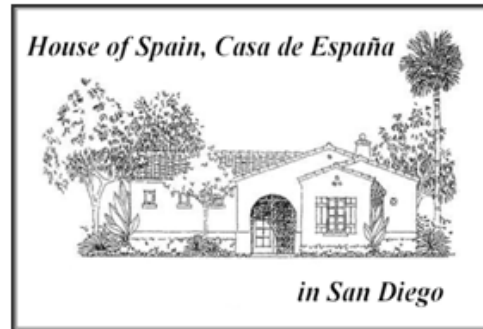


# House of Spain – Casa de España

## APPROVED MINUTES



### Board of Directors Meeting (Monthly Meeting)

**Date:** March 8, 2026

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. – noon

**Location:** 2168 Pan American Road East, San Diego, CA 92101

## 1. Call to Order

President **Jesus Benayas** called the meeting to order at **9:46 a.m.**

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## 2. Roll Call & Quorum

### Officers Present:

- President: Jesus Benayas
- Vice President: Pedro Romon-Diaz
- Treasurer: Maria Jose Marmanillo

### Officers Absent:

- Secretary: Madison Dearie

### Board Members Present:

- Maruja Williams
- David Buenaventura
- Patricia Barry
- Ana Ocampo
- Laura Rivas

### Board Members Absent:

- Ignacio Vazquez Riesgo

### Sergeant at Arms (non-voting):

- Henry Herms - present

A quorum was established.

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### 3. Approval of Agenda

**Motion:** To approve the agenda as presented

- **Moved by:** Maria Jose Marmanillo
  - **Seconded by:** David Buenaventura
  - **Vote:** Approved unanimously
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### 4. Proxies

Proxies were submitted by Secretary **Madison Dearie** and Board Member **Ignacio Vazquez Riesgo** to President **Jesus Benayas**. All other Board Members were present.

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### 5. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** To approve the February 8, 2026 Board meeting minutes

- **Moved by:** Ana Ocampo
  - **Seconded by:** Maruja Williams
  - **Vote:** Approved unanimously
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### 6. President's Report

President Benayas provided updates on the following:

- **EFF**
  - The Board discussed the upcoming EFF event scheduled for May 2–3. Due to insufficient information received from HPR, the Board decided not to participate in the event this year.
- **Battle of San Diego Bay (BOSDB)**
  - The event is scheduled for Sunday, March 22 at Naval Base Point Loma. Preparations are progressing.
  - President Benayas will have a phone meeting on March 16 with the Captain to finalize coordination details.
  - It was noted that non-U.S. participants will likely need to complete additional paperwork, with further details to be determined.
- **Revolution Book Presentation**
  - A presentation of the REVOLUTION book will take place at the casita on March 11 at 6:00 p.m.
- **Administrative Updates**

- The President worked with the Treasurer and accountant to file required tax forms
- HPR insurance information has been completed and submitted
- House of Spain website updates are currently in progress (thanks to Henry Herms)
- A letter was received from Málaga addressed to the City of San Diego
- Routine shopping and mail matters were addressed

**Motion:** To approve the President's Report

- **Moved by:** Ana Ocampo
  - **Seconded by:** Maria Jose Marmanillo
  - **Vote:** Approved unanimously
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## 7. Vice President's Report

The Vice President's report was presented.

No questions were raised by Board members.

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## 8. Secretary's Report

No report due to the Secretary's absence.

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## 9. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was presented.

No questions were raised by Board members.

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## 10. HPR Report

Henry Herms provided the HPR report.

No questions were raised.

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## 11. Committee Reports

- **Revolution Book Presentation**
  - Date: March 11, 2026
  - Location: Casita

- Time: 6:00 p.m.
- Attendance will be limited to 40 people
- **Saint Patrick's Day**
  - Casita closed on Saturday, 14th
- **Battle of San Diego Bay (BOSDB)**
  - Date: March 22
  - Location: Naval Base Point Loma
  - Time: 12:00 p.m.
  - Lead: Jesus Benayas
- **Feria de Abril**
  - Lead Coordinator: Ana Ocampo
  - Motion: To approve spending up to \$2,000 to purchase ingredients for paella preparation.
    - **Moved by:** Ana Ocampo
    - **Seconded by:** Maria Jose Marmanillo
    - **Vote:** Approved unanimously
  - Confirmed Volunteers
    - Ana Ocampo
    - Maruja Williams
    - Bob Williams
    - Laura Rivas
    - David Buenaventura
    - Pedro Romon-Diaz
    - Ignacio Vazquez Riesgo
    - Madison Dearie
  - Additional volunteers to be contacted:
    - Almudena
    - Antonio
    - Landon
- **Picnic at Liberty Station**
  - Date: June 28
  - Lead: Ana Ocampo
- **December Nights Volunteers Event**
  - David Buenaventura will coordinate volunteer merchandise, including T-shirts and hats.
- **Latin Festival**
  - Proposed date: Saturday, September 19
  - Tentative hours: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- **Cabrillo Wreath Ceremony**
  - Coordinators: Jesus Benayas and Pedro Romon-Diaz
  - Date: TBD
- **Lawn Program**
  - Date: Saturday, October 10
- **December Nights**
  - Dates: December 4–5

## 2026 Calendar of Events

The Board reviewed upcoming events planned for the year.

## Scholarship

No new updates.

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## 12. New Business

No new business was introduced.

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## 13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

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**Submitted by:**  
**Madison Dearie**  
Secretary, House of Spain

*Minutes were approved by the Board of Directors on April 12, 2026 meeting.*