



**15th DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION
KERN COUNTY FAIR AND EVENT CENTER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
Monday, March 16, 2026 • 5:00 PM
1142 South P Street, Bakersfield, CA 93307

BOARD DIRECTORS

Jared Britschgi (*Chairman*)
Blodgie Rodriguez
Cesar Chavez
David Torres
Norma Rojas-Mora

NaTasha Johnson (*Vice-Chairwoman*)
Lucas Espericueta
Ned Dunphy
David Lidgett

MISSION STATEMENT

The Kern County Fair and Event Center provides a year-round, safe, and friendly environment for educational, cultural, recreational and entertainment experiences that enrich and celebrate our community.

VISION STATEMENT

In order to enrich and celebrate our community, the Kern County Fair and Event Center will be a vibrant, relevant, multi-cultural event center, bringing the community together.

AGENDA

Items listed on this agenda may be considered in any order at the discretion of the Chairman. All items so listed may be considered for action. Any item not listed on the agenda will not be discussed or considered by the Board. Public Comments will be accepted on Agenda items at the time each item is considered by the Board. Comments are limited to three minutes.

CALL TO ORDER- CHAIRMAN BRITSCHGI

Those persons wishing to attend the meeting and who may require special accommodations pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act are requested to contact the CEO at 661.833.4900 or kcfair@kerncountyfair.com.

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ROLL CALL/DIRECTORS ABSENT- CEO OLCOTT

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment is a right granted to the public. It is reserved for items that are not listed on the agenda, but under this Board’s jurisdiction. Please be informed that public participation under public comment will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker and in accordance with state law, the Board will not comment or otherwise consider such public comment item for business until and unless such item has been properly listed on the agenda at a future meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR: *(Discussion/Action by Board)*

All matters listed are considered by the Board of Directors to be routine and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no discussion of these items prior to the vote unless members of the board, staff, or public request specific items to be discussed separately and/or removed from this section.

- a. Review of Minutes of January 26, 2026, Regular Meeting
- b. Review of 2026 Interim Rental Agreements

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee- Lucas Espericueta Chairperson

- a. Review of Financial Report *(Discussion/Action by Board)*
- b. Review of December 2025 Financials *(Discussion/Action by the Board)*
- c. Review of January 2026 Financials *(Discussion/Action by the Board)*
- d. Review of February 2026 Financials *(Discussion/Action by the Board)*
- e. Review of 2022 Financial Audit *(Discussion/Action by Board)*

Livestock Committee- Blodgie Rodriguez

- a. Review and Discussion of the 2026 Livestock Catalog. Addendum A.
(Discussion/Action by Board)

Facilities/ Business Development Committee – NaTasha Johnson

KC’s Farm Committee- Ned Dunphy and Lucas Espericueta

OLD BUSINESS: *(Discussion/Action by Board)*

NEW BUSINESS: *(Discussion/Action by Board)*

- a. Review and Discussion for Lilia Kenneally, Patricia Sweis and Evelin Martinez to attend the IAFE Institute of Fair Management Summit February 25th to the 28th, 2026 in Las Vegas, Nevada to continue their training program and courses.

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- b. Review and Discussion for Chelsey Roberts to attend the IAFE Grad Trac Training April 13th to the 15th, 2026 in Kansas City, MO. For the purpose of continuing education.
- c. Election of the 2026 Officers of the Board of Directors
 - 1. Chairman of the Board of Directors
 - 2. Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors
- d. Review and Discussion of the 2027 Kern County Fair dates.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- a. Next scheduled board meeting is **Monday, April 20, 2026**, at 5:00 PM.

CEO REPORT: *(Informational)*

- a. 2026 Kern County Fair

CORRESPONDENCE:

OTHER INFORMATION: *(Informational)*

CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Government Code (GC) section 11126, the Board is authorized to meet in Closed Session for the purpose of considering matters involving:

- a) Pending Litigation - Govt. code 11126(e)(2)
- b) Personnel - Govt. code 11126(a)(1)-CEO Hiring

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Report of any action taken during Closed Session

DIRECTOR COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT

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