting of the Los Angeles Turf Club II at Santa Anita, from September 23, 2026, through November 3, 2026.**

Motion: Approve.

Motioned/Seconded: Hudnut/Alfieri.

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

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5. Discussion and action by the Board regarding the **Application for License to Conduct a Horse Racing Meeting of the Los Alamitos Horse Racing Association at Los Alamitos Race Course, from September 9, 2026, through September 22, 2026.**

Motion: Approve.

Motioned/Seconded: Hudnut/Gonzales.

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

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6. Discussion and action by the Board regarding the **Los Alamitos Equine Sale Company's request for authorization of its horse sale at Los Alamitos Race Course in Cypress, CA, on October 3 - 4, 2026, pursuant to CHRB Rule 1807, Authorized Horse Sales.**

Motion: Approve.

Motioned/Seconded: Stern/Hudnut.

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

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7. Discussion and action by the Board on the **Fasig-Tipton's request for authorization of its horse sale at Fairplex Park in Pomona, CA on September 30, 2026, pursuant to CHRB Rule 1807, Authorized Horse Sales.**

Motion: Approve.

Motioned/Seconded: Alfieri/Davis.

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

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8. 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: Hudnut/Alfieri.

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

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9. Discussion and action by the Board regarding the **proposed amendment to CHRB Rule 1588 Horses Ineligible to Start in a Race, to establish a maximum age for racing and Rule 1878, Workouts, to establish a maximum age for workouts.**

Motion: Approve.

Motioned/Seconded: Davis/Castellanos.

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Roll call vote: Aye: Stern, Davis, Castellanos, Gonzales, Alfieri, Hudnut, Ferraro. **Nay:** None. **Absent:** None. **Motion carried.**
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- 10.** Discussion and action by the Board regarding the **request from the Jockey Defined Contribution Retirement Plan pension trustees to amend the plan to comply with federal law and permit participant-directed investments.**

Motion: Approve.

Motioned/Seconded: Hudnut/Castellanos.

Roll call vote: Aye: Stern, Davis, Castellanos, Gonzales, Alfieri, Hudnut, Ferraro. **Nay:** None. **Absent:** None. **Motion carried.**
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- 11.** Discussion by the Board regarding the **future and challenges of horse racing in California.**

Motion: None.

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12. Reports:

A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

B. B. EQUINE MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

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13. PUBLIC COMMENT.

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The Board Meeting was Adjourned at 10:43 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