

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



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

1. The President called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

2. Approval of today's agenda.

Ana Ocampo made a motion to approve the agenda.

Ignacio Vázquez seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

3. Proxies

Jesús Benayas sent his proxy to the Vice President

3.5 Election of new members of the Board of Directors

Ignacio Vázquez makes a motion to elect Madi Dearie to the Board

Maruja Williams seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

Ana Ocampo makes a motion to elect Paola Hornbuckle to the Board

Maruja Williams seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

4. Approval of 1/14/2024 BOD meeting minutes:

Madi Dearie made a motion to approve the January 14th, 2024 minutes as presented.

Maruja Williams seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

5. President's Report: No report.

6. Vice president's report. No physical report. The Vice President picked up mail from the PO Box.

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

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

9.a. General Report

Checking account \$8,725.71

High Yield Savings \$ 22,125.94

Fidelity Investments \$ 231,776.74

Total \$ 262,628.39

9. HPR report. Henry Herms sent out the report over email

10. House of Spain positions

10.1 Employee manager: Ana Ocampo will add her phone number to the system for two-factor authentication

10.2 Events coordinator: The Vice President accepted the position.

11. Committee Reports.

11.1 Penelope Bledsoe's email on Cervantes Festival organized by San Diego/Alcalá Sister City Society: The House of Spain will not participate. The Secretary will communicate it to Penelope.

11.2 December Nights Volunteers' Appreciation Event: March 16th at the casita. The Secretary will send out invitations by late February after a list of volunteers has been provided. RSVP deadline will be set a week before the event.

11.3 Feria de Abril on Saturday April 13th, 2024: Budget will be determined and approved next month

11.4 Juan Sebastián Elcano, April 2024: Depending on where they dock we can have a members' event. We will need more information from the Spanish Navy

11.5 Battle of San Diego Bay, Saturday May 11th, 2024: It is unknown at this point in time if HoS will participate

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

- a. April 13th (Feria de Abril)
- b. May 18th (Ethnic Food Festival)
- c. Fourth of July
- d. September 21st (Latino Festival)
- e. October (Día de la Hispanidad/Fiesta Nacional)
- f. December ICF
- g. The Board wants to add members-only events to increase membership value and member involvement

12. Termites: There are termites at the casita. We will notify House of Pacific Relations.

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 March 10th, 2024.

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

- 1. Ana Ocampo made a motion to approve the agenda.
Ignacio Vázquez seconded the motion.
The motion passed.**

- 2. Ignacio Vázquez makes a motion to elect Madi Dearie to the Board
Maruja Williams seconded the motion.
The motion passed.**

- 3. Ana Ocampo makes a motion to elect Paola Hornbuckle to the Board
Maruja Williams seconded the motion.
The motion passed.**

4. **Madi Dearie made a motion to approve the January 14th, 2024 minutes as presented.
Maruja Williams seconded the motion.
The motion passed.**