



## REGIONAL ACCESS PROJECT FOUNDATION

### Annual Board Meeting

#### Agenda

**Wednesday January 22, 2025 at 9:00 AM**

**41550 Eclectic St. Palm Desert, CA 92260**

51625 Desert Club. Ste 101, La Quinta CA 92253

415 N. Main Street Blythe CA 92225

83966 Fiesta Rd. Coachella, CA 92236

Board members must attend in person. The public may participate in person or by way of Zoom/Teleconference:

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This meeting is conducted using teleconferencing, electronic means, and in-person at the RAP Foundation office. The public may be able to participate by telephone or Zoom call as listed above. Individuals with a disability requiring reasonable accommodation to attend or participate in this meeting may request assistance by emailing [MReyes@RAPFoundation.org](mailto:MReyes@RAPFoundation.org). Notification of 48 hours prior to the meeting start time will enable us to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to the meeting.

### I. CALL TO ORDER- Roll Call

### 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.

Motion:				
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

### III. Board Membership

**A. Reappointment of Board Members.** - The Nominations Committee met on January 11 and considered the following board member's participation with board requirements.

- Craig Borba
- Tori St.Johns

***Nominations Committee Recommendation:*** To recommend to the Board to reappoint C. Borba and T. St.Johns to 4-year terms.

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**B. New RAP Board Member** - The Nominations Committee interviewed two candidates, Connie Golds and Anyse Smith for the one vacancy. The Committee considered the Board of Directors Profile Matrix ([Attach. #1](#)).

***Nominations Committee Recommendation:*** To appoint Anyse Smith to the Board to a 4-year term.

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**III. PUBLIC COMMENT** Any individual wishing to comment on the agenda or an item not on the agenda may do so by emailing [mreyes@rapfoundation.org](mailto:mreyes@rapfoundation.org) or calling in at the number above. All emailed comments must be received prior to 9:00 AM. Persons wishing to speak on general comments regarding non-agenda items will be called for at this time. Specific comments regarding agenda items will be called for during discussion of each item. Please be prepared to limit your Public Comment remarks to three (3) minutes.

ABC Recovery to provide an update on grant progress and their services.

#### **IV. CONSENT ITEMS: Action Required**

**A. December 18, 2024 Board Meeting Draft Minutes** - Receive and file ([Attach. #2](#))

**B. CEO Report** - Receive and File ([Attach. #3](#))

**C. Coachella Valley Healthy Living Report** – Receive and File ([Attach. #4](#))

**D. Financials for Period ending December 31, 2024–** Receive and File ([Attach. #5](#))

**E. Grant Report** - Receive and File. ([Attach. #6](#))

***Staff Recommendation:*** To receive and file the December 18, 2024 BOD Minutes, CEO Report, Financials up to December 31, 2024, Coachella Valley Healthy Living Report, and Grants Report.

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**F. NPO Centric Report** - Receive and File ([Attach. #7](#)) - Taly Fantini, NPO Centric Director to make a presentation to share highlights of monthly activities.

**Staff Recommendation:** To receive and file.

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**G. Updated RAP website** – Presentation by Stephanie Minor, Director of Development

## V. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS – Action May Be Required

**A. Resignation of Karina Quintanilla-** The City of Palm Desert notified RAP on Jan. 13 that the City of Palm Desert has replaced K. Quintanilla with councilmember Gina Nestande as their liaison to RAP. The RAP Board will consider this vacancy at a future board meeting per the Executive Committee’s direction.

**Staff Recommendation:** To accept the resignation and send letter of appreciation to Councilmember Quintanilla.

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**B. Supervisor V. Manuel Perez or his Representative-** to provide update on County matters of interest.

**C. GRANTS TRACKER FY 2024-2025:** ([Attach. #8](#))

### D. Small Grant

<b>Small Grant #1</b>	<i>ACV East Valley Service Expansion</i>
Requested Amount:	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
Reviewer’s Average Scores:	<b>85%</b>
ACV offers 14 programs and numerous support groups to improve socialization and support, both for the diagnosis and caregiver. Programs improve skills, reduce social isolation and loneliness, and offer mental health support. With the addition of 2 bilingual staff ACV’s 2025 plan is to continue to expand its efforts to reach Hispanic residents through targeted outreach presentations at various locations in the EV, participation in health fairs, development of collaborative partners and scheduled screenings of EV residents at VIM, Mecca Family & Farmworkers Service Centers, etc. They will continue development & launching of additional in person and zoom Spanish-language support-groups, programs & written materials.	
Prior RAP Funding:	FY20-21 Small Grant: \$5,000; FY22-23 Small Grant: \$3,000 FY23-24 Sponsorship Grant: \$4,000; FY23-24 Small Grant: \$10,000 FY24-25 Sponsorship Grant: \$5,000

**Grants Committee Recommendation:** For the Board to approve the request for \$10,000

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## E. Sponsorship

Sponsorship #1	GPL-Grandparents Love
Program:	The Taste of Soul and Comfort
Requested Amount:	\$5,000
The Taste of Soul and Comfort is a celebration and support hub for grandparents raising grandchildren. By combining the joy of shared meals with access to vital resources, the event fosters connection, empowerment, and practical assistance, all while raising awareness of the unique challenges faced by these caregivers. The event will offer direct access to essential services, such as medical, legal, and financial assistance, through partnerships with resource providers, ensuring grandparents have the tools they need to thrive.	
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

**Grants Committee Recommendation:** To approve request for \$1,000 instead of the \$5,000 requested. The reason for the reduced amount is because this is a first year event and first time grantee.

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## F. Discuss the Palisades Fire and consider if there is a role for RAP to assist.

**Grants Committee Recommendation:** For the Board to discuss and decide.

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## G. Flood and Earthquake Insurance Renewal

**Finance Committee Recommendation:** Approve renewal of policy up to \$19,000

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## VI. Information Items

A. Board Committee Assignments ([Attach. # 9](#))

B. BOARD ATTENDANCE for 2025 ([Attach. # 10](#))

C. Grants Committee: Met on Jan. 13. Approved Dec. 9, 2024 Minutes ([Attach. # 11](#)) Next meeting Feb. 18.

D. Executive Committee: Met on Jan. 13. Approved Dec. 9 Minutes ([Attach. #12](#)) Next meeting Feb. 18.

E. Finance/Investment Committee: Met on Jan. 13. Approved Dec. 9 Minutes ([Attach. #13](#)) Next meeting Feb. 18.

F. NPO Centric Committee: Met on Dec. 16. Approved Nov. 18 Minutes ([Attach. # 14](#)). Next meeting March 17.

G. Governance – Human Resource Committee: Next meeting TBD.

H. Facilities Committee: TBD

I. Health/Mental Health: Next meeting TBD.

## **VII. BOARD MEMBER / STAFF COMMENTS**

- Introduce Andres Chavez, NPO Centric Program Manager/ Marketing Manager
- Announcement of Form 700 and Annual Code of Ethics forms due
- Congratulations to Diane Morales, Data and Systems Program Manager for achieving the Results Based Accountability certification.

## **VIII. Closed Session:**

California Government Code Section 54956.8 - Property  
Code Section 54956.9 - Legal

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting Feb. 26, 2025 at 9 AM.**

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