



REGIONAL ACCESS PROJECT FOUNDATION

Approved Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday April 22, 2026 at 9:00 AM
 41550 Eclectic St. Palm Desert, CA 92260
 78015 Main St. Suite 205, La Quinta, CA 92253
 438 Hobron Ln, Honolulu, HI 96815
 40751 North Shore Lane #79 Fawnskin, CA 92333

I. CALL TO ORDER-9:04 by Board Chair A. Wilson. Roll Call: *S. Benoit (arrived at 9:10), C. Borba, G. Colangeli, M. Evans, C. Galvez (arrived at 9:05), M. Gonda (joined remotely), B. Gonzalez (arrived at 9:25), R. Gutierrez, B. Kroonen, M. Meyer, E. Packer, K. Rodgers (arrived at 9:19), T. St. Johns (joined remotely), A. Smith, V. Tanner, P. Cooper, J. Pye and A. Wilson.*

Excused absences: K. Moreno, R. Ortega.

Unexcused absence: E. Romero

Also present: M. Reyes, T. Fantini, G. Holliday, A. Lackie, A. Huesca, M. Rosales, M. Robles, L. De Lara. K. Johnson with Jewish Family Services, California Bank and Trust Representatives: Andrew Duffy and Guillermo Becerra. Representatives from Galilee, 29 PS, and Food Now.

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.

<i>Motion:</i>	<i>To approve the agenda as presented.</i>			
<i>Motion By:</i>	<i>Second By:</i>	<i># Approve:</i>	<i># Oppose:</i>	<i>Abstention (Name):</i>
<i>C. Borba</i>	<i>V.Tanner</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

III. PUBLIC COMMENT -

IV. PRESENTATION:

Jewish Family Services of the Desert – Kraig Johnson, Executive Director – *Presentation was made and questions from the Board were addressed.*

CV Giving Day was acknowledged and included a check presentation and photo opportunity including CV Bank and Trust representatives, and following organization representatives: 29 PS, Galilee, Jewish Family Services, and Food Now.

V. CONSENT ITEMS: Action Required

- A.** Approval of March 25, 2026 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)

Motion:	To receive and file the March 25, 2026 BOD Minutes, CEO Report, Coachella Valley Healthy Living, Grants, and Facility Reports.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
B. Kroonen	P. Cooper	18	0	0

VI. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS – Action May Be Required

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

P. Cooper reported:

- 1. Supervisor Perez attended the Outlook Conference hosted at the Palo Verde College. There was an update on the Palo Verde Hospital which included a review of the 180 day Review Stabilization Plan.**
- 2. Announced the April 30 Budget Summary Town Hall hosted at CVWD in Palm Desert at 5:30 PM. Board member K. Rodgers inquired if an updated community assessment which was provided last year would be provided prior to the presentation. Pat will look into this and report back to Kenny.**
- 3. Announced that George Colangeli was recognized as the California Transportation Manager for this year.**

B. Ratify Executive Committee action to approve NTE \$100,000 for building improvements.

On March 30, 2026, there was a Joint Executive and Finance Committee. The two committees considered a recommendation from the Facilities Committee to expedite improvements needed for converting the gym space to an office suite on the first floor and making improvements in the space previously occupied by Guthy Renker. The cost includes replacing the carpet with vinyl flooring. The Executive and Finance Committees agreed that the cost was necessary and should be expedited. The Executive Committee approved the amount and authorized staff to proceed with the improvements.

Executive Committee Recommendation (Yes: 5 No:0 Abstain: M. Gonda): To ratify the action to approve NTE \$100,000 for improvements.

Motion:	To ratify the action to approve NTE \$100,000 for improvements.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
V. Tanner	R. Gutierrez	17	0	M.Gonda

C. HARC Request Emergency Funding \$4,000

HARC is experiencing financial hardship due to loss of Federal funding for itself and some of the nonprofits they are contracted by. Costs have been reduced by reducing staff's hours, and layoffs. HARC requested \$4,000 to cover payroll costs associated with their layoff plan.

Executive Committee Recommendation (Vote approval of request was: Yes: A. Wilson, B. Kroonen, R. Ortega and G. Colangeli. No: J. Pye and M. Gonda Abstain: 0):

To ratify the Executive's action to approve a grant of \$4,000 to HARC.

Motion:	To ratify the Executive's action to approve a grant of \$4,000 to HARC.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
M. Meyer	C.Galvez	13	5- M. Gonda, B. Gonzalez, R. Gutierrez, K. Rodgers, J.Pye	0

D. NPO Centric Monthly Report & activity highlights- Taly Fantini, NPO Centric Director (Attach. #6)

Staff Recommendation: Receive and File monthly report.

Motion:	Approve and file the monthly report.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
V.Tanner	C.Borba	18	0	0

E. GRANTS TRACKER FY 2025-2026: (Attach. #7)

F. GRANT REQUESTS: PERFORMANCE GRANTS - Action Required

Grant #1	Community Action Partnership Riverside
Program:	Cool & Warm Centers
Requested Amount:	\$25,000
Reviewer’s Scores:	82% Three reviewers scoring: 80, 80, 86
This program (June 1 – Oct.15) is designed to reduce heat-related health risks (heat exhaustion, strokes, cramps, rashes) from extreme temperatures conditions, especially among the most vulnerable low-income residents, such as the elderly, disabled, families with young children under 5 years. All residents (at home, traveling, walking/biking, using public transportation) are encouraged to visit for relief to avoid heat related illness and to help reduce high energy burdens during the summer months.	
Prior RAP Funding:	FY24-25 Performance Grant \$25,000; FY23-24 Performance Grant \$25,000; FY22-23 Performance Grant \$25,000; FY21-22 Performance Grant \$25,000; FY20-21 Performance Grant \$25,000;
NPO Member:	N/A

Grant Committee Recommendation (Yes: 4 No: 0): To approve the request for \$25,000

Motion:	To approve the request for \$25,000			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
V.Tanner	G.Colangeli	17		G.Colangeli

G. GRANT REQUESTS: SMALL GRANTS - Action Required

Small Grant #1	Seiden-Juku
Program:	Bushido Warriors
Requested Amount:	\$9,000.00
Reviewer’s Scores:	81% Three reviewers scoring: 82,82,78
Seiden-Juku serves autistic children and adults with autism, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, visual impairments, mobility disabilities, and communication challenges. Many carry layered trauma related to foster care, abuse, bullying, language barriers, or social exclusion. Beyond diagnoses, they often struggle with isolation, low self-esteem, and emotional dysregulation. This program functions as a community-based health intervention that integrates adaptive martial arts instruction with emotional regulation, confidence-building exercises, anti-bullying education, and inclusive social engagement.	

Prior RAP Funding:	N/A	NPO Centric Member: Yes
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Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes: 4 No: 0): To approve the request for \$9,000 requested.

Motion:	To approve the request for \$9,000.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
V.Tanner	G.Colangeli	18	0	0

H. Desert Health Care District (DHCD) Long-Term Collaborative Expanded Partnership Updates – Attached is the agreement (Attach. #8) for services to be provided along with budget. Due to timing of the contract, RAP staff requested authorization from the Executive Committee on April 15 to execute the agreement and have it ratified by the RAP Board at the next meeting.

Executive Committee Recommendation (Yes: 6 No:0): For the Board to ratify the Executive Committee’s approval of the Agreement.

Motion:	For the Board to ratify the action authorized by the Executive Committee on April 15 to approve the Agreement.			
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):
B.Kroonen	R.Gutierrez	17	0	Recusal and left room- A. Smith

VII. Information Items

- A. Board Attendance for 2025-2026 (Attach. 9)
- B. RAP Committee Assignments (Attach. #10) - Appointment of Kathleen Kelly as community member with voting rights. - **Acknowledged by Chair person A. Wilson**
- C. Grants Committee: Met on April 13, approved March 16 Minutes (Attach.#11). Next meeting May 13 and May 18.
- D. Executive Committee: Met on April 15, approved March 17 Minutes (Attach. #12). Next meeting May 18.
- E. Finance/Investment Committee: Next meeting May 5..
- F. NPO Centric Committee: Next meeting April 20.
- G. Strategic Funding Committee: Next meeting TBD.
- H. Audit Committee – Next meeting TBD.
- I. Nominations Committee – Next meeting TBD.
- J. Facilities Committee–Met on Feb. 25.Next meeting April 13
- K. Governance- Human Resources Committee- Next meeting expected in early May.

VIII. BOARD MEMBER / STAFF COMMENTS

NPO Centric Presentation to be delivered at the Riverside County Board of Supervisors meeting On May 12, 2026 at 9 AM in Riverside.

CEO announced that CV Healthy Living’s Marie Rosales was recognized by Assemblyman Jeff Gonzalez.

J. Pye announced that she and board Chair A. Wilson attended the Do Right Thing ceremony earlier this month. The student that was recognized is Joseph Fonseca from Desert Hot Springs.

C. Galvez announced that the Flying Doctors will be hosting an event on April 25 in Blythe.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: **10:37** Next meeting May 27, 2026 at 9 AM.