



REGIONAL ACCESS PROJECT FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD MEETING APPROVED MINUTES

July 28, 2021 9:00 AM

I. CALL TO ORDER at 9:03 by Chair C. Borba- Roll Call: C. Borba, J. Pye, M. Gonda, M. Gialdini, B. Kroonen, B. Gonzalez, V. Hudson, J. Hayes, M. Moran, T. St. Johns, A. Martinez, A. Wilson, M. Blue, P. Cooper for Supervisor Perez. Also present: RAP Staff: L. De Lara, M. Reyes, A. Montano, N. Duffy, S. Minor, G. Montano. Guests: Patricia Carrillo and Maria – with Alianza.

II. Approval of the AGENDA

In order to meet Brown Act requirements. Items may be added to the agenda only upon decision by a majority of the Board of Directors to add the item because of a need for immediate action.

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>Second:</i>	<i>Approve:</i>	<i>Denial:</i>	<i>Abstention Names:</i>
<i>M. Moran to approve as submitted</i>	<i>B. Kroonen</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

III. PUBLIC COMMENT / PRESENTATIONS

Alianza of the Coachella Valley - Patricia Carrillo

In June of 2020, RAP approved \$25,000 to support Alianza’s efforts to educate parents of CVUSD students to become familiar with and understand Restorative Justice practices to support this model for better outcomes concerning their children. A donor offered to match contributions up to \$100,000.

Patricia provided a presentation. Alianza is working with Middle and High School students on Restorative Practices. They were able to host 12 sessions in the last few months. The training included parents and youth dealing with trauma. The 41 participants received a Certificate of Completion. They learned how to share in groups and help each other in the healing process. Alianza has trained trainers who will continue the program. They have received several grants to continue program, including the IECF- Gates Foundation multi-year grant. They are looking to expand their program beyond CVUSD including working with college students to offer internships.

IV. CONSENT ITEMS: Action Required

- A. MEETINGS MINUTES OF June 23, 2021 BOARD MEETING (Attach. #1)
- B. NPO Centric DIRECTOR REPORT (Attach. #2) – Receive and file.
- C. CEO’s REPORT (Attach. #3) – Receive and file.
- D. GRANT DIRECTOR’S REPORT (Attach #4) – Receive and file.

Staff Recommendation: To receive and file the June 23, 2021 BOD Minutes, NPO Centric Report, CEO Report, and Grants Director Report.

Motion:	Second:	Approve:	Denial:	Abstention Names:
<i>M. Moran to approve the Consent Agenda as is.</i>	<i>B. Kroonen</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

V. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS – Action Required

- A. Fiscal Agent Agreement

At the Feb. 24, 2021, the RAP Board authorized the CEO to enter into an agreement with Brian Yacker (Previously Yacker and Associates but not with Baker Tilly) to proceed with a plan to offer the Fiscal Agent and Fiscal Sponsor services. Mr. Yacker provided the Services Agreement (boiler plate) to the Executive Committee, revisions were made and the final version is presented. Attached (#5).

The disbanded DLF board is in support to utilize Desert Legal Funds (DLF) of \$14,500 to cover the full cost associated with preparing the two Agreements. The current balance is \$27,375 and if approved, the balance would be \$12,875.

The Sponsorship Agreement is still pending. It will be considered by the Executive Committee prior to coming to the Board.

Executive Committee Recommendation: To recommend approval of the Fiscal Agent Services Agreement and to utilize \$14,500 of DLF funds to cover the costs.

Motion:	Second:	Approve:	Denial:	Abstention Names:
<i>B. Kroonen to approve the Services Agreement conditionally only if Brian Yacker is okay with removing Section 4.1 from the document. Otherwise, return to the Executive Committee for further consideration.</i>	<i>J. Hayes</i>	14	0	0

C. Determination of investment strategy for the Wells Fargo Investment Account

The RAP Board approved Resolution 2021.03 to terminate contract with Inland Empire Community Fund and transfer balance to Wells Fargo Investment Account. The current balance is \$375,812.42. The Finance Investment Committee met on July 12 (Special Meeting) to discuss and decide on investment options.

The five members of the Finance-Investment Committee constitute the majority of the Executive Committee. They directed staff to provide immediate direction to Marc Smith for investment actions. Actions to be ratified at the next Board meeting.

Finance Investment Committee's Two Recommendations:

- To ratify the Finance Committee's action taken on July 12 to direct staff to allocate \$25,000 of transferred funds for floating rate bonds and move it forward to board for approval.
- To ratify the Finance Committee's action taken on July 12 to direct staff to invest the remaining funds of approximately \$350,000 in a manner consistent with RAP's Investment Policy Statement (IPS). Acknowledge the funds will not be allocated in accordance with IPS until possibly fiscal Q3 or Q4 as all funds will not be deployed/allocated immediately. Staff to recommend new language for the IPS, including an allowance of 6-12 months for funds transferred into the investment account to be allocated to investment assets that comply with the IPS, and for the investment allocation calculation to be modified to account for the need to take a reasonable amount of time to 'buy in' to the market.

Motion:	Second:	Approve:	Denial:	Abstention Names:
<i>M. Gialdini to approve the tow Recommendations listed above.</i>	<i>B. Kroonen</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

D. Performance Grant

Community Action Partnership (CAP) of Riverside County – Requested \$20,000

Residents are encouraged to visit a Cool & Warm Center to help reduce high-energy burdens during the summer and winter months; to provide relief from the heat and cold in situations where access to adequate cooling or heating is not available; and learn valuable information on how to stay protected during extreme temperatures. Cool Centers are activated when the National Weather Service, monitored by Community Action staff, forecasts temperatures of 100 degrees or higher. Application and Budget attached #6. The use of the requested funds are to be used for:

- Water, snacks, etc. \$8,000
- Signage (i.e. banners) \$4,000
- Utility Assistance \$4,000
- Educational activities, sun kits, etc. \$4,000

At the request of the Board and Grants Committee Chair, this grant is being brought directly to the Board for consideration because it was received on July 19 and there is not sufficient time for it to go through the regular review process. Previous Requests:

- Skipped 2020 due to COVID-19
- May 2019 requested \$19,000 approved \$17,950
- May 2018 requested \$20,000 approved \$20,000

In anticipation of receiving a request from CAP, RAP set aside \$15,000 on this year's budget for a 3rd Year Performance Grant.

Motion:	Second:	Approve:	Denial:	Abstention Names:
M. Moran to approve \$20,000. Of this amount, \$15,000 will be from FY 2021-22 and \$5,000 from FY 2020-21 specifically the \$5,000 to be returned by the Well in the Desert.	B. Kroonen	14	0	0 There was no acknowledgement of P. Cooper's potential conflict.

E. Distribution of Desert Legal Funds (DLF) - \$7,750

Elder Love, USA requested \$7,750 for legal fees associated with addressing HR issues, and COVID –19 prevention program training and implementation.

- Requests \$1,750 to provide funding for legal counsel to do a comprehensive review of its bylaws to ensure that we follow state and federal regulations.
- Requests \$3000 to provide funding for a legal professional to review and update our Employee Handbook and our policies and procedures.
- Requests \$1,500 to provide state mandated training in the areas of Sexual Harassment and abusive conduct prevention. These funds will also be used for Diversity and Inclusion Training.
- Requests \$1500 to receive assistance in creating legally binding and effective Memorandums of Understand (MOUs).

NPOC Committee Recommendation: To approve \$7,750 to pay for legal fees and pay the attorney directly because of the uncertainty of costs.

Motion:	Second:	Approve:	Denial:	Abstention Names:
M. Moran to approve the NPOC Committee Recommendation.	M. Gialdini	14	0	0

E. NPO Centric (NPOC) - Done

Stephanie Minor will provide a brief presentation of NPOC activities

- Branding updates

- Desert Fast Pitch Update

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS- No Action

- a. BOARD ATTENDANCE for 2021 (Attach. #7)
- b. EXECUTIVE–Met on July 12 and 15. Minutes (Attach. #8). Next meeting is September 13 at 9 AM. The Executive Committee is discussing having the Board Strategic Planning meeting in October. More information will be forthcoming.
- c. HEALTH-MENTAL HEALTH – Will meet in Sept.
- d. GRANTS –Met on July 14. Minutes attached (Attach. # 9). Will meet on Sept. 13.
- e. NPO Centric– Met May 26. Minutes (Attach. #10). Next meeting in September.
- f. FACILITIES- Met on May 26. Minutes (Attach. #11). Next meeting June 23.
- g. GOVERNANCE – Met on June 15 and June 21. Minutes (Attach. # 12). Next meeting July 20.
- h. AUDIT – Next Meeting to take place in September.
- i. FINANCE & INVESTMENT – Met on July 19 (Attach. # 13). Next meeting on Sept. 13 (usually 3rd Monday, but due the Board will meet on Sept. 22).
- j. NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE– Next meeting to take place in October.

VII. BOARD MEMBER / STAFF COMMENTS - *None*

Introduce Nora Duffy, Graciela Montano, Ana Montano

If there are any items that cannot wait until the September meeting, a Special Executive Committee meeting will be scheduled

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting is September 22, 2021 at 9:00 AM. Continental Breakfast will be ready at 8:30. ***Adjourned at 10:15.***