

SCT Board of Directors Board Meeting
 January 28, 2026 at 3pm
 Sonoma County Tourism Board Room
 400 Aviation Blvd, Suite 500. Santa Rosa, CA 95403
Meeting Minutes

Members: *Joe Bartolomei, Jennifer Buffo, Thera Buttaro, Margaret Grahame, Keo Hornbostel, Kirstyne Lange, Kirk Lok, Crista Luedtke, Brian Marchi, Brandon Mrkvicka, Bert Rangel, Caroline Shaw, Tim Zahner, Scott Alonso, , Karim Ikrimah, Andrea Griffin, John Kennedy, Christopher Hunsberger*

Invitees: Ethan Brown, McCall Miller, Denise Aver-Philips, Jon Stout, Bill Arnone, Claudia Vecchio, Lori Angstadt, Kelly Bass Seibel, Jonny Westom, Frank Filice, Allie Nordby, Jessica Quigley (recording secretary), Roxanne Shockey- Sorren (auditor)

Public:

Absent: *Brandon Mrkvicka, Caroline Shaw, Scott Alonso*

Agenda Item/Issues	Information	Follow Up Action	Person Responsible	Date Due
Meeting Call to Order	Meeting commenced at 3:00	N/A	N/A	N/A
Roll Call	<i>Roll call taken for all members</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A
Public Comment		N/A	N/A	N/A
Statement of Abstentions		N/A	N/A	N/A
Approval of Consent Items.	<p>Motion: K. Lange Second: J. Kennedy to approve the consent items-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Approval of Agenda: January 28, 2026 b) Approval of BOD Minutes: November 19, 2025 c) Finance & Legal Committee Minutes: November 17, 2025 d) Governance Committee Minutes: November 18, 2025 e) Marketing Committee Minutes: November 12, 2025 f) FY25-26 Committee Charts of Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance • Finance & Legal 			

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Legal Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing • Business Development • Community Engagement <p>Ayes –17 Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0</p> <p>Bill Arnone discusses his work on the Graton Casino contract, the 7 Secrets of Hospitality Contract and the award letter for grant recipients. He reminds Board Members that form 700 is due in April and notices are being sent out.</p>			
FY 24-25 Audit Presentation	<p>Roxanne Shockey from Sorren (auditing firm) is on zoo. She discusses with the committee that the audit was clean, no major findings.</p> <p>There is discussion around updating the travel policy to be more comprehensive regarding over night stays before an early flight.</p> <p>Motion: B. Marchi, Second: T. Buttaro to accept the FY24-25 Auditing findings as presented.</p> <p>Ayes –17 Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0</p>			

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<p>Committee Reports- FOR POSSIBLE ACTION</p> <p>Governance:</p>	<p>B. Arnone discusses that minor updates were made to the bylaws to update language regarding gender and plural. Not major changes were made.</p> <p>Motion: M. Collins, Second: C. Hunsberger to approve the changes made to the by-laws.</p> <p>Ayes- 17 Nays-0 Abstain-0</p> <p>Board member Benjamin Bailey has applied for the Revenue Generation Committee.</p> <p>Motion: C. Hunsberger, Second: T. Buttaro to accept B. Bailey’s application for the Revenue Generation Committee</p> <p>Ayes-17 Nays-0 Abstain-0</p> <p>SCHA Evolution K. Bass Seibel & J. Bartolomei discuss the current state of SCHA and what SCT can take on. Discussion around the continued need for advocacy that SCT cannot do. SCT is currently holding networking and educational events.</p>			

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Adjourn	3:40pm			