



REGIONAL ACCESS PROJECT FOUNDATION

Board Meeting APPROVED MINUTES

Wednesday March 26, 2025 at 9:00 AM

I. CALL TO ORDER at 9:00 AM by J. Pye.- Roll Call: S. Benoit, C. Borba, G. Colangeli, B. Gonzalez arrived at 9:17, J. Hayes, b. Kroonen, M. Meyer, G. Nestande, R. Ortega, K. Rodgers, T. St.Johns, V. Tanner, A. Wilson, P. Cooper, and J. Pye.

Excused: A. Dew, M. Gonda, R. Gutierrez, E. Romero, A. Smith.

Also present: L.De Lara, M. Reyes, G. Holliday, A. Lackie, A. Huesca, M. Robles, T. Fantini, V. Arroniz, A. Nieto.

Joe Mota, Angela Colangeli, Krisna Angulo, Remotely – H. Vaikona, Juanita Hernandez, Trini Arredondo.

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:	To change the order, V.A. To appoint G. Nestande after Public Comments.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
J.Pye	A. Wilson	13 – B. Gonzalez arrived later.	0	0

III. PUBLIC COMMENT –None. The scheduled presenter, Pearl Devers was not able to attend and will be rescheduled for a later date,

Pearl Devers, Founder, PS Section 14

NPO Centric Technical Assistance Grant recipient in April 2024.

Moved up

VA. Appoint Gina Nestande, Palm Desert representative to the RAP Board of Directors per Bylaws.

Motion:	To appoint G. Nestande to the RAP Board			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
B. Borba	C. Kroonen	13	0	0

IV. CONSENT ITEMS: Action Required

A. Approval of February 26, 2025 Board Meeting Draft Minutes - Receive and file (Attach. #1)

B. CEO Report - Receive and File (Attach. #2)

C. Coachella Valley Healthy Living Report – Receive and File (Attach. #3)

D. Financials for Period ending February 28, 2025– Receive and File (Attach. #4)

E. Wells Fargo Information - Investment Outlook and Tariff Impact (Attach. #5)

F. Grant Report - Receive and File. (Attach. #6)

G. Facilities Report – Report and File (Attach. #7)

Staff Recommendation: To receive and file the February 26, 2025 BOD Minutes, CEO Report, Financials up to February 28, 2025, Wells Fargo Information, CV Healthy Living Report, Grants and Facilities Report.

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>To receive and File all except IV.E.</i>			
<i>Motion By:</i>	<i>Second By:</i>	<i># Approve:</i>	<i># Oppose:</i>	<i>Abstention (Name):</i>
<i>D. Borba</i>	<i>B. Kroonen</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

To approve IV.E.after the presentation.G. Colangeli made the motion to Receive and File. Seconded by C. Borba. Yes: 14 No: 0 Abstentions: 0

H. Coachella Valley Giving Day recipients of \$5,000 grants: (No Action needed)

The RAP Board authorized the CEO to approve the grants due to the need to make an immediate decision after the names of the organizations are picked randomly. The CEO confirms that the following organizations meet RAP’s funding criteria and have been approved.

1. 29-PSP
2. Big Stistteerrrs
3. The Bridges 2 Hope
4. California Desert Chorale
5. Danza Azteca Citlaltonac
6. Desert Arc
7. Jewish Family Service of the Desert
8. Old Town Artisan Studios
9. We Can Fish
10. Word of Life/The Bridge to Better

I. NPO Centric Report - Receive and File (Attach. #8) - Taly Fantini, NPO Centric Director to make a presentation to share highlights of monthly activities.

Staff Recommendation: To receive and file.

Taly announced that \$844,445 was raised by nonprofits this year, which was slightly lower than last year’s amount raised.

B. Gonzalez arrived during the presentation, 9:17.

C. Borba requested that the amount of revenue generated by memberships be included in the report.

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>To receive and file.</i>			
<i>Motion By:</i>	<i>Second By:</i>	<i># Approve:</i>	<i># Oppose:</i>	<i>Abstention (Name):</i>
<i>K. Rodgers</i>	<i>A. Wilson</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

V. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS – Action May Be Required

V. A after Public Comments

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

P. Cooper reported for Supervisor Perez in his absence: Topic covered:

1. SIA luncheon on March 27/

2. Community outreach meeting on April 1 in Thousand Palms Sunline to get input on Special Permits.

3. *The State of the County event in April at Fantasy Springs – to include County’s CAO and Economist.*
4. *The County is seeking community input and hosting a Budget Town Hall meeting on April 29 at the Classic Club – a QR code is provided for a survey on budget priorities.*

C. Consideration of payment for consulting services provided by Noel Ramos.

Executive Committee Recommendation: For RAP to pay Noel Ramos \$5,000 with non county funds.

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>To pay \$5,000 to Noel Ramos from Board Contribution account.</i>			
<i>Motion By:</i>	<i>Second By:</i>	<i># Approve:</i>	<i># Oppose:</i>	<i>Abstention (Name):</i>
<i>V. Tanner</i>	<i>B. Kroonen</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>A. Wilson</i>

D. Strategic Planning Session

The Board approved a plan to meet on Wednesday Nov. 5 from 8 AM–1 PM. Key staff will be attending a 2 day training on Nov. 5 & Nov. 12. The new proposed date is Tuesday Nov. 4 from 8 AM–1 PM.

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>To schedule the meeting for Nov. 4.</i>			
<i>Motion By:</i>	<i>Second By:</i>	<i># Approve:</i>	<i># Oppose:</i>	<i>Abstention (Name):</i>
<i>C. Borba</i>	<i>M. Meyer</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

E. GRANTS TRACKER FY 2024-2025: (Attach. #9)

F. Increase Funding for Small Grants by \$150,000.

1. The Grants Committee increased the Small Grant budget by reducing the Mental Health funding by \$20,000. This action is completed and no Board action is needed.
2. The Grants manager reported to the Grants committee that there were 5 Small Grant requests to be considered this month and there are 15 Small Grant applications pending.
There may be a Special Request for \$50,000 that may be considered in April or May.
Therefore, it is necessary to either suspend/postpone taking applications/considering new applications once funding is allocated or to increase funding for this year’s Small Grants budget.

Grants Committee Recommendation: For the Board to approve increasing the Small Grants budget by \$150,000 by utilizing the unallocated funds.

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>To approve increasing the Small Grants budget by \$150,000 by utilizing the unallocated funds.</i>			
<i>Motion By:</i>	<i>Second By:</i>	<i># Approve:</i>	<i># Oppose:</i>	<i>Abstention (Name):</i>
<i>M. Meyer</i>	<i>R. Ortega</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

G. GRANT REQUESTS: SPONSORSHIPS AND SMALL GRANTS - Action Required

1. THE GRANTS COMMITTEE IS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF FULL AMOUNT REQUESTED FOR SPONSORSHIP #1 AND SMALL GRANTS #1 AND #2.
2. THE GRANTS COMMITTEE IS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF A LESSER AMOUNT THAN AMOUNT REQUESTED FOR SMALL GRANT #3 AND #4.
3. THE GRANTS COMMITTEE IS RECOMMENDING DENIAL OF REQUEST FOR SMALL GRANT #5

Sponsorship Grant #1	Rotary Club of Indio
Program:	Rotary Math Field Day for Middle School Children (RMFD)

Requested Amount:	\$1,000.00
Rotary Math Field Day is the only math competition for middle school students of the CV; all three school districts participate. Overall, this event is designed to promote math as a fun and rewarding subject, foster teamwork, and most importantly to encourage children to do well academically. There are no other valley wide events like this, where students from all of CV come together to compete to win individual and school trophies, and be recognized and celebrated for doing well academically.	
Prior RAP Funding:	FY23-24 Sponsorship: \$1,000; FY22-23 Sponsorship: \$1,000

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes-6 No-0) To approve requested amount of \$1,000.

Motion:	To approve requested amount of \$1,000.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
J. Hayes	M. Meyer	15	0	0

SMALL GRANT #1	Eisenhower Medical Center
Program:	RetCam Envision Pediatric Ocular Imaging Device
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
Eisenhower Health's (EH) Family Birth Center is dedicated to providing exceptional maternal and newborn care in the CV. To meet the growing need for advanced neonatal vision screening, EH seeks to acquire the RetCam Envision, a state-of-the-art neonatal & pediatric ocular imaging system. This technology would allow for early detection of ROP, congenital cataracts, and retinal hemorrhages, which can be difficult to diagnose without specialized imaging.	
Reviewer's Average Score:	90%
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Grants Committee Recommendation: (Yes- 6 No-0): To approve the request for \$10,000 as requested.

	To approve the request for \$10,000 as requested.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
J. Hayes	M. Meyer	15	0	0

SMALL GRANT #2	Coachella Valley Youth Golf Foundation FTCV
Program:	East Valley Expansion - The Lights at Indio
	This effort is to expand into the East Valley in order to serve a high concentration of low-income families with limited opportunities for after-school/weekend recreation programs. The Lights at Indio (golf course) has agreed to allow FTCV to have a modular classroom on its property as a home for a classroom and an office.
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
Reviewer's Average Score:	80%
Prior RAP Funding:	Small Grant FY21-22: \$5,000; Small Grant FY22-23: \$10,000; Small Grant FY23-24 \$10,000

Grants Committee Recommendation: (Yes 5 No-1 Abstention-0): To approve \$10,000 to support East Valley Expansion with the condition to not to charge students for a year since inception of the program.

Motion:	Grants Committee Recommendation: (Yes 5 No-1 Abstention-0): To approve \$10,000 to support East Valley Expansion with the condition to not to charge students for a year since inception of the program.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
M. Meyer	A. Wilson	15	0	0

SMALL GRANT #3	Parenting Education Center
Program:	Raising Highly Capable Kids
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
The program offers parents an interactive and practical tool to engage with their peers and build a supportive community. Through relevant stories and exercises, parents learn about the fundamental building blocks that can maximize their children's potential and empower the entire family. These building blocks not only help parents raise healthy, caring, and responsible children but also equip children with the skills to make positive life choices, including demonstrated improvements in academic performance	
Reviewer's Average Score:	82%
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes-5 No-1 Abstention-0): To approve request for \$5,000 instead of \$10,000. Organization was established last year, first time grantee.

Motion:	To approve request for \$5,000 instead of \$10,000. Organization was established last year, first time grantee.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
M. Meyer	A. Wilson	15	0	0

SMALL GRANT #4	Regents of the University of California on behalf of its Riverside Campus
Program:	Increasing Access to Mental Healthcare (MH) Services at the Coachella Valley Free Clinic
Requested Amount:	\$10,000
The program will be implemented at the CV Free Clinic, a UCR SOM led clinic that offers free primary care services and co-located MH to patients in the Eastern CV. The clinic is led by UCR medical students, faculty, and staff in collaboration with pre-health students, community health workers, and community and healthcare service organization.	
Reviewer's Scores:	82% Three reviewers scoring: 78, 82, 86
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A

Grants Committee Recommendation: (Yes-6 No-0): To approve the request for \$6,350 instead of \$10,000. To restrict funding to be used for direct services.

Motion:	To approve the request for \$6,350 instead of \$10,000. To restrict funding to be used for direct services.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
M. Meyer	V. Tanner	15	0	0

SMALL GRANT #5	Autism Society Inland Empire
Program:	Inclusive Summer Sensory Family Events for Autism Families
Requested Amount:	\$10,000

The inclusive Summer Sensory Family Events aim support local Autism families during the summer when children are out of school and Parents/Caregivers are desperate for sensory-friendly activities to keep their children engaged in a meaningful way. Summer events help combat isolation and allow families to come together in a safe, supportive environment to enjoy local attractions and experiences such as a Family Bowling Day, Family Day at the Children's Museum, and Sensory-Friendly Movie Day that promote social connection and well-being.

Reviewer's Average Score:	86%
Prior RAP Funding:	FY24-25 Sponsorship: \$3,000; FY23-24 Small Grant: \$10,000; FY23-24 Sponsorship: \$2,500; FY22-23 Sponsorship Grant: \$500 FY21-22 Mental Health: \$25,000; FY20-21 Mental Health Grant \$15,000

Grants Committee Recommendation: (Yes- 4 No-2 Abstention 0): To deny the request due to concerns with the overall impact of the program and family's participation.

Motion:	To approve \$5,000			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
M. Meyer	K. Rodgers	14 – B. Kroonen left before the vote.	0	0

- H. Lift To Rise (LTR) Special Request – Heather Vaikona, CEO of LTR is requesting to submit an application exceeding the Small Grant limit of \$10,000.

Board member M. Gonda stated a conflict and did not participate in discussion or vote.

Executive Committee Recommendation: To recommend to the Board to allow Lift to Rise to submit an application requesting \$50,000.

Bea Gonzalez and Kenny Rodgers left the room during the discussion and vote due to conflict of interest.

Motion:	To allow Lift to Rise to submit an application requesting \$50,000.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
M. Meyer	V. Tanner	12	0	0

- I. CV Youth Leadership has applied for the RAP /NPO Centric Fiscal Sponsorship. The fee for this request is 5% of the revenue raised by Coachella Valley Youth Leadership (Attach. #10).

NPO Centric Committee Recommendation: To approve the fiscal sponsorship request with NPO Centric Technical Assistance and a one-year NPOC membership.

T. Arredondo made a brief presentation. B. Gonzales did not participate in discussion and vote.

Motion:	To approve the fiscal sponsorship request with NPO Centric Technical Assistance and a one-year NPOC membership.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
C. Borba	M. Meyer	13	0	0

- J. Annual Review of Resolutions in effect. Renewal of existing policies listed in Resolution 2025.01 (Attach. #11). The Executive committee directed the Governance Committee to review 2025.01 and make necessary revisions. The Governance Committee met on March 5 and revised 14 of 35 current Resolutions, one of the 35 was deleted and three of the 35 have not been revised but may be pending completion of further review.

Executive Committee Recommendation: For the Board to approve Resolution 2025.01 after edits are made

to Resolution 25.14 and Resolution 25.16 and remove 25.05.

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>To approve Resolution 2025.01 after edits are made to Resolution 25.14 and Resolution 25.16 and remove 25.05.</i>			
<i>Motion By:</i>	<i>Second By:</i>	<i># Approve:</i>	<i># Oppose:</i>	<i>Abstention (Name):</i>
<i>M. Meyer</i>	<i>C..Borba</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

K. Third Amended and Restated Agreement between RAP and County of Riverside (Attach. #12)

The County Executive Office has provided a Draft Agreement for review. The CEO has made edits and the County Executive Office has agreed to increase the term to 5 years.

Executive Committee Recommendation: For the Board to approve the Agreement.

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>To approve the Agreement. Acknowledged a change to dollar amount - \$1.301M</i>			
<i>Motion By:</i>	<i>Second By:</i>	<i># Approve:</i>	<i># Oppose:</i>	<i>Abstention (Name):</i>
<i>M. Meyer</i>	<i>C. Borba</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>P. Cooper</i>

L. Amended And Restated Subrecipient Agreement For The Use Of Riverside County Nonprofit Assistance Fund (Attach. #13)- This amendment extends the Term of the Agreement and Period of Performance from December 31st, 2024, to June 30th, 2025.- All the work has been completed, including the Final Report being produced and all funds have been fully expended. However, the purpose of the extension is to allow the County sufficient time to complete their Administrative processes.

Executive Committee Recommendation: For the Board to ratify action taken by the Executive Committee to approve the Agreement.

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>To ratify action taken by the Executive Committee to approve the Agreement.</i>			
<i>Motion By:</i>	<i>Second By:</i>	<i># Approve:</i>	<i># Oppose:</i>	<i>Abstention (Name):</i>
<i>V. Tanner</i>	<i>M. Meyer</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>P.Cooper</i>

M. Status of Board member Annual trainings:

1. Board Ethics Training (2 hours approx.) The Board voted to require an ethics training course within the first six months of appointment and repeat this ethics orientation every two years throughout their term on the board. • The training is online, interactive and can be completed at your convenience.

<http://oag.ca.gov/ethics> - AB1234 Local Ethics Training

The CEO contacted our attorney and Eve Fromberg provided the attached statement. (Attach. #14).

2. Sexual Harassment Prevention Training (2 hours approx.) It is recommended by our legal counsel that Board Members complete training every two years. • The training is online, interactive and can be completed at your convenience. • Board members: complete the Supervisory training. • Committee members: complete the Non-Supervisory training. <https://calcivilrights.ca.gov/shpt/>

Executive Committee Recommendation: For the Board to leave as is – requiring the board to complete both

trainings within 6-month period after it is required.

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>For the Board to leave as is – requiring the board to complete both trainings within 6-month period after it is required.</i>			
<i>Motion By:</i>	<i>Second By:</i>	<i># Approve:</i>	<i># Oppose:</i>	<i>Abstention (Name):</i>
<i>M. Meyer</i>	<i>G. Colangeli</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

VI. Information Items

- A. Ralph M. Brown Act – Legislation AB 2302 – ***CEO reported that E. Fromberg, RAP’s attorney notified me that board members can join remotely so long as they comply with noticing requirements and public access is available.***
- B. Board Committee Assignments (Attach. # 15)
- C. BOARD ATTENDANCE for 2025 (Attach. # 16)
- D. Grants Committee: Met on March 17. Approved Feb. 18, 2025 Minutes (Attach. # 17) Next meeting April 15.
- E. Executive Committee: Met on March 17. Approved Feb. 18 Minutes (Attach. #18). Next meeting Apr. 14.
- F. Finance/Investment Committee: Met on March 17. Approved Feb. 18 Minutes (Attach. #19) Next meeting April 14.
- G. NPO Centric Committee: Met on March 17. Approved Feb. 3 Minutes (Attach. # 20). Next meeting: July 21.
- H. Governance – Human Resource Committee: Next meeting TBD.
- I. Facilities Committee: Next meeting TBD.
- J. Health/Mental Health: Next meeting TBD.

VII. BOARD MEMBER / STAFF COMMENTS

Senior Inspiration Awards Luncheon on March 27 at Fantasy Springs in Indio

Congratulations to Stephanie Minor for being selected as one of 5 Women for the Inland Empire Community Foundation’s Woman of Achievement Award – the luncheon was held on March 23.

J.Pye announced that at the recent Reboso Festival Bea Gonzalez was recognized as the Woman Warrior of the Year.

VIII. Closed Session - Closed Session Government Code 54957.6 Personnel CEO

Report Out: The Board expressed appreciation to the CEO for work during the Renova negotiations. No other action taken.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting April 23, 2025 at 9 AM. ***10.53***