



**15th DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION
KERN COUNTY FAIR AND EVENT CENTER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
Monday, April 21, 2025 • 5:00 PM
1142 South P Street, Bakersfield, CA 93307

BOARD DIRECTORS

Jared Britschgi (*Chairman*)

NaTasha Johnson (*Vice-Chairwoman*)

Cesar Chavez

Ned Dunphy

Lucas Espericueta

David Lidgett

Blodgie Rodriguez

Norma Rojas-Mora

David Torres

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

ROLL CALL/DIRECTORS ABSENT- CEO OLCOTT

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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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 March 17, 2025, Regular Meeting
- b. Review of 2025 Interim Rental Agreements
- c. Review of 2025 Standard Agreements

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee- Lucas Espericueta Chairperson

- a. Review of Financial Report *(Discussion/Action by Board)*
- b. Review of March 2025 Financials *(Discussion/Action by the Board)*

Livestock Committee- Blodgie Rodriguez

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 and Patricia Sweis to attend the CDFA Training “Nuts and Bolts” from April 21 to April 23, 2025 in Auburn, California at the Gold Country Fairgrounds.
- b. Review and Discussion to have a night during the annual Fair to honour a Private Business or Public Institution that has been supportive of the Fairgrounds.
- c. Review and Discussion regarding NEW State Livestock Rule that allows for a back up animal. See Adendum A:
- d. Review and Discussion of AB258 to support increasing the the percentage of the total gross receipts generated at fairs for sales and tax purposes, from ¾ of 1% to 5%.

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- e. Review and Discussion of SB493 which seeks to modernize and enhance the compensation framework for Secretary-Managers (CEO) of District Agricultural Associations (Fairgrounds). It sets salary ranges that Board of Directors would be able to set CEO salaries based on the financial position of each fairgrounds.
- f. Review and Discussion for CEO Olcott to attend Legislation Day at the State Capitol on behalf of the Kern County Fair and our member organization CERRVF (California Emergency Response Resiliency Venues and Fairgrounds). Tuesday April 29th returning Thursday May 1, 2025.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

- a. Next scheduled board meeting is **Monday, May 19, 2025**, at 5:00 PM.

CEO REPORT: *(Informational)*

- a. 2025 Kern County Fair
- b. 2025 Fairground Projects

CORRESPONDENCE:

OTHER INFORMATION: *(Informational)*

CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Gov. Code Section 11126(e)(2), the Board is authorized to meet in Closed Session for the purpose of conferring with and receiving advice from legal counsel regarding pending litigation.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Report of any action taken during Closed Session

DIRECTOR COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT

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