



NPO Centric Committee Meeting Agenda

Monday, September 21, 2026, at 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Pacific Time

41550 Eclectic St., Palm Desert, CA 92260

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I. CALL TO ORDER - Roll Call

NPO Centric Committee Members		
1. Jan Pye (Chair)		2. Kenny Rodgers (Vice-Chair)
3. Aurora Wilson		4. Rosemary Ortega
5. Beatriz Gonzalez		6. Melissa Evans
7. Paula Kinney		
Staff		
8. Leticia De Lara	9. Taly Fantini	10. Anitza Juarez
11. Christyanne San Juan		

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: **Action Required**

To meet Brown Act requirements, items may be added to the agenda only upon a decision by a majority of the Board members to add them because of a need for immediate action.

Motion:	To approve the NPO Centric Committee meeting agenda.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

- III. **PUBLIC COMMENT / PRESENTATIONS** – Any individual wishing to comment on the agenda or an item, not on the agenda may do so by emailing ajarez@rapfoundation.org or calling the number above. All emailed comments must be received before the start time. Persons wishing to speak are requested to be recognized at the appropriate time. General comments regarding non-agenda items will be called for at this time. Specific comments regarding agenda items will be called for during the discussion of each item. Please be prepared to limit your Public Comment remarks to three (3) minutes.

IV. **CONSENT ITEMS: Action Required**

It is recommended that Consent Items be acted upon simultaneously unless separate discussion and/or action is requested by a Committee Member or a member of the audience.

A. NPO Centric Draft Minutes – July 20, 2026: [\(Attach. #1\)](#)

Staff Recommendation: To approve and file the NPO Centric Meeting Minutes for July 20, 2026.

Motion:	To approve and file the NPO Centric Meeting Minutes for July 20, 2026.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

V. NEW BUSINESS: Action Required

A. Fiscal Sponsorship Extension: Coachella Valley Youth Leadership [\(Attach. #2\)](#)

Staff Recommendation: To approve the renewal of the Coachella Valley Youth Leadership Fiscal Sponsorship.

Motion:	To approve the renewal of the Coachella Valley Youth Leadership Fiscal Sponsorship.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

B. NPO Technical Assistance Grants

Organization #1:	Friends of the Children Coachella Valley
Request Description:	Technical Assistance grant for technical assistance consulting services.
Prior Technical Assistance Services:	None.
	The request is for 18 hours of technical assistance for fundraising and 12 hours for communications totaling to 30 hours, valued at \$3,750.

Staff Recommendation: To approve NPO Technical Assistance Grant for Friends of the Children Coachella Valley.

Motion:	To approve NPO Technical Assistance Grant for Friends of the Children Coachella Valley.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: No Action Required

1) NPO Centric Membership Reporting [\(Attach. #3\)](#)

2) NPO Desert Fast Pitch Update

- Tickets are currently SOLD OUT for the Grand Finale on October 1, 2026 at Agua Caliente Resort Casino Spa, Rancho Mirage.
- Sponsorship to date: \$118,000 (a 50% increase over 2025).
- All eleven NPO Desert Fast Pitch contestants sold a minimum of ten tickets each.

- 3) To reschedule the upcoming NPO Centric Meeting to November 16, 2026.
- 4) Countywide Program

Riverside County Capacity Building Initiative Update – July Through September 14, 2026

July Countywide In-Person Workshop Series

Stop Being a Secret: Get Your Nonprofit Seen, Known, and Talked About

Five in-person workshops were held throughout Riverside County:

Location	In-Person Participants
Palm Desert – July 16, 2026	121
Riverside – July 9, 2026	51
Moreno Valley – July 23, 2026	49
Temecula – July 21, 2026	41
Corona – July 7, 2026	33
Total	295

July District Cohort Meetings

While conducting the countywide workshop series, the Countywide Program team also met in person with members of all five District-Based Cohorts.

- 85 nonprofit organizations are enrolled in the five cohorts.
- 145 unique individuals participated in the July in-person cohort meetings.
- The July cohort discussion focused on a mid-year reset and setting organizations up for a successful second half of 2026.

July Total In-Person Participation:

The countywide workshops and cohort meetings generated 440 in-person participation instances during July. (Workshops and cohort meetings)

Cohort Office Hours

Virtual office hours resumed following the July in-person meetings. Topics are announced in advance, and cohort members choose the sessions most relevant to their organizations. In less than one month:

Date	Topic	Participants
August 5, 2026	What Kind of Leader Are You Right Now? A Mid-Year Leadership Reset	31
August 19, 2026	Leading With Clarity: Essential Skills for Nonprofit Leaders	32
September 2, 2026	Get More from AI: Practical Strategies for Nonprofits	48
Total		111

Recent Office Hours Participation:

The five District Cohorts include 85 nonprofit organizations. Office hours are optional and topic-driven. The three most recent sessions generated 111 total attendances, and many cohort members returned for multiple sessions. This figure is not unduplicated.

VII. **COMMITTEE MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS:**

a. **Upcoming Events**

- **NPO Desert Fast Pitch Grand Finale**
Date: Thursday, October 1 2026
Time: 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Location: Agua Caliente Resort Casino Spa, Rancho Mirage
- **Workshop: Ready to Build a Stronger Nonprofit Board? (Countywide)**
Date: Thursday, November 12, 2026
Time: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Location: Virtual
- **Workshop: *Coffee With...* Communicating with Different Personality Styles**
Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2026
Time: 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
Location: In-Person and Virtual
Registrants: In-Person and Virtual

VIII. **NEXT MEETING:** Monday, November 16, 2026, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT:**

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