

MINUTES
House of Spain,
Casa de España,
in San Diego
Meeting
Board of Directors
January 12th, 2025



Officers			Members of the Board			
President	Jesús Benayas	X	Maruja Williams	X		
Vice President	Pedro Romón Díaz	X	Ana Ocampo	X		
Secretary	Ignacio de Castro Pérez	X	Rebollar			
			Ignacio Vázquez	X		
			Riesgo			
Treasurer	María José Marmanillo	X	David	X		
			Buenaventura			
			Madi Dearie			
			Patricia Barry	X	Sergeant-at-Arms Henry Herms	X

1. The President called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

2. Approval of today's agenda.

Ignacio Vázquez made a motion to approve the agenda.

David Buenaventura seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

3. Election of the Sergeant at Arms

Maruja Williams makes a motion to affirm Henry Herms as Sergeant at Arms for the House of Spain

María José Marmanillo seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

4. Election of new members of the Board of Directors

Ignacio Vázquez makes a motion to elect Ana Ocampo, Patricia Barry and Madi Dearie to the Board.

David Buenaventura seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

4.5 Proxies

Madi Dearie sent his proxy to the President.

5. Approval of 12/15/2024 BOD meeting minutes:

Pedro Romón made a motion to approve the November 10th, 2024 minutes as presented.

Ana Ocampo seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

6. President's Report: During the President's report there was a discussion on purpose and future goals of the House of Spain. Additionally the following motion was made:

Patricia Barry made a motion to make Ángeles Leira an honorary member.

Pedro Romón seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

7. Vice president's report. No physical report. The Vice President opened the casita during a Saturday in January.

8. Secretary's report. No physical report. The Secretary responded to email and physical correspondence.

9. Treasurer's Report: No questions regarding the Treasurer's report.

9.a. General Report

Checking account \$4,296.04

High Yield Savings \$ 10,000.11

Fidelity Investments \$ 280,142.50

Total \$ 313,006.68

9.b. 2025 Budget

David Buenaventura made a motion to approve the 2025 budget as presented.

Maruja Williams seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

10. HPR report. The report was sent to the Board over email.

11. HoS keys. Nothing has changed. Maruja, Pedro and Jesús have keys. There is an additional one in the lockbox by the back door.

12. Committee Reports.

10.1 Employee Manager - Ana Ocampo. Nothing to report.

10.2 Safety and EEO Manager - Ignacio Vázquez. Nothing to report.

10.3 Events Manager - Pedro Romón. Nothing to report.

10.4 Calendar of events for 2025 (Thank you Nina):

- a. Día de Reyes, January 2026 - The date will be reserved but we will need volunteers and a person to be formally in charge of the celebration
- b. Students from Málaga to visit in February. Jesús will make a paella and Maruja, Nacho and David will help.
- c. Feria de Abril. Ana will be in charge of the event
- d. Battle of San Diego Bay at Naval Base Point Loma - Saturday April 26th Noon-3pm. Jesús in charge.
- e. December Nights Volunteer appreciation event. Pedro in charge. The event will be done in March and further discussed during the February Board meeting.
Ignacio Vázquez made a motion to up to \$1,000 for the event.
David Buenaventura seconded the motion.
The motion passed.
- f. Latin Festival - Saturday September 20th - 9am-4pm
- g. Lawn Program HoS October 11th
- h. December Nights (12/5 and 12/6)

10.5 Scholarship - Aleix received the second installment.

The meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ignacio de Castro Pérez
Secretary, House of Spain

Minutes approved by the Board of Directors on February 9th, 2025.

Motions for HoS Board meeting on January 12th, 2025:

- 1. Ignacio Vázquez made a motion to approve the agenda.**
David Buenaventura seconded the motion.
The motion passed.

- 2. Maruja Williams makes a motion to affirm Henry Herms as Sergeant at Arms for the House of Spain**
María José Marmanillo seconded the motion.
The motion passed.
- 3. Ignacio Vázquez makes a motion to elect Ana Ocampo, Patricia Barry and Madi Dearie to the Board.**
David Buenaventura seconded the motion.
The motion passed.
- 4. Pedro Romón made a motion to approve the November 10th, 2024 minutes as presented.**
Ana Ocampo seconded the motion.
The motion passed.
- 5. Patricia Barry made a motion to make Ángeles Leira an honorary member.**
Pedro Romón seconded the motion.
The motion passed.
- 6. David Buenaventura made a motion to approve the 2025 budget as presented.**
Maruja Williams seconded the motion.
The motion passed.
- 7. Ignacio Vázquez made a motion to up to \$1,000 for the event.**
David Buenaventura seconded the motion.
The motion passed.