



**22<sup>nd</sup> DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
Del Mar Fairgrounds  
2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard  
Del Mar, CA 92014  
**April 24, 2026**

**MINUTES**

*The following minutes are a summary of the Board action and proceedings. For a full transcript please click on the link below or visit the delmarfairgrounds.com website:*

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**OFFICERS PRESENT**

Sam Nejabat, Chair  
Lisa Barkett, Vice Chair

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Mark Arabo  
Donna DeBerry  
Kathlyn Mead  
Ted Miyahara (via Zoom)  
Elsa Morales-Roth  
Frederick Schenk

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Joshua Caplan, Deputy Attorney General (Counsel) (via Zoom)  
Becky Bartling, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)  
Tristan Hallman, Chief Communications Officer (CCO)  
Katie Mueller, Chief Operations Officer (COO)  
Mike Seyle, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Phil Blair

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Nejabat called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Chair Nejabat, Vice Chair Barkett, and Directors Arabo, DeBerry, Mead, Miyahara, Morales-Roth, and Schenk were all present. Director Blair was absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Karen Goldstein, Cherilyn Besson

**RECESS TO CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board recessed to Closed Executive Session at 9:45 a.m.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 11:28 a.m. Chair Nejabat stated that the District Board of Directors considered the advice of Counsel on the items listed on the Closed Session portion of the agenda and has nothing to report.

During Closed Session, the Board voted 8-0 to appoint Rebecca Bartling as Chief Executive Officer of the District. Chair Nejabat, Vice Chair Barkett, and Directors Arabo, DeBerry, Mead, Miyahara, Morales-Roth, and Schenk all voted in favor of the appointment. Director Blair did not vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Nejabat adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.



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Becky Bartling  
Chief Executive Officer