

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



Officers

President	Jesús Benayas
Vice President	Pedro Romón Díaz
Secretary	Ignacio de Castro Pérez
Treasurer	María José Marmanillo

Members of the Board

X	Maruja Williams	
X	Ana Ocampo Rebollar	
X	Ignacio Vázquez Riesgo David Buenaventura Madi Dearie Patricia Barry	
	Sergeant-at-Arms Henry Herms	X

1. The President called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

2. Approval of today's agenda.

Pedro Romón made a motion to approve the agenda.

Ignacio de Castro seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

3. Proxies

Maruja Williams, Madi Dearie, Patricia Barry, Nacho Vázquez, María José Marmanillo, Ana Ocampo and David Buenaventura sent their proxies to the President and Secretary

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

Pedro Romón made a motion to approve the July 13th, 2025 minutes as presented.

Ignacio de Castro seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

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

- Prices for parking have not been figured out by the City. All HoS volunteers should send their applications to ensure timely approvals for HoS events.
- Worked on the Hispanic Heritage event with the other houses. Shopped for supplies, set them up and cooked paellas. Thanks to Pedro, Nacho, Antonio, Maria Jose and Almudena for their help during the event.
- Slow National Day, more paellas were sold than Hispanic Heritage but not that many. Good flamenco show. Around 15 members showed up.
- San Diego Union-Tribute requested the President to write an article about Cabrillo. Should be published this week.
- Completed and turned in the Temporary Food Facility application for serving food for DECEMBER NIGHTS on the first Friday and Saturday of December.
- Worked with David B. on the Flyers and logistics for the DIA NACIONAL DE ESPAÑA lawn program event Saturday 11 of October 2025.
- Worked with Spanish Navy Captain Manuel Bouza, Keynote Speaker at the CNM wreath ceremony on September 28. Also, I worked with David B. on the Flyers and logistics for this event.
- Wreath Laying Ceremony at the CNM and the Maritime Museum on September 28 at 4 PM at the statue area and the San Salvador for a toast from 5:30 to 7:30 PM went well. The Consul General from L.A. and his wife attended both events.
- I contacted a possible princess but have not been able to meet with her and explain the process.
- The Queen Lindsey and Landon Hair mother, Almudena, represented HOS on the 90th HPR Anniversary carrying the Flag of Spain on the parade.
- Shopping and mail.
- The printer/scanner machine broke, and I had to buy a new one. Gracias David Buenaventura for all your help with the new printer shopping and set up at the casita.
- Cleaned and watered the HOS garden around the casita.

6. Vice president's report. No report. The Vice President helped in all recent events.

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 \$5,097.27

High Yield Savings \$ 12,128.55

Fidelity Investments \$ 315,778.43
Total \$ 333,004.25

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.
- 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. Ana requested the Board to approve up to \$300 to organize the event.
Pedro Romón made a motion to spend up to \$300 for the event.
Ignacio de Castro seconded the motion.
The motion passed.
- f. December 5-6th, ICF. Probably no more than 10 paellas as there are an increasing number of food trucks and people seem to be spending less.
- g. January 4th, 2026 Día de Reyes. Nina in charge. New rules were discussed: free to members, non-member families of up to 4 will pay \$20. Parents will bring gifts. Nina will contact the Secretary for advertising of the event. Consuelo will help with decorations. Kings to be determined. 2 RSVP periods, members first and non-members after.

11. Scholarship – Henry

12. Calendar – Nina

13. Queens/Knights - Henry

14. Others

15. New Business

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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

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

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

- 1. Pedro Romón made a motion to approve the agenda.
Ignacio de Castro seconded the motion.
The motion passed.**
- 2. Pedro Romón made a motion to approve the July 13th, 2025 minutes as presented.
Ignacio de Castro seconded the motion.
The motion passed.**
- 3. Pedro Romón made a motion to spend up to \$300 for the event.
Ignacio de Castro seconded the motion.
The motion passed.**