



**DOWNTOWN
LONG BEACH
ALLIANCE**

**Governance
Committee**

Loara Cadavona – Chair

Jeremy Harris

Allison Kripp

Todd Lemmis

Silvano Merlo

Griselda Suarez

Staff

Kraig Kojian,
President/CEO

Kelsey Mader,
Executive Assistant

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

8:00 AM

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Meeting ID: 896 4986 7498

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Voting Present: Loara Cadavona, Griselda Suarez, Jeremy Harris, Allison Kripp, Silvano Merlo

Voting Absent: Todd Lemmis

DLBA Staff: Kraig Kojian, Broc Coward, Kelsey Mader, Justine Nevarez

1. CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS – Loara Cadavona, Chair
Meeting presentation. Called to order at 8:02 AM.
2. APPROVE MINUTES
ACTION: Approve Minutes from [May 27, 2021 Special Meeting](#)
MOTION: 1st: Kripp; 2nd: Suarez
VOTE: None opposed. Merlo abstained. Harris not present for vote. Motion passes.
3. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Cadavona
 - A. [Committee](#) Vacancies
 - i. Public Safety (1)
 - This is a recent resignation and Coward hopes to look into upcoming recruits for the new Board to fill this vacancy.
 - ii. Marketing & Communications (1)
 - Michael Vitug is being considered for this position, pending a meeting with Kojian and Alishia Holmes-Watson, DLBA Marketing & Communications Committee Chair.
 - Suarez suggested appointing someone from Museum of Latin American Art to serve on Public Safety. Kojian recommended submitting potential candidates, and DLBA can coordinate interviews.
 - Cadavona and Kojian discussed Board interviewees who were not selected to serve for FY21-22 as candidates to serve on committee vacancies as well.
 - B. Update on Board Election
 - The recommended slate was approved last week by the Board. Stakeholders will vote on the slate, then the Governance Committee will tabulate the results at its July meeting.
 - C. Review Governance [Committee Calendar](#)
 - Suarez reminded the committee of the importance of DEIA in the Strategic Plan. Kojian mentioned that this is being handled as its own project by a different consultant who specializes in this field. Cadavona added that this work would inform the work that DLBA staff and committees will be charged to do and will serve as an overlay to DLBA's Strategic Plan.
 - The Committee spent the remainder of their meeting looking at potential Chairs and Vice-Chairs for each of the five programming committees. When considering who to recommend filling these seats for the next fiscal year, previous chair experience and expressed interest was considered.

- Given the freezing of Board and Committee positions the last fiscal year, current committee chairs are completing their second year in a row serving in this capacity. Because of this, the committee adopted a strategy to recommend a newer Board member to serve as chair while being supported by a member with more tenure as vice-chair. Where possible, the Chair from FY20-21 will serve as Vice-Chair for the same committee to provide guidance for their predecessor.

4. OLD BUSINESS
 5. NEW BUSINESS
 6. PUBLIC COMMENT (three minutes on all non-agenda items)
 7. ADJOURNMENT
- Adjourned at 8:45 AM.

NEXT GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

8 AM

Location: HYBRID

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