



NOTICE OF MEETING

22nd District Agricultural Association Board of Directors
September 15, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

Boardroom

Del Mar Fairgrounds
2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard
Del Mar, California 92014

While the 22nd District Agricultural Association Board of Director's meeting will be conducted in person, per Government Code section 11133, the 22nd DAA will also provide for remote participation by Board members and members of the public. If you prefer to participate remotely, please check the 22nd DAA's website ([Public Information](#)) for the Zoom link and/or Zoom dial-in instructions on how to participate and/or view this meeting.

OUR PURPOSE

We are a timeless community treasure where all can flourish, connect, and interact through year-round exceptional experiences.

OUR MISSION

We connect our community through shared interests, diverse experiences, and service to one another in an inclusive, accessible, and safe place with an emphasis on **entertainment, recreation, agriculture, and education.**

22nd DAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sam Nejabat, Chair
Lisa Barkett, Vice Chair
Mark Arabo, Director
Phil Blair, Director
Donna DeBerry, Director
Kathlyn Mead, Director
Ted Miyahara, Director
Elsa Morales-Roth, Director
Frederick Schenk, Director

Secretary-Manager

Becky Bartling
Chief Executive Officer

22nd DAA Counsel

Joshua Caplan
Office of the California Attorney General

OUR GOALS

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Treat the campuses of the fairgrounds as one ecosystem where all activities are complementary and aligned with the purpose, mission, vision and values of the 22nd DAA and the Del Mar Fairgrounds.

BUSINESS PLAN

Acknowledging the short-term need to plan for fiscal recovery and stabilization, create a 5-to-10-year business plan that rebuilds a strong financial base, contemplates new business activities and partnerships, provides program accessibility, and leads to a thriving Del Mar Fairgrounds.

MASTER PLAN

Create an environmentally and fiscally responsible land use plan for the Del Mar Fairgrounds, aligning with purpose, mission, vision, and values of the organization.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Incorporate community engagement within the Business Plan and Master Plan processes to enhance understanding and expand opportunities.

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 office of the Chief Executive Officer, (858) 755-1161, at least five working days prior to the meeting to ensure proper arrangements can be made.

Items listed on this Agenda may be considered in any order, at the discretion of the chairperson. This Agenda, and all notices required by the California Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, are available at www.delmarfairgrounds.com/. Public comments on agenda items will be accepted during the meeting as items are addressed.



22nd District Agricultural Association Board of Directors
MEETING AGENDA
September 15, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – CHAIR SAM NEJABAT

All matters noticed on this agenda, in any category, **may be considered for action as listed**. Any items not so noticed may not be considered. Items listed on this agenda may be considered in any order, at the discretion of the Board Chair.

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

This item is for public comment on issues **NOT** on the current agenda. No debate by the Board shall be permitted on such public comments and no action will be taken on such public comment items at this time, as law requires formal public notice prior to any action on a docket item. Speaker's time is limited to **two** minutes and may be modified based on the number of public speakers. No speaker may cede their time to another speaker.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR** [Action Item]

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are operational matters about which the Board has governing policies, implementation of which is delegated to the CEO. They will be enacted in one motion. There will be no discussion of these items prior to the time the Board of Directors votes on the motion, unless members of the board, staff, or public request specific items to be discussed separately and/or removed from this section. Any member of the public who wishes to discuss Consent Calendar items should notify the Chair of the Board at the time requested and be recognized by invitation of the Chair to address the Board.

- **Minutes, Regular Meeting – August 18, 2026**
- **Contract Awards & Approvals**

Standard Agreements

Contract	Contractor	Purpose	Term	Not to Exceed
26-027	Versa Music Group, LLC	Talent booking & contracting services for the Grandstand	9/16/2026 - 9/15/2027	\$157,000.00

2026 San Diego County Fair Judging Agreements

Contract	Judge Name	Purpose	Not to Exceed
26-525	Brooke Muscat	Livestock	\$100.00
26-527	Shannon Deskin	Livestock	\$100.00

5. **CEO REPORT** – CEO Becky Bartling [Information Items]
- **Presentation by the Don Diego Scholarship Foundation**
 - **Operational Announcements**
 - Presentation by Matt Clay on upgrades at Del Mar Golf Center
 - Upcoming events schedule
 - **Construction Projects & Facilities Updates**
 - **Industry News & Updates**
6. **GENERAL BUSINESS**
- A. **Master Site Planning Committee Report** – Sam Nejabat, Chair
1. Staff report and presentation by SANDAG on special events train platform project [Information Item]
- B. **Executive Committee Report** – Sam Nejabat, Chair
1. Discussion and vote regarding creation of a second Vice Chair of the Board [Action Item]
- C. **Nominating Committee Report** – Lisa Barkett, Chair
1. Discussion regarding process for Board officer elections in November [Information Item]
- D. **Finance Committee Report** – Phil Blair, Chair
1. Recap of committee meeting held on September 9 [Information Item]
 2. Discussion of SB 84 Supplemental Payment Obligations – Repayment Process [Information Item]
- E. **Audit & Governance Committee Report** – Elsa Morales-Roth, Chair
1. Recap of committee meeting held on August 27 [Information Item]
 2. Review of the 22nd DAA Ticket Policy [Information Item]
 3. Discussion and vote to hold committee meetings during the second week after the full Board of Directors meeting [Action Item]
- F. **DMTC Liaison Committee** – Mark Arabo, Chair
1. Update from Josh Rubinstein on the 2026 Summer Race Meet [Information Item]
- G. **SRTL & RTA Meetings Report** – Kathlyn Mead, RTA President
1. Recap of State Race Track Leasing Commission and Del Mar Race Track Authority meetings on August 28 [Information Item]
- H. **Emergency Preparedness Committee Report** – Lisa Barkett, Chair
1. Recap of committee meeting held on September 9 [Information Item]
- I. **Fair Operations Committee Report** – Kathlyn Mead, Chair
1. Recap of committee meeting held on August 28 [Information Item]
 2. Presentation of San Diego County Fair guest survey results [Information Item]
 3. Discussion and vote on 2027 Fair date amendment [Action Item]
7. **MATTERS OF INFORMATION & DIRECTORS' REQUESTS**
- **Correspondence**
 - **Updated Board Committee Assignments**
 - **Review of Contracts Executed per CEO / COO Delegation of Authority**
 - None

8. **CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION (NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)**

Pursuant to the authority of Government Code section 11126(a), (b), and (e) the Board of Directors will meet in closed executive sessions. The purpose of these executive sessions is:

- A. To confer with and receive advice from legal counsel regarding potential litigation involving the 22nd DAA. Based on existing facts and circumstances, there is significant exposure to litigation against the 22nd DAA. (Govt. Code, § 11126, subd. (e).)
- B. To confer with and receive advice from legal counsel regarding potential litigation involving the 22nd DAA. Based on existing facts and circumstances, the Board will decide whether to initiate litigation. (Govt. Code, § 11126, subd. (e).)
- C. To confer with counsel, discuss, and consider the following pending litigation to which the 22nd DAA is a party. Melinda Carmichael v. 22nd District Agricultural Association, et. al., San Diego County Superior Court, Case No. 25-CU-047040C.
- D. To confer with counsel, discuss, and consider the following pending litigation to which the 22nd DAA is a party, Brad Oates v. 22nd District Agricultural Association, San Diego County Superior Court, Case No. 26CU021197C.
- E. To confer with counsel, discuss, and consider the following pending litigation to which the 22nd DAA is a party, April Johnson v. 22nd District Agricultural Association, et al., San Diego County Superior Court, Case No. 26CU032225C.
- F. To confer with counsel, discuss, and consider the following pending litigation to which the 22nd DAA is a party, Christopher Langer v. 22nd District Agricultural Association, et al., San Diego County Superior Court, Case No. 26CU043127C.
- G. Personnel: The Board will meet in closed session to consider those items authorized under Section 11126 of the Government Code, including but not limited to the evaluation of performance of the CEO. (Gov. Code, § 11126, subd. (a).)

9. **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

Report on actions, if any, taken by the Board in closed executive session.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**