

**FINAL MINUTES
House of Spain,
Casa de España,
in San Diego
Meeting
Board of Directors
September 14th, 2025**



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

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.

Ana Ocampo seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

3. Proxies

Maruja Williams, Madi Dearie and Patricia Barry sent their proxies to the President and Secretary

4. Approval of 7/13/2025 BOD meeting minutes:

Ignacio Vázquez made a motion to approve the July 13th, 2025 minutes as presented.

David Buenaventura seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

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

- City is going to start charging for parking soon, maybe as soon as October 1st.
- Completed and turned in the Temporary Food Facility application for serving food for ICF the first Friday and Saturday of December.
- Worked and completed the Cabrillo National Monument – An Embarrassment of History video. Thank you, David Buenaventura, for putting it on YouTube, making the flyer and a QR!
- Met with the new Spanish Navy Captain Manuel and his wife Raquel at the casita and gave them a tour. Manuel will be the Keynote Speaker at the CNM wreath ceremony on September 28.
- I contacted a couple of possible princesses but did not receive an answer. It would be good to have a Princess.
- Landon Hair mother, Almudena, and possibly the Queen, will represent HOS on the 90th HPR Anniversary carrying the Flag of Spain on the parade. HOS will make a paella on Saturday.
- Bill to HPR EFF event was paid this month!
- Robert Smith of SAR and member of the HOS donated 2 framed pictures.
- Sent Scholarship first check to Kayla. She had an accident and broke her ankle. She is using crutches to walk.
- Reserved the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the CNM for September 28 at 4 PM at the statue area and the San Salvador for a toast from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. The Consul General at L.A. will be coming.
- Shopping and mail.
- Gracias David Buenaventura for all your help with the casita and Cabrillo websites and flyers.
- Cleaned and watered the HOS garden around the casita.
- Dr. Iris Engstrand donated \$500 to the cultural fund of the House

6. Vice president's report. No report. The Vice President brought up a problem: an additional speaker is needed for events. The Board agreed.

Ana Ocampo made a motion to spend up to \$300 to purchase a new speaker for House of Spain events.

Pedro Romón seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

7. Secretary's report. No report. No questions

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

9.a. General Report

Checking account \$4,966.16

High Yield Savings \$ 12,128.45

Fidelity Investments \$ 306,967.45

Total \$ 324,062.06

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

10. 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.

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

- a. September 20th, Latino Festival. Jesús in charge
- b. September 28th 4:00 PM, Wreath Laying at Cabrillo National Monument. Pedro and Jesús in charge. In previous years this event was not open to members, only the Board attended. The Board decided to keep it the same this year.

Ignacio Vázquez made a motion to spend up to \$1,000 for this event.

David Buenaventura seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

- c. October 11th, Día de la Hispanidad. Pedro in charge
- d. November 9th, General Assembly and HoS Elections
- e. Saturday 15/16, November 5:00 PM- Wreath Making Event. Ana in charge.
- f. December 5-6th, ICF
- g. January 4th, 2026 Día de Reyes

11. Scholarship – Henry

12. Calendar – Nina

13. Queens/Knights - Henry

14. Others

15. New Business

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

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

Minutes approved by the Board of Directors on October 12th, 2025.

Motions for HoS Board meeting on September 14th, 2025:

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

Ana Ocampo seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

- 2. Ignacio Vázquez made a motion to approve the July 13th, 2025 minutes as presented.**

David Buenaventura seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

- 3. Ana Ocampo made a motion to spend up to \$300 to purchase a new speaker for House of Spain events.**

Pedro Romón seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

- 4. Ignacio Vázquez made a motion to spend up to \$1,000 for this event.**

David Buenaventura seconded the motion.

The motion passed.