

**FINAL MINUTES
House of Spain,
Casa de España,
in San Diego
Meeting
Board of Directors
August 11th, 2024**



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

1. The President called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

2. Approval of today's agenda.

David Buenaventura made a motion to approve the agenda.

Maruja Williams seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

3. Proxies

No proxies were sent.

4. Approval of 7/14/2024 BOD meeting minutes:

Nacho Vázquez made a motion to approve the July 14th, 2024 minutes as presented.

David Buenaventura seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

5. President's Report: The President reported the following:

- The main entrance to the casita porch ceiling needed maintenance. The President stained it.
- The President sent the 2023-2024 Annual Financial Report to the City to the Treasurer of HPR.
- Work with our accountant on a Grant Application from the City of San Diego. An Equal Employment Opportunity Officer (EEOO) is needed. Nacho Vázquez has been named as the EEOO Manager.
- The President met with Cabrillo National Monument (CNM) Superintendent Chris Rodríguez at the casita on August 1st. Another meeting has been scheduled for August 19.
- A paella was sold at the casita on July 27th, it went well.
- A sprinkler leak between the casita and the House of Puerto Rico has been reported to the city multiple times.
- The President worked with David Buenaventura on DVD, Arlo and videos on USBs for the casita.
- The Latino Festival will be held and the following houses will participate: Spain, Mexico, Colombia and Panama. \$300 will need to be spent on a DJ for a sound system. The President invited the Honorary Consul in San Diego and is waiting to hear back.
- Cabrillo Wreath Ceremony has been reserved and approved for September 28. Saturday at 3:30 PM. Reception at the "Galleon" at the Maritime Museum of San Diego at 5:30PM.
- Real Betis visited the casita and the visit went really well
- Shopping and mail.

6. Vice president's report. The Vice President reported the following:

- Help with the paella on July 27th
- Opening the casita when the employee that was supposed to do it called out due to a medical emergency

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

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

9.a. General Report

Checking account \$5,578.72

High Yield Savings \$ 17,126.85

Fidelity Investments \$ 262,750.91

Total \$ 285,456.48

9. HPR report. The San Diego World Affairs Council will present on September 07, 2024 a travelog in the Hall of Nations. They will provide a passport to those participating that can receive a stamp from the participating houses.

10. Committee Reports.

10.1 Employee Manager - Ana Ocampo. Not present

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

10.3 Events Manager - Pedro Romón. Nothing to report.

10.4 September 17th - Landing of Cabrillo in Ensenada. The President and David Buenaventura will try to attend. Maruja might attend too.

10.5 Monthly paellas at casita. Last paella: July 27th. Thank you to those that helped: Jesús, Pedro, David, Madi, María José and Marcos.

10.6 Calendar of events for 2024 (Thank you Nina):

- a. September 21st (Latino Festival)
- b. October 12th (Día de la Hispanidad)
- c. December 6, 7 ICF

10.7 Scholarship. The scholarship committee has recommended that the scholarship be given to the sole applicant, Aleix Navarro Garrido.

Pedro Romón made a motion to accept the recommendation of giving Aleix Navarro Garrido the scholarship.

Maruja Williams seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

11. Other business

Paola Hornbuckle has resigned from the Board. She is willing to volunteer when needed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

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

Minutes approved by the Board of Directors on September 8th, 2024.

Motions for HoS Board meeting on August 11th, 2024:

- 1. David Buenaventura made a motion to approve the agenda.**

Maruja Williams seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

- 2. Nacho Vázquez made a motion to approve the July 14th, 2024 minutes as presented.**

David Buenaventura seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

- 3. Pedro Romón made a motion to accept the recommendation of giving Aleix Navarro Garrido the scholarship.**

Maruja Williams seconded the motion.

The motion passed.