



REGIONAL ACCESS PROJECT FOUNDATION  
 APPROVED Annual Board Meeting Agenda  
 Wednesday January 28. 2026 at 9:00 AM

Board members must attend in person. The public may participate in person or by way of Zoom/Teleconference:  
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 Call-In: 16699006833 Meeting ID: 895 1747 4500

- I. CALL TO ORDER** *By Board Chair Jan Pye at 9:00 AM-* Roll Call: *S. Benoit, C. Borba, G. Colangeli, C. Galvez, M. Gonda, B. Gonzalez, R. Gutierrez, B. Kroonen, M. Meyer, R. Ortega, J. Pye, K. Quintanilla, A. Smith, T. StJohns, V. Tanner, Supervisor Perez, and P. Cooper, A. Wilson.*  
*Excused absence: K. Rodgers, E. Romero*  
*Also Present: L. De Lara, M. Reyes, T. Fantini, G. Holliday, A. Lackie, A. Huesca, V. Arroniz., J. Zahed, M. Robles, M. Rosales.*  
*M. Barragan, Nicholas Rossi, Caroline Maloney, and Prudence Chase.*

**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.

<b>Motion:</b>	<b>To approve the agenda as presented.</b>			
<b>Motion By:</b>	<b>Second By:</b>	<b># Approve:</b>	<b># Oppose:</b>	<b>Abstention (Name):</b>
<i>B. Kroonen</i>	<i>C. Borba</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

**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)

<b>Motion:</b>	<b>To receive and file the December 17, 2025 BOD Minutes, CEO Report, Coachella Valley Healthy Living, Grants, Facilities and Financial Report.</b>			
<b>Motion By:</b>	<b>Second By:</b>	<b># Approve:</b>	<b># Oppose:</b>	<b>Abstention (Name):</b>
<i>B. Kroonen</i>	<i>C. Borba</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

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.”

<b>Motion:</b>	<b>To approve the appointment of Karina Quintanilla</b>			
<b>Motion By:</b>	<b>Second By:</b>	<b># Approve:</b>	<b># Oppose:</b>	<b>Abstention (Name):</b>
<b>C. Borba</b>	<b>V. Tanner</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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.

<b>Motion:</b>	<b>To reappoint Claudia Galvez, Rosemary Ortega, Rudy Gutierrez, and Elizabeth Romero.</b>			
<b>Motion By:</b>	<b>Second By:</b>	<b># Approve:</b>	<b># Oppose:</b>	<b>Abstention (Name):</b>
<b>B. Kroonen</b>	<b>G. Colangeli</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

C. Nominate Chair:

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

<b>Motion:</b>	<b>To appoint Aurora Wilson.</b>			
<b>Motion By:</b>	<b>Second By:</b>	<b># Approve:</b>	<b># Oppose:</b>	<b>Abstention (Name):</b>
<b>C. Borba</b>	<b>B. Kroonen</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

D. Nominate Vice-Chair

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

<b>Motion:</b>	<b>To appoint Craig Borba.</b>			
<b>Motion By:</b>	<b>Second By:</b>	<b># Approve:</b>	<b># Oppose:</b>	<b>Abstention (Name):</b>
<b>R. Ortega</b>	<b>B. Kroonen</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>M. Meyer</b>

E. Nominate Secretary

Nominations Committee Recommendation: To appoint George Colangeli.

Any other Nominations?

<b>Motion:</b>	<b>To appoint George Colangeli.</b>			
<b>Motion By:</b>	<b>Second By:</b>	<b># Approve:</b>	<b># Oppose:</b>	<b>Abstention (Name):</b>
<b>B. Kroonen</b>	<b>C. Borba</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>M.Meyer</b>

F. Nominate Treasurer

Nominations Committee Recommendation: To appoint M. Gonda.

Any other Nominations?

<b>Motion:</b>	<b>To appoint M. Gonda.</b>			
<b>Motion By:</b>	<b>Second By:</b>	<b># Approve:</b>	<b># Oppose:</b>	<b>Abstention (Name):</b>
<b>B. Kroonen</b>	<b>C. Borba</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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.

<b>Motion:</b>	<b>To approve the updated Vision statement.</b>			
<b>Motion By:</b>	<b>Second By:</b>	<b># Approve:</b>	<b># Oppose:</b>	<b>Abstention (Name):</b>
<b>B. Kroonen</b>	<b>M.Meyer</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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 o 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.

<b>Motion:</b>	<b>To approve “To provide funding, capacity building and guidance to nonprofit community-based organizations, tax-exempt agencies, and mission aligned programming to collaboratively advance health, mental health and juvenile interventions.”</b>			
<b>Motion By:</b>	<b>Second By:</b>	<b># Approve:</b>	<b># Oppose:</b>	<b>Abstention (Name):</b>
<b>B. Kroonen</b>	<b>R.Gutierrez</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>K.Quintanilla</b>

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

<b>Motion:</b>	<b>To approve the Strategic Plan 2026-2029.</b>			
<b>Motion By:</b>	<b>Second By:</b>	<b># Approve:</b>	<b># Oppose:</b>	<b>Abstention (Name):</b>
<b>V. Tanner</b>	<b>B.Kroonen</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Comments:

- 1. C.Borba requested a hard copy of the Strategic Plan.**
- 2. M. Meyer requested that NPOC approval of grant funding be reflected in monthly tracking and newsletter.**

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.

<b>Motion:</b>	<b>To ratify the immediate approval action taken by the Executive Committee on January 20.</b>			
<b>Motion By:</b>	<b>Second By:</b>	<b># Approve:</b>	<b># Oppose:</b>	<b>Abstention (Name):</b>
<b>M.Meyer</b>	<b>C. Borba</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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.

<b>Motion:</b>	<b>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.</b>			
<b>Motion By:</b>	<b>Second By:</b>	<b># Approve:</b>	<b># Oppose:</b>	<b>Abstention (Name):</b>
<b>B.Kroonen</b>	<b>V.Tanner</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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.

<b><i>Motion:</i></b>	<b><i>To recommend approval.</i></b>			
<b><i>Motion By:</i></b>	<b><i>Second By:</i></b>	<b><i># Approve:</i></b>	<b><i># Oppose:</i></b>	<b><i>Abstention (Name):</i></b>
<b><i>C.Borba</i></b>	<b><i>B.Kroonen</i></b>	<b><i>17</i></b>	<b><i>0</i></b>	<b><i>0</i></b>

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.

<b><i>Motion:</i></b>	<b><i>To recommend approval of Resolution 2026.02</i></b>			
<b><i>Motion By:</i></b>	<b><i>Second By:</i></b>	<b><i># Approve:</i></b>	<b><i># Oppose:</i></b>	<b><i>Abstention (Name):</i></b>
<b><i>C.Borba</i></b>	<b><i>G.Colangeli</i></b>	<b><i>17</i></b>	<b><i>0</i></b>	<b><i>0</i></b>

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.

<b><i>Motion:</i></b>	<b><i>To recommend approval.</i></b>			
<b><i>Motion By:</i></b>	<b><i>Second By:</i></b>	<b><i># Approve:</i></b>	<b><i># Oppose:</i></b>	<b><i>Abstention (Name):</i></b>
<b><i>C.Borba</i></b>	<b><i>B.Kroonen</i></b>	<b><i>17</i></b>	<b><i>0</i></b>	<b><i>0</i></b>

O. Supervisor V. Manuel Perez or his Representative- Update on County matters of interest.

***Supervisor Perez provided a brief updates on the following:***

- 1. The progress at the Animal Campus. Acknowledged Nancy Ross for organizing the appreciation dinner for the county employees held on Jan. 23 which was also attended by board members A. Wilson and M. Meyer and staff L. De Lara and G. Holliday.***
- 2. Efforts to address behavioral health for Veterans. For example the approx. \$17M investments made at Lake Cahuilla – Veteran Regional Park which now host veteran activities and he anticipates having more in the future.***

3. *He shared a podcast, Meade in the Middle, which will be broadcast later in the week and addresses veterans services.*
4. *The BOS actions to help the Palo Verde Hospital with a \$1M loan and plan to manage the hospital for the next 6 months to assess the operations.*
5. *Two recent attendances at MLK events, one in Palm Springs and one in Desert Hot Springs.*

P. NPO Centric – Monthly Report and activity highlights- Vanessa Arroniz, NPO Centric Community Engagement Manager. (Attach. #14). *T. Fantini delivered the presentation.*

<b>Motion:</b>	<b>Approve and file the monthly report.</b>			
<b>Motion By:</b>	<b>Second By:</b>	<b># Approve:</b>	<b># Oppose:</b>	<b>Abstention (Name):</b>
<i>C.Borba</i>	<i>R.Gutierrez</i>	<i>15</i> <i>R. Ortega and K. Quintanilla left the meeting before the vote was taken</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

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

Organization:	GANAS
Program:	Ganas de Fiesta
Requested Amount:	\$5,000
Location:	March 21 <sup>st</sup> 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

<b>Motion:</b>	<b>To approve request of \$5,000</b>			
<b>Motion By:</b>	<b>Second By:</b>	<b># Approve:</b>	<b># Oppose:</b>	<b>Abstention (Name):</b>
<i>P.Cooper</i>	<i>V.Tanner</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

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

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

<b>Motion:</b>	<b>To approve the request of \$40,000</b>			
<b>Motion By:</b>	<b>Second By:</b>	<b># Approve:</b>	<b># Oppose:</b>	<b>Abstention (Name):</b>
<b>R.Gutierrez</b>	<b>P.Cooper</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

SMALL GRANT #2	Hidden Harvest
Program:	Fresh Produce for our Neighbors in Need
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

<b>Motion:</b>	<b>To approve the request of \$10,000</b>			
<b>Motion By:</b>	<b>Second By:</b>	<b># Approve:</b>	<b># Oppose:</b>	<b>Abstention (Name):</b>
<b>R.Gutierrez</b>	<b>P.Cooper</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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.

<b><i>Motion:</i></b>	<b><i>To approve \$10,000</i></b>			
<b><i>Motion By:</i></b>	<b><i>Second By:</i></b>	<b><i># Approve:</i></b>	<b><i># Oppose:</i></b>	<b><i>Abstention (Name):</i></b>
<b><i>P.Cooper</i></b>	<b><i>A.Smith</i></b>	<b><i>9</i></b>	<b><i>5 –S.Benot, C.Borba, M.Meyer, V.Tanner, A. Wilson</i></b>	<b><i>J, Pye</i></b>

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: **11:05** Next meeting February 25, 2026 at 9 AM.