

OCFEC May 28th, 2026 Board Meeting

- Barbara Bagneris** Good morning everyone. It is now 930 so we are going to get started. I'd like to call this meeting to order. All matters notice on this agenda in any category may be considered for action as listed. Any item not so noticed may not be considered. Any items on this agenda may be considered in any order at the discretion of the chairperson. The mission of OCFEC is enhancing equitable community access to agriculture, entertainment, cultural, and educational experiences. I'm going to call on our director, Martha, if she will lead us in the pledge.
- Everyone** I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.
- Barbara Bagneris** Thank you. We'll now have the roll call. Summer.
- Summer Angus** Chair Bagneris?
- Barbara Bagneris** Present.
- Summer Angus** Vice Chair Ruiz?
- Robert Ruiz** Present.
- Summer Angus** Director Kovacevich? Director Pham? Director La Belle?
- Doug La Belle** Here.
- Summer Angus** Director Rubalcava-Garcia? Director Bill Ezekiel?
- Tanya Bilezikjian** Here.
- Summer Angus** Director Jackson? And Director Sanchez Cannady?
- Martha Sanchez** Present.
- Summer Angus** Thank you.
- Barbara Bagneris** Thank you. I'm now going to call on the Communities Affairs Committee to do their presentation for this month.
- Natalie Rubalcava-Garcia** Thank you Chair Bagneris. So, it is my great honor as the as a co-committee chairperson for the Community Affairs Committee to honor and recognize somebody for each month. This month we are celebrating Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Heritage Month, AANHPI. And It is with great honor that I am able to recognize

on behalf of the Orange County Fair Board, Dong Wu Joseph Pac, who is here with us today, and we all know him as Joe Pack, so I'm going to go ahead and just share some, some of the work that he has been doing in our community for decades. So, Dong Wu Joseph Pack has been a senior field representative and Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk Silva's district office since 2013. Joe's approach to assisting those who reach out to the district office for guidance is always one of professionalism, kindness, and compassion. In addition to his professional duties, his leadership and can-do attitude have led to the development of many important projects in our community, including the creation of the new Orange County Korean War Memorial. The Korean War took the lives of 36,591 soldiers from the United States and its territories, Guam, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands, and US Virgin Islands. Of those, 2612 were from California and 58 from the county of Orange during a visit to Lincoln Park, Washington, DC, home of several war memorial sites. Mr. Pack was shocked to see that none of the names of those who gave their lives during the Korean War were listed. He approached several community leaders, including the President of the Korean American Federation of Orange County, with the idea of a memorial space where visitors could come to honor the sacrifices of US soldiers who lost their lives during the Korean War. After 12 years of hard work and community collaboration, his leadership led to the creation of a memorial to honor our Korean War heroes located at Hillcrest Park in Fullerton. Mr. Pac has been appointed as an ombudsman for the Orange County Korean War Memorial Monument by the city of Fullerton for being a great example of leadership and for his continuous community service. And since we all just celebrated Memorial Day, we thought it was an even greater honor. To welcome somebody who has been a champion for recognizing those who gave their the ultimate sacrifice to our country during the Korean War, Mr. Joe Pac, to please receive this recognition.

**Dong Wu Joseph
Pac**

Thank you very much for this great recognition. Humbled, as member Rubalcava just mentioned, think she mentioned everything that I wanted to say. However, I actually prepared a little talking point for myself, in case you know, Monday was Memorial holiday, somebody would give me an opportunity to come and speak, so I said I prepared for myself, and if you don't mind, I'm going to just read what I wrote down, okay? Hello, everyone, and thank you for joining us on this Memorial Day. That was Monday. Today we get here to honor the sacrifices made by brave individuals to protect American values and ensure our country's safety. Memorial Day is a solemn occasion to remember and honor the men and women who gave their lives defending our nation. I am a Korean American, and I'm deeply grateful to the United States of America, and particularly to the military for their services and sacrifices, as well as invaluable assistance to repel the

North Korean and the Chinese Red Army during the Korean War. Let me remind you all these facts about Korean War that started on June 25, 1950 when the North Korean military invaded South and lasted three years, one month, and two days until armistice was signed on July 27, 1953. Approximately 1.8 million US soldiers served in the Korean War. Out of that, 36,591 were killed in action, 7,876 missing in action, and POW. Approximately 103,000 were wounded in action. In total, the Korean War was one of the most costly and intense conflicts in terms of casualties for the US, and it led to significant losses, both in terms of lives and in terms of effects on veterans. However, their sacrifice went out in vain. Over seven decades later, Republic Korea is a successful driving democracy that boosts the nation of free people. In turn, Korea has given so much back to the free world, and Korea was also fighting side by side with American soldiers during Vietnam War. This alliance between the US and ROK symbolizes my connection to the Fullerton Korean War Memorial Monument. In 2009 I was appointed to the National Council on Disability. I'm a Polio survivor, and my left arm is completely paralyzed, and my leg is about 80% so anyway, that's the reason that I was appointed to the National Council of Disability to serve 57 millions of Americans with disabilities. And I went to visit the Korean War Veterans Monument at the Lincoln Park, and as member Ruben Carver mentioned earlier, I did not see a single name of those who gave their all on the way back. I ran into a great wall that's about 100 yard long, and you know what I meant is Vietnam War of Remembrance that has over 58,000 names on it, and I told myself maybe this is the reason Korean boys have forgotten more, because there are no names, and I saw many family members alongside this wall finding their loved ones and put a piece of paper and scratch it with a pencil and fold it nicely and keep in their pocket and with the tears coming down and walking away. This so the only thing I saw at the Korean War Veterans Money One was 19 Statues of US soldiers, and this is, you know, 2009. Now they have changed. On the way back, as I mentioned, to the Intercontinental Hotel. I saw this wall of remembrance. So this was a really stark difference between the Korean Veterans Monument and Vietnam Wall if remembrance. So I began in 2009 this 12 year effort to build a world that's going to have more than 36,000 Koreans that were killed in action, so next 12 years I designed five star monument, and you will see it on their five star monument, and the city of Fullerton was grateful to allow the venue. I got great help from my boss, Sharon Silva, and her husband, Tessie Silva, at the time was a mayor of Fullerton, and in 2009 they provided the little location above the Hillcrest Park, and that was the main reason that Korean government, through the Congress appropriation, allowed \$237,000 as a seed money for this project. So We had a great organizing committee, and we worked very hard, and we also had a sister city in Yong, in Korea, and become a part of the committee.

**Dong Wu Joseph
Pac**

So, there were over 350 donors for this project, and all their names are inscribed on the back of that Korean War memory of sign. Behind there are all the names, except those who give less than 500 They are on the website. I'm almost done. So each of these stars have 10 panels, and each panel has 750 names. So, one star has 7,500 names. One of the reasons that I came up with this five-star figure is whenever I approach so many different cities over in Anaheim, Buena Park, none of them wanted to provide the venue, because if I were to have a wall, that means entire park will disappear. So I had to come up with this five star, very compact location, and it was able to convince the city of Fullerton to approve that venue, and on that, the fifth star on the 10th panel, we also have names of 58 soldiers from Orange County, separately listed. They are also part of the 2,612 in the California, so there are 50 states and five US territories alphabetically and alphabetically by the soldier's name, and for this effort, City of Fulton appoint me as an ombudsman for the Korean War Memorial, so In conclusion, I hope to see the 75 year strong alliance between the United States and South Korea continue to grow even stronger in the years ahead. I am deeply grateful and proud to stand with all of you today in support of this enduring partnership, it was an honor for me to share this upbringing of the Orange County Korean War Memorial Monument. As a founder of the monument, I will forum be proud, and I really thank you very much for the recognition. Thank you.

**Natalie
Rubalcava-Garcia**

Thank you, Mr. Pac. So, I'd like to present you with the proclamation. So, I'm not going to read the entire thing, but I'm just going to briefly read, because our team has done such a great job putting this together. This proclamation and resolution of the Board of Directors of the 32nd District Agricultural Association regarding Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander Heritage Month and the equal representation of diversity presented at the Orange County Fairgrounds is presented to Dong Wu Joseph Pak. So, thank you so much for coming here today, and for receiving this recognition.

Barbara Bagneris

Aright. Thank you for being here today, Mr. Pac. And, as always, to our Community Affairs Committee, thank you. We're now going to move on to the next agenda item, which are the minutes. The chair will accept a motion to approve the minutes from our April 23 motion to approve.

Tanya Bilezikjian

Moved.

Barbara Bagneris

It's been moved.

Doug La Belle

Second.

Barbara Bagneris

It's been moved in second. Summer will take the roll call.

Summer Angus Chair Bagneris?

Barbara Bagneris Yes.

Summer Angus Vice Chair Ruiz?

James Canfield He's giving the thumbs up.

Summer Angus Oh, you're muted. Director Ruiz, Director Pham?

Newton Pham Abstain.

Summer Angus Director La Belle?

Doug La Belle Yes.

Summer Angus Director Rubalcava-Garcia?

Natalie Rubalcava-Garcia Yes.

Summer Angus Director Bilezikjian?

Tanya Bilezikjian Yes.

Summer Angus And Director Sanchez Cannady?

Martha Sanchez Yes.

Summer Angus Thank you.

Barbara Bagneris Okay. Next agenda item: matters of public comments. Public comment is allowed on issues not on the current agenda. However, no debate by the board should 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 an agenda item. Speakers are requested to fill out and submit a comment card to the meeting secretary prior to the start of the meeting, and are limited to three minutes, and I don't see any public comment.

Summer Angus Not general public comment, no.

Barbara Bagneris Okay, we're going to move on to the consent calendar. All matters listed under consent, under 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 be discussed separately and are 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. So, we do have two consent calendar speakers, and we'll hear from them at this time, Christian Dixon, and followed by Michael Overlander. I hope I pronounced the last name, okay? So, is Christian here? Christian, come on, Which is the consent calendar?

James Canfield

Yeah, the consent calendar is all together, that is part of the consent calendar. So this is the appropriate time for your comment.

Barbara Bagneris

Thank you, Director Canfield. I'm a CEO, Canfield. Yes, now is the time for the consent calendar. We take it all in one motion, so your comments are appropriate now. And if you want to go before Christian, that's fine.

**Michael
Oberlander**

Okay, Christian and I work together. Hello, everyone. Thank you for allowing us to comment briefly. My name is Michael Oberlander. I'm the president and CEO of Kaleo Marketing. We are, have been proud silver sponsors of the Orange County Fair since 2010. We're here to make ourselves available, because there has been, unfortunately, as you're probably aware, a former employee of ours has started a rather aggressive defamation campaign against us in attempting to disrupt our business. Us, as I expect you're aware, we met with several executives from Tandem about two months ago in a fairly comprehensive meeting, where many issues were covered, explained in our standard operating procedures, protocols were reviewed, and documentation was also provided to to back that up. My understanding is that this was all presented to you guys, and you approved our continued participation with the fair. So but now it's this false person that is attempting to defame us has gotten onto the agenda here, so we are here should anyone have further questions, comments, or need clarification on our standard operating procedures and ethics. I will mention that we are quite proud, not only to have represented, not only to participated with the OC Fair, but we are proud sponsors of the Los Angeles Dodgers, Yankees, AMC Regal movie theaters, the Honda Center, and so on and so forth. So we are a premier marketing outreach group for gold standard in the vacation ownership industry, which is travel and leisure and window. I will leave it at that, unless there we're here to be of service and answer any questions or concerns that any board member or anyone might have.

Barbara Bagneris

So, at this time, we don't, we wouldn't have any questions for you.

**Michael
Oberlander**

Great.

Barbara Bagneris We gave you the opportunity to speak on the on the matter, and so if we do want to reach out to you separately after this, we can do that.

Michael Oberlander That would be great. Thank you for your time.

Barbara Bagneris Thank you, Christian. Did you want to say anything, or you're okay? You were, you were a team, okay? All right. Thank you for being here. We appreciate it. Okay, so the chair will accept a motion to accept the consent calendar. Staff not pulling anything, and no one else is asked to pull anything.

Doug La Belle So move.

Barbara Bagneris It's been moved.

Robert Ruiz Second, second.

Barbara Bagneris Thank you, Director Ruiz. It's been moved and seconded to accept the consent calendar. Summer will take the roll call.

Summer Angus Chair Bagneris?

Barbara Bagneris Yes.

Summer Angus Vice Chair Ruiz?

Robert Ruiz Yes.

Summer Angus Director Pham?

Newton Pham Yes.

Summer Angus Director La Belle?

Doug La Belle Yes.

Summer Angus Director Rubalcava-Garcia?

Natalie Rubalcava-Garcia Yes.

Summer Angus Director Bilezikjian?

Tanya Bilezikjian Yes.

Summer Angus And Director Sanchez Cannady?

Martha Sanchez Yes.

Summer Angus Thank you.

Barbara Bagneris All right, so the next item on the agenda is closed session, and so we're going to leave the room and have closed session. We'll be back and continue from that point.

Summer Angus Director Ruiz and Josh. I will be putting you in the breakout room. Give me just a moment.

Josh Caplan Thank you.

Barbara Bagneris Okay, we are back in session. We are back in session. The board met in closed session, and we have nothing to report. We're now going to move to the CEO's verbal operational announcements and updates. I'm gonna turn it over to James for his brief comments.

James Canfield Brief. Yes, I'm really good at brief, everyone knows. I will be brief, though today. Very exciting week in Southern California last weekend, and through the weekend with the Garden Grove evacuations and terrible impact on 50 to 60,000 people who were evacuated. Because of our commitment to emergency response and being a key venue within the Orange County community we stayed in touch with our partners both at Orange County OES and State OES to see what, if any, services we could provide, we did have Scottish Fest on the ground, so we, we had quite a bit of activity. They had indicated that one of the challenges they might have would be evacuees with Harvey's and campers. On Sunday, they did activate us, and thanks to our great operations team, and we met here on Saturday. Michael took the lead, along with Jerry, and our entire team of folks that are experts, and we set up 25 spaces in our campground and other 75 spaces out in our lot to be able to accommodate folks, that was on Saturday. On Sunday we did get activated, and we ended up, I think, just because of the timing, a lot of the folks had already found places at one point. They had 60 or so campers that had shown up at Bolsa Chica State Beach that they could not accommodate. So we did welcome 11 families with campers and RV's to the ground, so we were able to provide some services for folks, and but again we were ready with about 100 spaces where we could have accommodated folks, and I think it was a great test for us, and it was great for the the OC OES folks and the state OES folks to know that we're prepared to be there and how quickly we respond, so thanks to all our operational team. I know Michael will pass that on, but we had our our events team, our maintenance and marketing team, our maintenance and grounds teams, we had our parking teams, so it was really kind of an all hands on deck effort. So, thanks to everybody on our team for the great work. By the way, that went through this past yesterday at 5pm and obviously everybody was getting on clear and go back. My next item was to be to do a quick update on the master site

plan, and I'll preface this by saying the intention is to bring an updated master site plan reflecting the work that we've been doing, along with the. Both the facilities committee and the entertainment task force to kind of bring back the priorities, etc. We're planning to do that at the June board meeting, so it'll be a little more robust presentation, but today we want to celebrate what work was done in the Pacific Amphitheater. The board made it very clear that one of our new priorities was going to be doing work in the amphitheater to bring that up to industry standards, to make sure we're providing the necessary services, etc. Not only for the acts, to make sure that we're of that yield choice, but also for public attending, so I've asked Michael to kind of present the work that he and his team have overseen, so Michael.

Michael Searle

Alright, thank you very much. We have just a few slides to give you a visual of what was accomplished out there, but in two short months the team really pulled together and responded and delivered on something I heard in one of my very first meetings, that we wanted to be a first class venue for both our guests and our artists, and I think the entire team took that to heart and really delivered the whole time. So in two months we did all new landscaping throughout the venue, refreshed the asphalt in the parking lots around the amphitheater, but also the asphalt leading up to the amphitheater box office and entrances, which really just set the tone for everything else guests could expect to experience. You can see in the picture that we repainted the box office to a nice modern blue color, and that really became part of the color palette throughout the effort. Repainted the exteriors of the buildings there, but also the restrooms, the concession stands were repainted. Many of the walls inside the facility, the sound walls, so extensive work to just kind of give a refresh and renewed look to the whole thing. Marketing team did a great job getting advertising out front for us. In this slide, on the top row, you'll see some of the stuff that was done to concessions. OBG was certainly a major partner in this effort. They renewed the temporary concession stands, the picture on the left and in the center, and then on the right, new storefront windows for the permanent concession stands. Down below, you'll see one of our restrooms that was remodeled or refreshed, new paint on the exterior, new modern signage inside new paint, refresh that, sorry, and then that's all right with that, that notion of, you know, being modernized and first class really put some effort into the tile entryways into the restrooms. The E team and Matthew really did a great job of thinking about color palettes and how we can make it look modern. Next slide, one of the things that Michelle and James had mentioned was that artists that made negative comments or the agents that they really wanted a different feel to the space they were occupying when they came to the venue, and this is where I think for the artists the team truly delivered. Matthew curated all of the furniture that's inside to the effort of trying to stop renting everything and start purchasing all of

the furnishings were were purchased and became part of our asset pool, so we're ready to go at a moment's notice and can keep things maintained, put patios out in front of both of the trailers to expand the size of the environment the artists get to enjoy while they're here, and with an attention to detail, even looked at the approach a bus would take coming into the backstage environment, and I included the picture on the left because I was so proud of the team. The fence line on either side of that driveway needed the attention, it really did, and as you well remember, there was a lot of fence around the old Lego land that took a while to come down and stay there so long, we owned it, so I Jerry came up with the idea of repurposing that fence, put all new fence in, and so the Legoland has a living piece on the fairgrounds, it's still got the fence that was replaced, but really, hats off to the entire team, it was an effort that that Everyone from the E team, the accounting team, purchasing team, the operational team. A special thank you to OBG and a special call out to Keith and Jerry, who really were in it every day, weekends, long days, making sure that they delivered, and they truly did. I think guests had a great time.

Barbara Bagneris Yeah. and I need Matthew to come to my house.

Michael Searle I think we, we all have put in our request, because he is magical in what he does, for sure.

James Canfield Great, thank you.

Michael Searle Yes, on the fence, on the fence, Legoland lives on.

James Canfield Legoland fencing, and again it was very well received by the public and by the artists as well. We had some folks, you know, the managers, for instance, for Revolution was there and had a chance to take a look at it, just like, oh my gosh, this is incredible. So, you know, I think we'll continue to get very positive feedback, and Michelle's working to do some surveys for us, to both patrons and the artists, about both the backstage and then the public areas.

Barbara Bagneris So they're going to stay there?

James Canfield Those were the restrooms that we actually set up to accommodate campers. We own those, and we just brought them out and set them up in case we did get 100 RV's. Okay, so they will go away after we do have the hiring event this weekend. They'll, we're going to leave them out there for that, because we anticipate having a large crowd coming out for our job fair. So it's kind of sticking with with the entertainment venues. A few quick updates on our new entertainment announcements. We did add a Willie Nelson date in the amphitheater, July the 12th. For those of you in the classic rock genre, Jason Bonham's Led Zeppelin

evening, Jason Bonham is the son of the original drummer Berlineth, by the way, that's august 22. We have announced, and I think we might have talked about it at the last meeting, Diana Ross for August 28 as well. In the Action Sports Arena, we filled out the rest of the schedule, August 5 through 16th, and we're basically crashing everything we can find. We have motor homes, mini cars, damsels in distress, mini vans, and emergency pursuit vehicles, and so every night there will be a new, a new crash test dummy project going on there. But that'll be a lot of fun. Obviously, those are very positive events. In the hangar, we brought back some favorites, Peaches Gold on August the 14th. And believe it or not, No Duh, which is the No Doubt tribute band, and that's really in celebration of the fact that they're at the sphere, so we couldn't get the real no doubt, but we have no duh instead, so. As always, the OC fair continues, really our industry engagement and leadership there, one of the things that happens on a monthly basis, and it's, and it's driven by CDFA and Deputy Secretary Flores, are collaboratives, and that's managers and CEOs from fairgrounds across the state that come their presentations and meetings and seminars, etc. I attended the May event, there were a number of great topics related to some statewide services, the statewide travel program, which, where we can participate if we so choose. There was a lot of discussion about processes for either leasing land if the fairgrounds wanted to lease land for our use or if we wanted to lease land to someone else, and what those processes are, and there's also a really robust state surplus property program that would allow us to collect either property, real property, or equipment, other things as well. So we learned about that, spent some time with Cal Fire talking about fire camps, fire camp requirements, and emerging. See response MOUs, and it was very fortunate that we ended up needing to do a an emergency response activation for us. Ours is primarily handling the county. We do have an MOU with the county in place, and based upon kind of the latest correspondence and different things we're going to work to upgrade that the office DGS Office of Sustainability gave a presentation, one of the things that they talked about was a solar power program that could be done under a PPA or power purchase agreement, where the the entire capital cost would be funded with no direct cost to the fairgrounds for the installation of solar power, so we've got meetings with them scheduled for September after the fair, so they could come do site surveys. What we're most interested in is covering our park, some of our large park open parking areas with solar panels, and it gives us two things: it gives us power generation, but it also gives us shaded parking, which I think a lot of people appreciate. Yeah. Eight, a couple other things, the SB 94 which was the loan program that came out of the COVID time. There's some discussion about the payback process of that, and what may need to happen.

James Canfield

We, I believe, our liability is around \$1.7 million so that'll either be a

claw back or we're looking at other options to pay that through CDFR, so we'll see how that works out, and then there was also some discussion about kind of a more regional approach that fair grounds could use to kind of capitalize on not only our purchasing power but the expertise and staffing that we have throughout the system, so you know we have a number very small fair grounds that have one, you know, one full-time person and a part-time administrative person, and for them to do purchasing agreements and put things out to bid, and all those other things for them to handle HR, etc. So there was quite a bit of discussion about kind of a regional approach on some of those things to, you know, increase availability and accessibility, what those services, and how OC Fair could participate as well. Also had two meetings with CCA, the executive committee at board meeting, and again we're still working on a number of things at CCA, at the board level, the strategic planning and procedures and processes with our new CEO. We're also in discussions with them about staffing and project management plans, specifically for the OC Fair and Event Center, which will be bringing back to the board as soon as we kind of get a finalized proposal from them, and hopefully that'll be part of our master site plan presentation at the June meeting. And the other thing that they're doing is engaging with a grant consultant to help us identify grants that then we can participate in as fair grounds, and then CCA can manage, so everybody wins in that scenario, and that is it for me. And I know that it probably wasn't as brief as it could have been, but I apologize in advance. You're working on it. Yes.

Barbara Bagneris

Okay. Thank you so much, CEO Canfield. We appreciate the updates. We're now going to move into our governance process, and the first item is review of OC FEC policies and procedures for collecting collection of outstanding debt. I'm gonna turn that back over to James. And there is no public comment.

James Canfield

So this discussion came out of kind of our annual review of bad debt write-off, which was at our last meeting, and one of the things that the board asked for was for us to come back and do a review of what our collection policies and procedures are, so Melissa is prepared to kind of walk us through that, so everybody can understand, and obviously there's a lot that goes into it long before there's a question of writing it off or anything. So, I'll turn it over to Melissa. Do you want the..

Melissa Au-Young

I want you to have a brief report. So, staff regularly reviews all our outstanding receivables, so you can submit when the invoices are sent and generally do within 30 days, and these are often they could be rental agreements or sporting agreements, junior livestock invoices, a number of things, and so those are generally due within 30 days, at which point we send out courtesy reminders, so about 31 to 120 days, every 30 days

in intervals we sent out an additional courtesy reminder on there, ultimately sending four, and that's for the recommendation of the accounting procedures that I know that CFA puts out, and so that allows us to move into some of the other collection efforts, so that it's one of those that we travel, we always make sure that we send four letters, and there's a specific way that they need to be sent, and so we do adhere to those, and so at that point, once it hits 120 days, we essentially review the amount owed, and all this time we've been, we'll make phone calls, emails, if it's an event, there's a promoter, we reach out tandem and have them reach out to the promoter directly, and so we kind of use all those avenues that are available, and we'll reach out as well, finance will reach out as well, how that we can contact someone there, but once it does hit the 120 days, we'll review it, and the amount owed, and circumstances, and essentially weigh the cost against collection to the amount owed, and the likelihood of recovery. So, it, for example, you know, we had written off the \$65 if it wasn't for the city at that point, we would have recommended that be written off, just because the amount of collection efforts and staff time it just doesn't make sense, and so it's kind of what we kind of weighed against what's best for the organization as far as pursuing collection efforts, and so if we, we do have the option of, for example, we'll reach out and offer payment plans to some of them, sometimes we'll refer to a collection agency. We haven't done that in quite some time, but we did. We did reach out, and we have a collection agency that we've been working with to help kind of clear up, and so we can utilize those services now. We, if it's an individual and we have their specific information, we can use the FTD intercept program. We're part of that now, and so we're set up for that, and we kind of know what we need with that, and so that's an option for that one, primarily for individuals, but that is something, and then if, for example, someone does have a past due amount, they are precluded from utilizing the space, or so for vet rentals, for example, if it's a recurring event, we don't allow them to rent the space until they've cleared up their past few amounts, and so that is also something that we address, and so once generally we do try, and this process takes at least about a year. Because we are pursuing different avenues, and it does take a little bit. We want to make sure that we give a few of them adequate time to make those payments, and so usually we do, we do come to some resolution with the person that owes the amount, and so we do have a run across somewhere they're deemed uncollectible, and so generally it's we can't locate the person business filing for bankruptcy. Sometimes the cost of collection doesn't outweigh the amount owed. If the debt is too old, some collection agencies will move until that they will pursue it, and they'll let us know which ones, but generally they're unable to the collection agency, is unsuccessful. For example, it's just a number of things. If it remains unpaid, and the likelihood of it not being paid is going to remain fairly high, then we will at that point will deem it

uncollectible and recommend it be written off. And then the board, just as a reminder, the process for that \$500 and under the board is authorized to discharge any of that amount, and at the last meeting that the board delegated that authority also to staff, and so when that occurs, we will provide a report that kind of shows what, what it is, or why we ended up discharging the debt, but so the board is authorized to do that, and then between \$501.70 \$500 we need to submit a packet that includes all our collection efforts, efforts, documentation, and why we can't collect the debt and submitted to the state controller's office, and anything over 70, well, \$7,501 is submitted to the state controller's office, as well as the attorney general's office, and then there's also another, it's a veteran's office that needs to discharge, so at that point they become much harder to discharge, and my understanding is very few people right now are getting approval for that, even if there are circumstances that were warranted, just because of the states.

Josh Caplan Melissa, this Josh Caplan Online. We're having a hard time hearing you on Zoom. Could you pull the microphone a little bit closer to you?

Melissa Au-Young Does this work?

Josh Caplan That's much better. Thank you.

Melissa Au-Young Well, that I mean, that concludes my report.

Barbara Bagneris So, only only comment that I would make is what we voted was that if it was under 500 you don't need to bring it to us, correct? Yeah, so if it's over 500 then you need to bring it.

Melissa Au-Young Yes, it's just the per state, the statutes. It is technically the board's at the board's discretion to write it off, even if you have delegated it to staff. Yes, technically it's still the board's, but we will, we do have the ability now, because of the board's decision to to do that, and we'll provide a report of when we do that.

Barbara Bagneris Okay.

James Canfield Yeah. Part of, part of our process will be that we'll report that through the fight.

Barbara Bagneris Don't mind knowing.

James Canfield Yes, yes. I think the other thing to add to that is we also work very hard on the front end to make sure you know with events, as a for instance, we do estimates, we collect funds in advance with every effort to make sure we're holding enough money to pay what the anticipated bills are at the end of the event. So, generally, if it's an event-related cost, it's for

something that was unforeseen, but again, we manage some of that by what you can't rebook until the debt is paid. And the same with any other, you know, if it was someone you know who is in The Ranch, as a for instance, we would say, well, either pay or you have to bow, right? So I think there's a lot of robust work done aside from this to make sure that we minimize the receivables that we do end up with.

Barbara Bagneris Thank you. Thank you for your report. We appreciate it.

James Canfield Thanks, Melissa.

Barbara Bagneris The next item...are there any, any comments from any board members? Okay, we're going to move on to the OC Fair and Event Center economic impact report. I'm turning it back over to James again, and there's no public comment.

James Canfield So, I know we talked about this a while back. It was something that a member of the public brought up about a study. IAFI commissioned a study to determine the overall economic impact of the fair industry, and I've got, actually, I have some of those results here as well, and again, I'll highlight those. The other thing that that study allowed us to do was extrapolate the information that was gathered, much, you know, and we were strong participants in that survey to see what our local impacts are here from the Orange County Fair and Event Center, so really high level on national from a national standpoint, there are 97 point 9 million visitors that attend fairs with \$30 billion in economic impact, and again, that's the breadth of the fair industry. This is data from 2024. That's 13,192 different fairs, and again, we can provide the study, the national study, as well to the board, I'm not sure if we did or not. I thought we had, so, but I did want to share it again. Fiscal impact to the state and local government, 760.9 million, but obviously a very significant positive economic impact that the fair industry has across the country. So, as we previously discussed, we also were able to dive down and look at the impacts of the OC fair, as well as our year-round event activity, which was all information that we shared with the consultant. So this is again, is for 2024, our economic impact: \$330 million. Almost 331 million just from our 23 day fair, 1.0 5 million visitors, 20 190 jobs sustained, 13,000 room nights, \$109 million in wages that are primarily for local residents. 11.6 million in sales tax, 384,000 in TOT, and 11.9 million in fiscal impact for sales and hotel tax totals. So, again, this is just for our 23 day fair, so really significant numbers when you extrapolate that for our year-round, and again, this is from specific data that we were able to provide: four and a half million visitors, 67,000 hotel room nights, \$934 million in economic impact, including our year-round activities and the fair. 5,960 jobs, 312 and a half million in wages, 1.7 in hotel bed tax, and 32 million in sales tax revenues. So the

OC Fair Event Center is indeed an economic generator, you know, for the region and a key part of the overall landscape of affairs and expositions. Each of the members does have kind of the full study. I've just extrapolated some of the key, some of the key numbers. And again, this is just another chart that shows that information, but I thought it was really great data, understanding this is a study, there's extrapolation, there are assumptions, there are different things, but I know that particular company, they do a lot of feasibility studies and economic impact studies. They're one of kind of the standards in the event industry. So we're very excited about.

Barbara Bagneris Do they do this every year?

James Canfield I this is this is the first time that they've done it on that scale, and I think individual fairgrounds or individual localities have done their own over the years, but this one was actually funded by IAFE, and it was really Ken Carnes who drove that effort, because you know, and a big part of is wanting to make sure that the fair industry has the appropriate voice in setting priorities and policy, and you know, I mean, it's a massive group, you know, 1300 fairs, and you know, attracting 100 million attendees on an annual basis, and generating that kind of economic impact. So, I'd like to see this every year. Well, I, it is something that will, we're talking with them about. There can be a significant cost.

Barbara Bagneris As long as they're picking it up.

James Canfield Well, yeah, as long as, and we have talked with IAFE about doing regular updates to this, but you know that's a whole much bigger group on a board, so we'll, we'll continue to push that as well.

Barbara Bagneris Thank you for that. Any comments from the board members?

Doug La Belle Just a quick comment, Barbara. Great report. I think we ought to do everything we can to share that information with our partners out there, restaurants, hotels, the city, other businesses, so they know the more they help us do things, the better off it is for them. I don't know what your plan is, but however we get that out to the broader community, I would strongly suggest that.

James Canfield Absolutely. At this point, we do intend to share it with some of our local hospitality industry partners, as opposed to Mesa, as a for instance, visit Anaheim, and some of those folks, so they can share what we feel are very positive impacts that we're making, but we wanted to present the information to the board before we really did anything else with it, but you know, I think it's, it will be appropriate for us to do a release with the information, and you know, I. You feel that right, we've got, you know, we'll hire 12 or 1400 local residents from Southern California,

certainly many from Orange County to come and work here, and you know that's a lot of money that we put back into the economy. Absolutely, absolutely, yeah, I absolutely. And it's generational. We hear from folks, I worked there, my kids worked there, now their kids are working, you know. So it's, it's really, it's really fun.

Barbara Bagneris

Well, thank you for that report. Any other comments? Okay, we'll move on to our next agenda item, Annual State of the OC Fair & Event Center address. I'm turn this back over to James. There is no public comment.

James Canfield

So this is a presentation that comes out of our strategic planning, which calls for a couple updates on an annual basis, one being kind of a general state of the fair, and then next month we will do a mid year financial report that that Melissa will handle for us to be consistent. I followed the same format and a lot of the same information that's been updated as the board has seen in the past that again I'll go through this really as quickly as I can. So a few things, obviously focus on business growth, new events, and these are 2025 based statistics now through through where we are today, 12 new events, 11 new events booked to date this year. Nine new sponsors for the fair in 25 and then four new site to date in 26. 20 new merchants for the fair, 17 from California, seven of those from Orange County. Five new concessionaires. I'm sorry, seven new concessionaires, five from California. Review of what we did for the Pacific Amphitheater. Almost over 159,000 tickets sold, concert gross \$9.4 million with three sold out shows. Got everything crossed to beat that this year. And then capital projects overall 66 projects scheduled for 26. 24 of those are already completed, and the others are active or pending continued planning, etc. We did, as everybody knows, open the administrative office building, which was the end of a long road, but we are indeed better together now that we've got everyone in here. And then our next capital project will be the restrooms in the campground, and that will kick off in September. We do continue to have a solid foundation financially as well. 60 little over six, almost 61 million in cash and cash equivalents, which is almost a 21% increase over last year an OSA profitable OC fair model with almost 23 million in net proceeds from the fair year to date, we're positive off the bottom line by \$1.2 million versus budget, which is again something we're very proud of. And with our year-end projection, and obviously the fair coming up is makes up a big piece of this, but we're budgeting and projecting about a \$7.2 million in net proceeds for the year of 2026. Continue with with our innovation, innovation continuing to work on the website, ticketing packages, accessibility, and when I say accessibility, I mean making the fair more accessible to more Orange County residents and groups that may have had challenges getting here in the past, because of pricing or whatever it might be, an expanded concert season in the Pacific Amphitheater. We talked about

the Pacific Amphitheater improvements. We're currently involved in an organizational review, master site plan review, which we talked about. We'll bring back for next meeting. A lot of involvement in the community, 5000 OC fair admission tickets distributed throughout the community last year. Imagineology was a record year with over 20,000 in attendance, four and a half percent increase over last year. Our Centennial Farm almost 44,000 school year visitors, and again those programs continue to really pay dividends. Heroes Hall continues with strong attendance up 21% year over year, and then our new ranch community center, we've had almost 12,000 participants, 1200 participants, 12,000 that would be good.

Barbara Bagneris We're getting there.

James Canfield Yes, 1200 participants at our three discovery days that we've done there. Our fair industry leadership continues. We are the number one most attended fair in the state of California. And out of the 2,000 fairs in North America, we're number nine in attendance, up from 11, and then this was based on last year's fair, obviously. Up from number 11 and 24 and 13 and 23. Many industry awards, 21 awards at WFA, and another 11 at IAFI, and then you know the list of of how our leadership team gets back with all of the different committees and boards that our team participates on, all listed there. Our organizational pillars, and again, this comes from our strategic plan. I know I don't need to go through those, but those do drive all of our programs and the decisions that we make. We're very pleased with with our latest board member, Director Cannedy, that we've got a full nine members on the board with zero vacancies, everybody's smiling faces up there, so it's great to have a full roster. You know, talking about our team overall. We filled 16 positions this year, seven internal promotions. Last year, we are 1305 folks for the fair. We're at 620 already for this year. Have a big hiring event this weekend, where we'll flesh a lot of the rest of the other positions out, obviously continuing our ongoing training and certifications of our programs to make sure that we do have everything that we need. I did want to add, we did get a new COO this year, Michael wanted everybody to see his smiling face. We're very happy to have him. He's been able to jump right in. He's been a key part of the fair programming upcoming for the 2026 fair. I titled this improving on perfection, and we've got an incredible team, but I know I've shared this before, we are working with a consultant and looking at reorganization and job duties and communications and breaking down silos and collaboration and a lot of other really great efforts to make sure that we do have the best team and continue to attract the best and brightest to the fairgrounds. We do still have some challenges, capital projects and maintenance, and continuing to get caught up there, continuing to attract key talent with the challenges of being in Southern California. Managing our expenses,

continuing to improve the guest experience, expanding our non-fair event activity, will always battle parking and storage, and then obviously you know the entire executive team, Melissa being our senior member, are you four years? Yeah, so again, you know, we've got lots of new eyes and new thoughts, and are trying to integrate all of those things. Not only is it a challenge, but it's a great opportunity. And the most important thing is your adventure awaits with the 2026 Orange County Fair will be opening July 17 and be Open through August the 16th. And I know based on my experience last year, I'll see a lot of our group members, so that's kind of the end of the presentation. So there are any questions?

Barbara Bagneris Very exciting report, and appreciate the new eyes that we have, I think it's paying off, and we're seeing it, so thank you. Any comments from any of the board members?

Doug La Belle Just one question. Back to the restroom facilities in the campground area, obviously during the fair, that's zoo out there, literally, and obviously, restrooms are very important part of the process. Is there any other amenity that, because we use this year round, is there any other amenity that might consider incorporating into that element that would recreation room I don't just throw that out, but maybe there's something there that would help help the year-round campers come in there as well as during the fair?

James Canfield Well, certainly right now the project is the restroom and shower complex, it'll both be for the campground and then when we have other large events. One of the things, and, and we've been working internally on is just kind of the overall campground. How we, how we manage that, how it's equipped, and, and I'm not sure everyone knows, but it's, it's kind of a portable campground in that we do have some of the utilities and things that are in the ground and available, but when we activate the campground and use it, we also have to send staff out there for days and weeks to run the electrical and run the plumbing and do all of those other things, and one of the things that we're looking at that will be part of the discussion with the master site plan for the board's consideration is whether we want to make some upgrades to the RV camping spaces and consider having something that's more like RV camping that we actually sell as RV camping, as certainly an additional revenue source, but if nothing else, doing permanent installation of some of those things, so every time we have an RV, we don't have to hire, have two electricians come in and run electrical cables, so that'll be again, and I think any other amenities and things that might come with that may make sense. So.

Doug La Belle Well, I think there's a lot of motor homes out there. We had one for a

while, many years back, and obviously amenities within a campground that wouldn't encourage people come in, stay, and utilize it might be beneficial. We don't need to create loss leaders for that. I don't think, but maybe there are some things that we can do. And then, obviously, during the fair itself, we have a lot of out of our vendors, employees living here, literally, and anything we can do to maybe enhance that experience.

James Canfield

Absolutely, and again, I think the more investment we make in that infrastructure, the more permanency we have. Then the less work, and you'll start seeing it over the next couple of months, we'll have teams out there every day building out the RV park, so those 150 or so trailers and RVs and campers can come in for the fairs. So got it.

Doug La Belle

Okay. Thank you.

Melissa Au-Young

Right.

Barbara Bagneris

Any other comments? Okay. Thank you again for that report. And we're going to move on to the next item. Committee ad hoc committee lays liaison reports. It's an informational item to assure compliance with the Bagley Keene Open Meeting Act. Committee reports are only for the purpose of the committee chair, ad hoc committee members, or liaisons to provide a verbal update should the board want to discuss any committee item not already on the agenda. Those would need to be agendaized for a future board meeting. So we will start with the leadership report. I know Robert had to leave the meeting, but we did meet on the 13th of May to prepare this agenda. We did most, we didn't have any other action items for the governance process, and we made sure that we left time because we thought we may have a longer closed session, in which we did. So we did lose some members in the process, but we have our next meeting on the 10th of June as we continue. Oh, leading through this year. Okay, so with that, we're going to move to the Financial Monitoring and Audit Committee. Director Pham, he had to leave as well. So, Director Bilezikjian again.

Tanya Bilezikjian

Thank you, Chair Bagneris. Let's see, so the purpose of our committee. I realized I never read this part, so it's important, so the committee monitors the organization's financial position and ensures financial controls are in place. We've heard some of the summary report out so far, but the highlights. So, we met on May 26 and we reviewed the April 2026 financial reports. We looked at revenue for April at 1.42 million, unfavorable to budget by just a tiny bit, partly due to budgeted events that underperformed, and then also timing of when something was budgeted versus when it actually hit the accounts. Total expenses for the month of April were 3.2 million, and slightly favorable to budget, and again, this is just a timing thing of when things hit year to date, ending

at the end of April, that proceeds are favorable to budget by 1.2 million, and cash and cash investments as the end of April, or 68.9. Sorry, folks, plug in my throat, frog in my throat. So, in addition to the monthly monthly financials, staff committee members briefly discussed the status of the 2025 audit process, and we'll get to hear more about that after the fair. Staff also shared the status of the district's response pertaining to a grant that we got in 2021 for shuttered venues, and they've requested that we resubmit our eligibility for that grant. And then we also talked about, as Melissa mentioned, procedures for past due accounts, and we'll be meeting again June 22.

Barbara Bagneris

Okay. thank you very much. The next report is facilities. You're doing double duty today, and you can carry on. I'm sorry.

Tanya Bilezikjian

All right, lots going on here, so the purpose of this committee, this committee reviews buildings and grounds related projects and issues, and recommends site planning direction. It's been an absolute pleasure to be on both of the committees that I'm on, so super happy to do Double T. We met may 7, and we talked about CapX projects, went over, I think James already gave us that summary. We talked about the construction projects, so phase two, that's the campground, restrooms, and showers. We do have a full set of plans, so I don't know how easily we could amend those plans to add anything, but the plan is to break ground on that after the fair, so there was a full page term review of the designs that was completed with OC fair staff, CCA project architect and contractor, so finalizing that process to get it ready for for construction and to mobilize, we also heard a lot about the work that's been done on the Pac Amp, and I just want to give a shout out to Jerry and his team, and I'll do that again at the end of the meeting here, but just there's so much work that's been done. We saw some of the pictures. Thank you, Michael. I just can't say enough about the pride and the effort that this whole staff and whole leadership team take in our facility here, and I'm just thrilled every time we get to meet with the facilities committee to hear about all the work that's happening, so a little bit more on parking lot asphalt maintenance, so that's been an ongoing thing. Looks like it's now finished since we're past May 19th. Temporary build administration office fence demobilization. We heard about where that went, so great job reusing. I think that's a wonderful thing that we should be doing, and I'm glad that we are. And then the admin, sorry, yes, so closing out the books on the admin building, so I'm sure James is working with CCA vigorously to finalize the books on that project, and to get a refund of all of the unexpected project funds back to us, and we'll be meeting again on June 4th.

Barbara Bagneris

Great, thank you for that report. We're next going to move to the community affairs. We heard from them earlier as they gave the

recognition for this month, and we appreciate the work that they continue to do each board meeting. The governance committee, there is no report, so the last. Item is Entertainment Task Force, and Director La Belle. There is one public comment, so we'll let you give your report. There'll be a public comment.

Doug La Belle

Thank you, Chair. We did meet on the 14th, Director Jackson, myself, and James. We had a Zoom call with Ovation, one of our partners, RCS, was going to join us, but they got busy with the LA County Fair, so out there they circle back with them. The intent in that conversation was to see if there are some things that obviously anything we do, not only entertainment wise, but on the site here, that benefits elevations, you know, we wanted to make sure that we were circling back and getting that kind of input. James is working on a concept, multiple concepts that he mentioned that he'll bring back at the June meeting for a 12 to 15 acre entertainment complex. We continue to talk about the different elements that could be included in there, and we'll obviously have a conversation with RCS. One of the things that was interesting with our conversation with Tom at Ovation, they are subsidiary of another parent company, and one of their other partners, if you will, is a group called Diamond Baseball Holdings, and it's a group of they own about 40 plus minor league baseball teams from AAA down to single A part of the discussion was, is there a matter of fact, I think they have the San Bernardino, the Inland Empire 66er's, they have the new Dodger minor league

James Canfield

Ontario.

Doug La Belle

And one of the one of the questions was, is there anything that we could do here through the Pioneer League or something else that might have a benefit, so that's in the process of being analyzed. Obviously, our intent with the direction chair is to look at different things that we could be doing on an entertainment basis on a year-round sort of thing, and all of that will come back with the concept on June meeting, and hopefully we'll be able to reply on a few things. I did have the opportunity to have a conversation with a member of the Marysville City Council, told him I was the first city administrator there, he did not know, but spent many years, and he was very complimentary of their facility there at Bryant Field. Must be doing well, because part of the process is they're going to be building a Hyatt hotel across the street. So I don't know how that ties in, but it seems like it's working well there anyway. No decisions, no recommendations have been made that we want to bring back to the board, but we're continuing to look at options to see what we could do to expand our not only entertain education opportunities. That's our report.

James Canfield Part of the concept that we discussed is because so much of this will take facilities and development of facilities, the intent is to bring that back kind of as part of the master site plan for direction from the board on the what of those components we should be pursuing and including in master site plans.

Barbara Bagneris We're gonna see that in June?

James Canfield Yeah, that'll be in June.

Barbara Bagneris Yeah, we ask that that be sooner than later. Okay. Thank you for that report. We do have a public comment from Reggie Mundekis. We'll hear from you now.

Reggie Mundekis Hi, I continue to struggle and be deeply troubled by the actions of this board committee. I just want to get on the record stating that when this all started, I reached out to Director Jackson, as she is very new and doesn't have a background in how this facility operates and how we give back to the community, and how we are, and how we make money, and what our finances are like. Asked to meet with her, she never replied to me. So, I don't know what to make of that, but I don't think it's good. So, I also want you to understand that Marysville has a population of under 13,000 people, and it's in Yuba County, so it's an entirely different environment than what we are here, where a very tiny baseball team can be a big deal, as opposed to here, where no one's really going to notice. I am fluxed. First, I'm trying to be light here, fluxed and viscerally upset that two board members have taken it upon themselves to start discussions to take away 10% of the property for something that is of dubious financial value in the long term, and of questionable, will anybody even use it? Discussions, so you know, you know, I'm, I'm not feeling it. Okay. So, thank you.

Barbara Bagneris Okay. Thank you for your comments.

Doug La Belle Chair Bagneris, just to respond.

Barbara Bagneris Well, we really shouldn't respond to the public, but if you just want to make a comment...

Doug La Belle I'll do that. The committee has not decided to recommend anything to the board. All we're doing is looking at different options, which is our charge, and we're looking at a whole variety of things that can enhance the entertainment educational experience at the fair and event center, and this is all going to come back, we've decided not to recommend anything at this point in time, but everything's going to come back to the board, and there will be a full opportunity to have a discussion on all of these elements, and as always, Reggie, we've talked in the past. I would

welcome the opportunity to have a conversation with so with that.

Barbara Bagneris Thank you so much. And we are asking that it be agenda is at the June meeting, so we'll hear more at that time. Okay. Thank you so much. We're now going to move to our upcoming event, or any other comments. Okay, upcoming events preview. We're going to turn it over to Michele.

Michele Capps Well, there's only 27.

James Canfield Only 27 slides. It's not much.

Michele Capps All right. Upcoming events, so we have a very busy weekend coming up with three events on property. We're going to start tomorrow with the 626 night market, that is inspired by a famous open-air nighttime bazaar in Asia, and that's where people come together to eat, drink, socialize, and be entertained. This is their 14th year, and it will feature 250 food vendors, merchandise, crafts, artists, games, live concerts, entertainment attractions, and it's a really epic event. If you've never come, you should. It's, it's quite something. They usually have a couple events here on property this year. I believe this is the only one they're going to have, so this is your opportunity to come and see it. So, come on down. And then that is Friday through Sunday, and it's \$5.30 I think, is all it is to get in.

James Canfield Why isn't it \$6.26?

Michele Capps You know. I'll take that up with management.

Tanya Bilezikjian Solid question.

Michele Capps 300 positions. If you know of anybody who is looking for that perfect job that we were just talking about. Send them our way. We are hiring. We would love to have them, and this could be the beginning of a new tradition for somebody and their family. On Saturday and Sunday, we have Repticon that will be aisles and aisles of reptiles. Oh, just came up with that right now wasn't even written down. Any of the supplies you need for your reptiles, come on down, they've got aquariums, you know, whatever you need. And then coming up June 13, this is one of those new events that James was talking about, Fuel Fest. This is the ultimate car show. It's a massive car show of custom built, has a custom-built drift course, themed indoor and outdoor show zones, multiple stages, 75 sponsors, exhibits, and more. That one has admission varies. Kids 12 and under are free. If you think of what's that, that movie.

James Canfield Fast and the Furious.

Michele Capps

Fast and the Furious. Yeah, that's that's what this is, so come on down and check that out. It's, it's going to be a good one. On that same weekend, we have the guitar show, and that is a musical instrument swap meet. You are encouraged to bring a cart with up to eight items to roll around, buy, sell, and trade your music. Instruments, and then June 18 is the Fight Club again. Best time you can have on a Thursday night. Come on down, Baja Grill opens at 530 You can start with the happy hour, and then here's another new event that we have, OC Mina festival, and that is three. It's a three-day event of the Middle Eastern and North African celebration of culture, and that will consist of music, food, rides, arts, a community celebration, and their admission starts at just \$20 You can buy a single day, double day, or triple day admission, and all different kinds of things to experience there, and that will be Browns Flight. So they have a show in Pacific Amphitheater. They have multiple stages, so I hope everybody comes down and checks that one out as well. And then we have another night of speedway. This one's going to be Harley Night number two with sidecars. That's another one that is very entertaining to watch. That one is admission at \$30 Next, please. We have farmers markets every Thursday. It's happening right now. If I finish these slides quick enough, you still have time over there, so we'll move it along to Hero's Hall. We have another speaker series happening on June 13. This one is Shooter from Vietnam Combat to Presidential Portraits, David Hume Kennerly, a Pulitzer Prize winner for his Vietnam War coverage, he went on then to serve as President Gerald Ford's personal White House photographer with seven books, an Emmy nomination, a new book, and major exhibition, both debuting this fall. Hear firsthand stories from someone who has spent 60 years at the center of it all, that one sounds riveting as well. So, come join us at Heroes Hall. That one's at 2 o'clock it's free. Over at Centennial Farm, we have both Make It and Take It. That one is going to be, you're going to learn two distinct methods of food preservation, fermentation, and water bath, that one I actually want to go to, that one, and then a Discovery Zone. Sorry, Discovery Day on June 1, that's going to be the last one of the year. It's already sold out. We know that we'll have some walk-ups. We have been averaging over 1,000 kids at these at these days, and then walk into it has a few events as well. We have two on June 6, 9:30 and an 11:30 Those are both \$25 each. That's going to be the horses and heart event, and then they also have an open house on June 12 next. Okay, this is that report that we give on the impact report for the Agriculture Department. So this one is for their total year, which is the school year September through June and this is going to compare to last year. So, total impact community report. I'm going to jump to the number of attendees. 4337 people have come through our program, so that consists of all of the school tours, and then the farm and guard classes, that was 19 classes for 660 people. We've had all of the ag events, which was eight of those. We have had, let's see, three new

ranch discovery days with 1197 participants. We have 111 volunteers over there serving 5452 hours. I also wanted to highlight that we have that specialty crop block grant that EV got for us, and this year we received \$120,227 that went towards our labor new signage over in Centennial Farm, and it paid for tools, supplies, the labor that subsidizes all of these programs, so yeah, over at The Ranch Community Center, in the boarding report we now have 36 horses that we are boarding, that's 27 over on the private side, nine on. Community side with walk into it. What we are billing out right now for the month of June, \$46,647 compared to see that number for February was only 28,200 so 65% up.

Michele Capps

stalls that we have been rehabbing. We have a full-time maintenance worker now, and next slide, so see year to date on this, let's see the notable things, we have housed 200 animals due to emergency evacuations this year, for our discovery days, just this year 825 Intuit has 1100 67 clients that have come through this year. You can see all we're waiting for their May report, and so I will, you'll see that on the next report, but we are, we're doing very well, and then we're going to have two summer camps over there, two of those trainers are offering summer camps, there's their flyers and their online ads and fun, you asked for us. Yeah, it's been noted that we need to get the word out. We were in the press. It was a great article about everything that's happening over there. You can find that online. I can send that link to you as well. But it day was that I think it was march 31 Yeah, yes, it was march 31 and it was all about the horse shows that had happened, and the new ones coming up, which, by the way, those horse shows were sold out with a waiting list for participants, so they are being received very well, and we have more on the books for this summer. Things are going well, awesome. So, there's any questions. Otherwise...

Doug La Belle

I do have a question. Michelle, what are the hours of the job fair on Saturday?

Michele Capps

Nine to Noon.

Doug La Belle

Nine to noon. I know a recent college graduate who lives in Costa Mesa, probably looking for part-time work. Is there any way this individual could go online and find out what the openings are, or just show up for the job fair. What's the best way?

Michele Capps

Either way, they can go online right now, and all of the information is there. Okay, if they show up, they can get hired on the spot.

James Canfield

Got it? Okay. And if you go to OCfair.com under events, that gives you all the links, you know, go to the job fair, and then in the links there, it's the application form, is there all the information that you would need to, sorry, waving my hands too much, all the information you would need

to bring with you to get hired is there. So, yeah, good. Thank you.

Barbara Bagneris Well, thank you for that report. I'm so excited about the ranch. Just don't know, so thank you so much for that report. We're now, if no other comments, okay, we're going to move to the Board of Directors matters of information, and I'm going to start with Director Sanchez Cannady.

Martha Sanchez Well, as always, I'm so impressed by what's going on here at the fairgrounds. It's very exciting how everything has increased, and I know you ladies work really hard with your teams to get that done, so that's great. Also, I was surprised to hear, not surprised, I guess, on the evacuation, having been one block north of the people that had to evacuate, that kind of waiting with bated breath to see if the wind would shift or anything like that would have been great to bring the old trailer down and be here. However, we were right next, the trailer was stored right next to the tanks...

James Canfield But you still back, you can't get...

Martha Sanchez That would have not helped us at all, and we still can't get over there to get that trailer out of there, but it's, yeah, it was. It's great to know that we are thinking ahead to be helpful for the community, so super proud of that as well. Thank you.

Barbara Bagneris Thank you.

Tanya Bilezikjian Yeah, just I wanted to give one more shout out to everybody that's working on the grounds here. I know Jerry is kind of the head of the group, but, but truly to everybody who's, who's doing all the work, who's, you know, updating our face that the public sees every time they come here. We have a lot of competition out there in Orange County with OC, by with, you know, more venues coming in, you know, South Cali, so it's up to us to stay relevant and to be attractive, and I appreciate all of the work and thought that is going into that whole process. Thank you for keeping us updated, for making sure that the fair was a viable option during this whole situation last week in Orange County, I appreciated the communication that we got, and then just, you know, I feel like we're on a roll here, and that's it's great to work with this board and with this leadership team, and I appreciate you all, and Reggie, thank you too for being so engaged with us. It's it's wonderful, I appreciate having you here, so thanks to everyone.

Barbara Bagneris Thank you, Director La Belle.

Doug La Belle I mentioned last year, Memorial Day and Veterans Day are very special days, and as I mentioned, my father was a Marine in World War One, and served in the army of occupation in France and Germany, and so it's

a very meaningful time for me. One of the, and for all of us, actually. One of the things I wanted to mention, I'm also a trivia wise, I'm a big indie 500 race car fan. I really, it's one of the things I really enjoy, and I wanted to share with you a bit of trivia. Back in the 19, well, boys republic has been around since 1907 We've been around for 120 years. Next year, with our anniversary, and over those decades, we've helped many at-risk youth, and both boys and girls, and they've gone on to various things in the business world, and have just become good citizens. Back in the early 40s, there was a young man that we had there by the name of Jim Rathman, and he was at Boys Republic, and he went on to win the 1960 Indianapolis 500 as a race car driver, so that's one example of somebody we obviously helped to be very successful, not only career but life. So, anyway, I just share that. I also want to thank the James for the economic report, excellent, and lot of good info there can get that spread out, that's it. Just thanks for a really good meeting, went well.

Barbara Bagneris

Thank you. Thanks for always being here. We appreciate that. Okay, there's no one online, so I'll wrap this up. Couple of points, I hope everyone had a peaceful Memorial Day this past Monday, as we remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for this country. Um, number two, we're missing Nick and Dimetria today, uh, one's on old baby watch, and the other is has the flu, so I appreciate her not coming. Yeah, so, but we do miss them, and we let them know that we did miss them. And just, thank you to everyone, the executive staff, Jace, everybody who attends these meetings and stays here from beginning to end. It's a three hour meeting today. We've been able to get out sooner, but sometimes some things happen. So I appreciate everyone who stuck around that could stick around to get these great reports, and they are online, so you can get them. You have to miss the meeting as well, we we talked about agendizing the entertainment in June, and then as I was coming to this meeting, and I saw the repaving and those white lines, and I got all excited, I said, "Something is going on here, and I just appreciate your report to hear all the things that are going on, so the striping of the parking lot, the repaving. I know we have a security team meeting coming up soon to lead into the to the fair. Always enjoy those. I'm just excited. Other thing, and this place is buzzing, because we're that close, and I just want to thank everyone, every person that works on this property that puts their heart and soul into what makes this fair the number one fair encounter. So just thank you, James, and this executive team, you know, leadership starts at the top, slows down, so sometimes it comes back the other way. So, how we all work together and do things, I just really appreciate it. And I also appreciate you, Reggie's, because sometimes you're the only public that sits in these meetings, but you stick with us, and we appreciate it, because we need public input. So, we thank you for being here. With that, our next board meeting is

going to be June 25 and that's gonna be the last meeting before the fair. And, as you know, we don't meet July and August, we give the staff a break, because it's fair time, unless there's an emergency, then we would call a special meeting of the board. Other than that, we go dark and we just come and enjoy the fair. So, our last meeting before the fair is June 25 and I believe that is all. If there's nothing else, no. business, we will adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.