REGIONAL ACCESS PROJECT FOUNDATION

Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, October 28, 2026, at 9:00 AM
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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 if there is need for immediate action.

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

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 September 23, 2026, Board Meeting Draft Minutes** - Receive and file **(Attach. #1)**
- **B. CEO Report -** Receive and File **(Attach. #2)**
- **C. Grant Report -** Receive and File **(Attach. #3)**
- **D. Facilities Report** - Receive and File **(Attach. #4)**
- **E. Approval of Financials up to September 30, 2026 -** Receive and File **(Attach. #5A) (Attach. #5B)**
- **F. Coachella Valley Healthy Living Report (Attach. #6).**
- **G. NPO Centric Monthly Report (Attach. #7)**

Staff Recommendation: Receive and file monthly reports as presented.

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V. Presentation (s)

2026 NPO Desert Fast Pitch reflections and acknowledgement of coaches and other nonprofit participants by Taly Fantini, NPO Centric Director

VI. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS: Action May Be Required

A. The 2025-2026 Annual Audit - Coachella Valley Accounting and Auditing will present (Attach. #8).

Audit Committee Recommendation (Yes 4 No 0): To approve and file with Riverside Co. Executive Office.

Motion:	***To approve and file with Riverside Executive Office.***			
Motion By:	Second By:	#Approve:	#Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

B. Supervisor V. Manuel Perez or his Representative: Update on County matters of interest.

C. GRANTS TRACKER FY 2026-2027: (Attach. #9)

D. GRANT REQUESTS: PALO VERDE (PV) MENTAL HEALTH (MH) GRANTS:

The RAP Board approved Year Two Funding of $250,000 for the three organizations approved for Year One. The IEHP Foundation approved $25,000 to be added to this funding to support the three funding strategies approved by the Board. The Board approved $177,000 in July for two nonprofits.

THE GRANTS COMMITTEE IS RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF FULL AMOUNT REQUESTED FOR PV MENTAL HEALTH (PVMH) GRANT #1

RAP Board member George Colangeli - financial conflict of interest due to a marital relationship with the Executive Director.

PVMH Grant #1	**Peace From Chaos** (PFC)
Program:	**Restoring Wellness Through Community-Driven Whole Person Care**
Requested Amount:	***$90,000***
PFC is a community-trusted, grassroots nonprofit based solely in Blythe, serving the extremely rural and underserved Palo Verde (PV) Valley. As community members first, they deliver 24/7 bilingual mental health advocacy, peer support, and crisis response to over 10,500 residents. PFC has been instrumental in bringing mental health issues and gaps to the surface and engaging the community to directly address these ongoing needs. PFC, at its core, was founded to perform this specific work on behalf of the community.	
Reviewer's Avg. Score:	**77%**
Prior RAP Funding:	FY25-26 PV Valley MH: $90,000 + up to $8,000 NPO Consulting Services. FY24-25 **Sponsorship:** $5,000; FY23-24 $5,000; FY22-23: $1,793.79
NPO Membership:	Yes - Active

The Grants Committee met on October 19. The committee reviewed the latest report provided by the consultant assigned to PFC and decided to revise their previous recommendation.

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes 6, No 0): To approve the second amount of $90,000 and for the applicant to continue to work with the NPO Centric consultant.

Motion:				
Motion By:	Second By:	#Approve:	#Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

E. SMALL GRANT FUNDING REQUESTS

Small Grant #1	**Habitat for Humanity of the Coachella Valley**
Program:	*Improving Resiliency and Quality of Life of Low-Income CV Residents*
Requested Amount:	***$ 10,000***
HFHCV's program provides a multi-faceted approach to improving resiliency among low-income CV residents. This includes assessing home environments for issues that impact quality of life and well-being and addressing issues; providing regular wellness checks to identify needs for referrals to resources, including behavioral health services; and providing information about available community-based behavioral health resources.	
Reviewer's Average Score:	***85%***
Prior RAP Funding:	N/A
NPO Membership:	Yes - Active

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes 6, No 0): To approve the request for $5,000 as a first-time grantee.

Motion:				
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

Small Grant #2	**Integrated Learning Institute**
Program:	Roots Before Results: A Parent Workshop Series for Big Emotions, Learning Stress, and Regulation at Home
Requested Amount:	***$10,000***
Roots Before Results is a six-session parent workshop series designed to equip caregivers with practical tools for supporting children with big emotions, learning stress, meltdowns, shutdowns, sensory overwhelm, and daily regulation challenges. The program helps parents move beyond reacting to behavior and begin understanding what may be happening beneath it. Each session blends trauma-informed instruction, nervous-system-centered strategies, guided discussion, experiential practice, and reflection. The program is structured so participants build usable tools during each session and leave with strategies they can apply immediately at home.	
Reviewer's Average Score:	***77%***
Prior RAP Funding:	2025 Desert Fast Pitch: $1,000; FY22-23 Juvenile Intervention Grant: $5,000; FY21-22 Small Grant: $5,000
NPO Membership:	Yes - Active

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes 5, No 1, V. Tanner): To deny the request due to the limited length of the program and concerns about the demographic served.

Motion:				
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Small Grant #3	**Read With Me Volunteers**
Program:	*Read With Me Programs Expansion*
Requested Amount:	***$10,000***
Literacy is essential for young children because it builds the foundation for academic success, language development, confidence, and long-term opportunities. Since Read With Me Volunteers' (RWM) inception in 2004, the program has helped thousands of CV children from low-income, limited-English-speaking backgrounds learn to read, comprehend, write, and speak English. RWM focuses on English learners (93% Hispanic children who live in homes where English is not often spoken) in CV elementary schools with the highest poverty rates.	
Reviewer's Average Score:	***78%***
Prior RAP Funding:	FY22-23 Small Grant: $10,000
NPO Membership:	Yes – Active

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes 6, No 0): To approve the request for a lesser amount of $5,000.

Motion:				
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Small Grant #4	**John F Kennedy Memorial Foundation**
Program:	*JFK Family Safety & Stabilization Project*
Requested Amount:	***$10,000***
The JFK Family Safety & Stabilization Project will help families with young children meet immediate health and safety needs that are often identified during home visits but cannot always be covered through existing public funding. Through JFK's Parents as Teachers/CalWORKs Home Visitation and Education & Outreach programs, Parent Educators work directly with families in their homes, providing parenting education, child development guidance, health and safety information, developmental screenings, and connections to community resources. The program is built around each family's needs and goals, with a strong focus on healthy child development, home safety, family well-being, and the prevention of child abuse and neglect.	
Reviewer's Average Score:	***79%***
Prior RAP Funding:	FY25-27 Mental Health Grant: $30,000; FY23-25 Juvenile Intervention Grant: $30,000; FY22-23 Juvenile Intervention Grant: $15,000; FY20-21 Mental Health Grant: $20,000
NPO Membership:	Yes - Active

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

Motion:				
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Small Grant #5	**Friends of the Children - Coachella Valley**
Program:	*Empowering Whole-Child Well-Being through Long-Term, Professional Mentoring, Lasting 12+ Years, No Matter What*
Requested Amount:	**$ 10,000**
Friends-Coachella Valley pairs each 4-6-year-old youth with a dedicated, paid, professional "Friend" (mentor) who provides weekly, one-to-one youth support through high school graduation. Year-round, holistic support builds resilience, breaks cycles of poverty/adversity, and stabilizes families – ultimately improving quality of life and health. Friends-Coachella Valley intentionally enrolls youth from underserved communities, where poverty, exposure to Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), and limited access to care significantly increase the risk of justice system involvement and negative health/mental health outcome	
Reviewer's Average Score:	**79%**
Prior RAP Funding:	FY24-25 Small Grant: $10,000
NPO Membership:	Yes - Active

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

Motion:				
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

F. Change the Funding Availability Period for Small Grants: Due to limited funding availability, staff proposed that the FY 2026–27 Small Grant application period close on February 28, 2027.

Grants Committee Recommendation (Yes 6, No 0): To approve closing the Small Grants Application by February 28, 2027.

Motion:				
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

G. Coachella Valley Healthy Living Committee Members: The Committee met on September 22 and considered the appointment of the following six persons:

1. Sherman Tam
2. Steven Triplett
3. Tanya Mayton
4. Melanie Hoyt-Ferrone
5. Francisco Linares
6. Kiana Garcia - Youth Representative

Coachella Valley Healthy Living Committee Recommendation (Yes 4 No 0): For the Board to appoint all six persons listed above, including the Youth Representative Kiana Garcia.

Motion:				
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

H. NPO Centric - Fiscal Sponsorship Extension for Coachella Valley Leadership (Attach. #10)
Extension for 6 months and at the end of the period the agreement shall renew for a one-year period. The administrative fee is 5% of funds processed.

***NPO Centric Committee Recommendation (Yes 3 No 0 Abs. 2 K. Rodgers and B. Gonzalez)*: To approve the one-year extension.**

Motion:				
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

I. Request from Fourth District Supervisor V. Manuel Perez's office to serve as a Fiscal Sponsor of the Annual Veterans Trout Derby at Lake Cahuilla- The Vendor Services Agreement (**Attach. #11**) is attached. The services include handling the accounting which would be provided "In-Kind" in exchange for being acknowledged as a sponsor.

Executive Committee Recommendation (Yes 5 No): For the Board to approve after edits requested by M. Gonda are completed.

Motion:				
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

J. NPO Centric Technical Assistance (TA) Grant – Friends of the Children Coachella Valley is seeking financial assistance for a consultant to assist them with capacity building (fundraising) and communications. The estimated number of hours total 30 and valued at $3,750 which exceeds the amount that the NPO Centric Director can approve.

***NPO Centric Committee Recommendation (Yes- 5, No- 0)*: The Committee met on September 21 and recommended approval of TA Grant of $3750.**

Motion:				
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

K. Resolution 2026.11: Delegation of Authority to Handle & Settle Claims and Litigation (Attach. # 12)

Governance Human Resources Recommended Motion (Yes 4 No 0): For the Board to approve the Resolution with the requested changes.

Motion:				
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

L. Selection of Board of Directors Officers: Update the Bylaws to address the selection of Board Officers to add an announcement to the Board of Directors, and requirement for Nominations Committee members to abstain if the person is being considered.

Current Bylaws Article III: OFFICERS

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Section 1: Officers. The Officers of the Corporation, who shall be Directors of the Corporation, shall be a Chair of the Board, Vice Chair of the Board, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The Corporation may also have, at the discretion of the Board, such other officers as may be elected or appointed in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of these Bylaws.

~~Any number of offices may be held by the same person except as provided in the Articles or in these Bylaws and except that neither the Secretary nor the Treasurer may serve concurrently as the Chair of the Board.~~ - Delete

Section 2: Election. The officers of the Corporation, except such officers as may be elected or appointed in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 or Section 5 of this Article III, shall be elected every two (2) years by, and shall serve at the pleasure of, the Board, and shall hold their respective offices until their resignation, removal, or other disqualification from service, or until their respective successors shall be elected.

The Nominations Committee will propose a slate for election at the annual meeting (January) that consists of their selection for Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. The announcement seeking interest from board members for one of the positions will be an agenda item at the October meeting with the expectation that this information will be shared with the Nominations Committee in a timely manner. Add

Nominations Committee members who are being considered for an Officer position, the member will recuse themselves from the discussion and leave the room until the vote is conducted. Add

Governance - Human Resources Committee Recommendation: **To approve the changes to the Bylaws as presented (Yes 4, No 0)**

Motion:				
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

M. Coachella Valley (CV) Healthy Living Status: Adam Lackie, CVHL Manager **(Attach. # 13)**

Executive Committee Recommendation (Yes 6 No O and Abstain: C. Borba): For the Board to receive and file the report.

Motion:				
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

N. Funding Contribution - $10,000 donation from Rosemary Ortega: Board member Rosemary Ortega would like the Board to consider allocating $5,000 to the 2027 Desert Fast Pitch and $5,000 for 2027 NPO Centric General Operations**.**

Staff Recommendation: To allocate amounts as requested by R. Ortega.

Motion:				
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

O. Contribution from Victoria Willock and John Frankel- $1,000 was received from Ms. Willock and Mr. Frankel after attending the 2026 NPO Desert Fast Pitch as guests of Board Chair Aurora Wilson. Although they did not request a specific use of funds, Board Chair Wilson is requesting that it be used for CV Healthy Living program.

Staff Recommendation: To accept the $1,000 contribution and apply it to CV Healthy Living program.

Motion:				
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

P. Contribution from Sherman Tam - $500 was received from Sherman Tam and he requested that the amount be used for CV Healthy Living program.

Staff Recommendation: To accept the $500 contribution and apply it to the CV Healthy Living program.

Motion:				
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

Q. Revise the Current Board Bylaws Regarding the Executive Committees Authority to Act on Behalf of the RAP Board on time sensitive issues.

Page 9 of Bylaws states the following:

The Board may authorize specific advisory committees to expend money or commit to expend money such as the Executive Committee, which is made up of only board members and includes the Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. It has the authority to expend money or commit to expend money. The action will be ratified by the board at the following meeting.

Governance Human Resources Committee Recommendation: The Committee will have met on October 27, 2026. The Chair/representative will provide a verbal recommendation to the full Board.

Motion:				
Motion By:	Second By:	# Approve:	# Oppose:	Abstention (Name):

VII. Information Items

A. Board Attendance for 2025-2026: (Attach. #14)
B. RAP Committee Assignments: (Attach. #15)
C. Grants Committee: Met on Oct. 19. Sept. 14 Minutes **(Attach. #16).** Next meeting is Dec. 7.
D. Executive Committee: Met on Oct. 19. Sept. 14 Minutes **(Attach. #17)**. Next meeting is Dec. 7.
E. Finance/Investment Committee: Met on Oct. 19. Sept. 14 Minutes (Attach. #18) Next meeting is Dec. 7.
F. NPO Centric Committee: Met on Sept. 21. **July 20** Minutes (Attach. #19). Next Meeting Nov. 16.
G. Strategic Funding Committee: Next meeting TBD.
H. Audit Committee: Met on October 21. Oct. 21, 2025 Minutes **(Attach. #20)**. Next meeting TBD.
I. Nominations Committee: Next meeting TBD.
J. Facilities Committee: Next meeting Oct. 28 after the Board meeting.
K. Governance - Human Resources Committee: Next meeting is October 27.
L. CV Healthy Living Committee: Met on September 22. June 2 **(Attach. #21)** and September 22 Minutes (**Attach. #22**)**.** Next meeting January 12, 2027.

VII. Closed Session:

CA Government Code 54956.9 – one potential legal case
CA Government Code 54956.8 - Property

VIII. BOARD MEMBER / STAFF COMMENTS

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting December 16, 2026, at 9 AM.

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