

REGIONAL ACCESS PROJECT FOUNDATION

Annual Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday January 28. 2026 at 9:00 AM
 41550 Eclectic St. Palm Desert, CA 92260
 78015 Main St. Suite 205, La Quinta, CA 92253
 83966 Fiesta Road, Coachella, CA 92236
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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.

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| Motion: | To approve the agenda as presented. | | | |
| Motion By: | Second By: | # Approve: | # Oppose: | Abstention (Name): |
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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 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.

IV. CONSENT ITEMS: Action Required

- A. Approval of December 17, 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. Grant Report** - Receive and File. ([Attach. #4](#))
- E. Facilities Report** – Report and File ([Attach. #5](#))
- F. Financial Report for month ending December 31, 2025** – Receive and File ([Attach. #6](#))

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| Motion: | To receive and file the December 17, 2025 BOD Minutes, CEO Report, Coachella Valley Healthy Living, Grants, Facilities and Financial Report. | | | |
| Motion By: | Second By: | # Approve: | # Oppose: | Abstention (Name): |
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V. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS – Action May Be Required

A. Reappointment of the City of Palm Desert's representative, Karina Quintanilla. Per RAP's bylaws, "The City of Palm Desert will select for appointment their representative to serve on the Board on an annual basis."

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| Motion: | To approve the appointment of Karina Quintanilla | | | |
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B. Reappointment of Board Members.

The Nominations Committee met on November 4, 2025 and considered the following board member's participation with board requirements.

1. Claudia Galvez
2. Rosemary Ortega
3. Rudy Gutierrez
4. Elizabeth Romero

Nominations Committee Recommendation: To recommend to the Board to reappoint Claudia Galvez, Rosemary Ortega, Rudy Gutierrez, and Elizabeth Romero.

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| Motion: | | | | |
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C. Nominate Chair:

Nominations Committee Recommendation: To appoint Aurora Wilson
Any other Nominations?

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D. Nominate Vice-Chair

Nominations Committee Recommendation: To appoint Craig Borba
Any other Nominations?

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E. Nominate Secretary

Nominations Committee Recommendation: To appoint George Colangeli.

Any other Nominations?

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F. Nominate Treasurer

Nominations Committee Recommendation: To appoint M. Gonda.

Any other Nominations?

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G. Review and adopt the revised Vision

Current Vision

Regional Access Project Foundation's Vision is to enhance quality of life by investing in nonprofits and empowering them to effectively serve unmet needs for all residents of eastern Riverside County.

Revised: Regional Access Project Foundation supports and invests in nonprofits working to improve the lives of all residents within the communities we serve.

Executive Committee Recommendation (Yes: 5 No:0): To approve the updated Vision statement.

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| Motion: | To approve the updated Vision statement. | | | |
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H. Review and adopt the revised Mission

Current Mission

Providing funding, oversight, technical assistance and guidance to nonprofit community-based organizations or collaborative groups, and other tax-exempt agencies which serve the populations of eastern Riverside County in the focusing on areas of health, mental health and juvenile interventions.

Revised: To provide funding, oversight capacity building and guidance to nonprofit community-based organizations or collaborative groups, and other tax-exempt agencies focusing on areas of health, mental health and juvenile interventions.

Executive Committee Recommendation (Yes: 5 No:0): To approve the updated Mission statement.

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| Motion: | <i>To approve and have the action ratified by the Board on January 28.</i> | | | |
| Motion By: | Second By: | # Approve: | # Oppose: | Abstention (Name): |
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I. Review and adopt the 2026 – 2029 Strategic Plan ([Attach. #7](#)) - The Vision and Mission will be updated.

Executive Committee Recommendation (Yes:5 No:0): To approve the three-year Strategic Plan 2026-2029

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| Motion: | <i>To approve the Strategic Plan 2026-2029.</i> | | | |
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J. Release of Health Mental Health Request For Proposal (RFP) ([Attach. #8](#)) Staff is presenting the RFP for authorization to release on January 22 and to be ratified by the Board at the next meeting due to ensure adequate time for actions needed for the board to approve the grants in May 2026.

Executive Committee Recommendation (Yes: 5 No:0): To ratify the action taken by the Executive Committee on January 20 – to approve release of the RFP effective immediately to allow for processing the applications before the end of the current fiscal year.

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| Motion: | <i>To ratify the immediate approval action taken by the Executive Committee on January 20.</i> | | | |
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K. College of the Desert- CIS Geek Squad Program request for the opportunity to apply for a higher amount than the limit of \$10,000 for Small Grants. ([Attach. #9](#))

Executive Committee Recommendation(Yes: 5 No:0): For the Board to allow the applicant to submit an application for an amount exceeding the \$10,000 limit. The application will go through the full application process.

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| Motion: | <i>For the Board to allow the applicant to submit an application for an amount exceeding the \$10,000 limit. The application will go through the full application process.</i> | | | |
| Motion By: | Second By: | # Approve: | # Oppose: | Abstention (Name): |
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L. Resolution 2026.01- ([Attach. # 10](#)) This resolution would have been reviewed by Governance- Human Resources Committee on Jan. 12. However, there was a lack of quorum and the review was conducted by the Executive Committee instead. The Governance-Human Resources Committee will convene in February to address other pending business including updated Resolution 2025.07 - Whistle Blower Policy.

Executive Committee Recommendation (Yes:5 No:0): For the Board to approve Resolution 2026.01.

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| Motion: | <i>To recommend approval.</i> | | | |
| Motion By: | Second By: | # Approve: | # Oppose: | Abstention (Name): |
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M. Resolution 2026.02 ([Attach. 11](#)) The Credit Authorized Use and Maintenance Policy

Finance Committee Recommendation (Yes: 6 No: 0): For the Board to update the policy for the Brex Card use.

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| Motion: | <i>To recommend approval of Resolution 2026.02</i> | | | |
| Motion By: | Second By: | # Approve: | # Oppose: | Abstention (Name): |
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N. Committee Membership for 2026 ([Attach. #12 and #13](#)) – The RAP Board approved the renaming of the Health Mental Health Committee to the Strategic Funding Committee in December 2025. This committee membership will Allow RAP Board members serving on the Grants Committee to also serve on the Strategic Funding Committee.

Staff Recommendation: For the Board to approve the 2026 Committee membership and clarify the Strategic Funding membership which is stated on the Resolution 2025.17.

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| Motion: | <i>To recommend approval.</i> | | | |
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O. Supervisor V. Manuel Perez or his Representative- Update on County matters of interest.

P. NPO Centric – Monthly Report and activity highlights- Vanessa Arroniz, NPO Centric Community Engagement Manager. ([Attach. #14](#)).

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| Motion: | <i>Approve and file the monthly report.</i> | | | |
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Q. GRANTS TRACKER FY 2025-2026: ([Attach. #15](#))

R. GRANT REQUESTS: SPONSORSHIP GRANTS - Action Required

1. GRANTS COMMITTEE IS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF FULL AMOUNT REQUESTED FOR SPONSORSHIP GRANT #1

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| Organization: | GANAS |
| Program: | <i>Ganas de Fiesta</i> |
| Requested Amount: | \$5,000 |
| Location: | March 21 st from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at Oasis Elementary School |
| GANAS will host GANAS de Fiesta in Oasis on March 21. The first event was held in 2024 and 400 people attended. The second event has 513 attendees. Both events created a safe, joyful environment for families. This event is intentionally designed to be inclusive of families impacted by intellectual and developmental disabilities while remaining open to the broader community. Children and adults with disabilities participate fully alongside “typical” families, promoting belonging, understanding, and community unity. Free food, games, activities, giveaways and opportunities to connect with service providers that is personal, culturally responsive and low-pressure. | |
| Prior RAP Funding: | FY 22-23 Juvenile Intervention: \$45,000; FY23-24 Sponsorship: \$5,000; FY23-25 Juvenile Intervention: \$60,000; FY24-25 Sponsorship: \$5,000 |
| NPO Membership: | N/A |

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes: 6 No: 0): To approve the request of \$5,000

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| Motion: | To approve request of \$5,000 | | | |
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S. SMALL Grants - Action Required

1. GRANTS COMMITTEE IS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF FULL AMOUNT REQUESTED FOR SMALL GRANT #1 - #2

2. GRANTS COMMITTEE IS RECOMMENDING TO DENY THE REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR SMALL GRANT #3

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| SMALL GRANT #1 | Vision To Learn (VTL) |
| Program: | No cost Vision Screenings, Exams, and Glasses for Students in Blythe CA |
| Requested Amount: | \$40,000 |
| Vision To Learn provides free eye exams and glasses to students attending schools in low-income communities. VTL's goal is to provide students in underfunded communities with the eye care they need to succeed in school and life by eliminating barriers to access and providing all students we see with the highest level of care. Vision To Learn's work in Blythe will be further facilitated by the generosity and commitment of the Rotary Club. Rotarians will provide on-the-ground support, conducting vision screenings for all students at Palo Verde High School and Twin Palms Continuation Schools. | |
| Reviewer's Scores: | 85% Three reviewers scoring: 90, 82, 80 |
| Prior RAP Funding: | FY24-25 Small Grant: \$100,000; FY23-24 Small Grant: \$60,000 |
| NPO Membership: | N/A |

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes: 5 No. 0): To approve the request of \$40,000

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| Motion: | To approve the request of \$40,000 | | | |
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| SMALL GRANT #2 | Hidden Harvest |
| Program: | <i>Fresh Produce for our Neighbors in Need</i> |
| Requested Amount: | \$10,000 |
| | Hidden Harvest's mission is to bridge this divide by purchasing fresh produce directly from local small farmers and distributing it free of charge to low-income families, seniors, farmworkers, and community partners throughout the region. By purchasing rather than solely relying on donated surplus, Hidden Harvest ensures that small family farmers, many of whom operate on thin margins, receive fair compensation for their crops. This model creates a local economic multiplier effect, keeping dollars within the Coachella Valley's agricultural economy while strengthening the financial stability of small-scale producers. |
| Reviewer's Scores: | 83% Three reviewers scoring: 86, 82, 82 |
| Prior RAP Funding: | FY21-22 Small Grant: \$5,000 |
| NPO Membership: | N/A |

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes: 5 No:0): To approve the request of \$10,000

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| Motion: | To approve the request of \$10,000 | | | |
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| SMALL GRANT #3 | Variety Children's Charities of the Desert |
| Program: | Connecting the Coachella Valley to Care |
| Requested Amount: | \$10,000 |
| | Variety Children's Charity of the Desert requests \$10,000 to expand awareness and accessibility of our newly expanded programs providing inclusive health, mental health, and enrichment services to children and families throughout the Coachella Valley. |
| Reviewer's Scores: | 76% Three reviewers scoring: 78, 76, 74 |
| Prior RAP Funding: | FY24-25 Sponsorship: \$2,500; FY24-25 Small Grant: \$10,000; FY23-24 Sponsorship: \$5,000; FY23-24 Small Grant: \$10,000; FY22-23 Sponsorship: \$8,000; FY21-22 Small Grant: \$5,000, FY 22-23 Juvenile Intervention Grant: \$12,500 |
| NPO Membership: | Expired – October 2025 |

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes: 3 No: 2): To deny the request for funding due to limited funding and the low score given by the Readers was validated by the Committee.

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| Motion: | To deny the request for funding. | | | |
| Motion By: | Second By: | # Approve: | # Oppose: | Abstention (Name): |

VI. Information Items

A. Board Attendance for 2025 ([Attach. #16](#))

B. Organizational Chart ([Attach. #17](#))

C. Grants Committee: Met on Jan. 20. Approved December 8 Minutes ([Attach. #18](#)). Next meeting Feb. 17.

D. Executive Committee: Met on Jan. 20. Approved December 8 Minutes ([Attach. #19](#))
Next meeting Feb. 17.

E. Finance/Investment Committee: Met on Jan. 20 Approved December 8 Minutes ([Attach. #20](#)). Next meeting Feb. 17.

F. NPO Centric Committee: Met on Jan. 26. Approved Minutes ([Attach. # 21](#)). Next meeting April 20.

G. Mental Health Committee: Met on Jan. 14. Approved Dec. 4, 2024 Minutes ([Attach. #22](#)). Next meeting TBD.

H. Audit Committee – Next meeting TBD.

I. Nominations Committee - TBD

VII. BOARD MEMBER / STAFF COMMENTS

Reminder for board members to complete the Form 700 and Annual Conflict of Interest Forms.

FYI – The calendar invite for the board meetings for the year will be sent one month prior to the meeting instead of for the rest of the year to avoid confusion.

Ralph M. Brown Act new requirements

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting February 25, 2026 at 9 AM.

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