



VISALIA CONVENTION AND VISITORS' BUREAU

DRAFT Minutes of the REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

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Chair: Carrie Groover		Staff: Suzanne Bianco			
Members Present: Denise Taylor-Connor Walter Deissler Rick Feder Cynthia Padilla-Nowakowski		Members Absent: Brett Taylor Sintia Kawasaki-Yee Samantha Rummage-Mathias	Present - 5 Absent – 3 Quorum – Y	Others Present: John Lollis, COV	
TOPIC		Discussion/Recommendations		ACTION	RESPONSIBLE
	Call to Order	Chair Groover called the regular meeting to order at 9:24 am		Information only	Groover
	Public Comment	<i>This time is allowed for comments on subject matters pertaining to items on the agenda. Each speaker is allowed three minutes. No action can be taken, at this time, on items mentioned in public comments.</i>		Public Comment	
		John Lollis provided background on request for letter of support for NAS Lemoore home basing of F-35C strike fighter squadron. This will provide additional resources and workforce to Visalia. Visit Visalia will sign on in support.		Information	John Lollis
		Information			
1.	SEKI REPORT	No report		Information Only	

		Action Items		
1.	Approval of Meeting Minutes	Deissler motioned to approve May 19, 2026, meeting minutes. Feder seconded the motion. Motion approved.	Approved minutes of May 19 meeting	Deissler/ Feder
2.	Treasurer's Report	Board chair Groover requested financial reports be tabled until meeting with CPA to resolve changes needed with the termination of the MOU. Feder moved to table the financial report until July meeting and a second was made by Connor. Motion carried.	Approval to table financial report until July	Feder / Connor
3.	Board of Directors	1. Election of Wilhelmina Santana to fill position vacated by Oneto. Feder motioned to approve the election with a second by Deissler. Motion carried.	Approved election of W. Santana to Board	Feder / Connor
4.	Discontinue employer (VCVB) sponsored medical health care	Medical health care will no longer be provided by VCVB. Dental and Vision care will continue to be offered. Feder moved to discontinue medical health care to VCVB employees. This was seconded by Padilla-Nowakowski. Motion carried.	Approved to discontinue employer sponsored medical health care	Feder / Padilla-Nowakowski
5.	Employee handbook changes	Review of changes to the bereavement leave and jury duty policies recommended as a cost saving measure by Single Point. Deissler moved to change the number of paid days for Jury Duty from 5 days to 2 days. A second was provided by Padilla-Nowakowski. Motion carried.	Change paid jury duty to 2 days	Deissler / Padilla-Nowakowski

		Deissler moved that employee bereavement paid leave change from up to 5 days to up to 3 days. A second was provided by Feder. Motion carried.	Change paid bereavement to 3 days.	Deissler / Feder
TOPIC		Discussion/Recommendations	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE
1.	Executive Committee updates	Board members were requested to complete and return “conflict of interest” forms.	Information Only	Groover
2.	Staff Report	Staff provided reporting on tourism efforts in May	Information Only	Bianco
	Meeting Adjourned	11:14 am		Groover

The next regular meeting
Tuesday, July 21, 2026, 9:00 am – Visit Visalia Conference Room