

MEETING OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
(ALL MEETINGS OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC)

Location: California State University, Fresno
Satellite Student Union
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MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 6, 2013

Item
No.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

- (a) The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, August 6, 2013 at approximately 10:15 a.m., President Craig McNamara presiding.
- (b) Welcoming remarks provided by President McNamara
- (c) Pledge of Allegiance.

(2) ROLL CALL

Roll call taken by Joshua Eddy, Executive Director.

Present:

Craig McNamara
Ashley Boren
Charles Boyer

Bryce Lundberg
Miles Reiter
Nancy Casady

Joy Sterling
Mike Gallo

Absent:

Rodney Taylor
Sean McNally
Ben Drake

Donald Bransford
Eric Holst

Luawanna Hallstrom
Daniel Dooley

(3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 9, 2013

Board member Bryce Lundberg moved to approve the minutes of the July 9th meeting. Board member Mike Gallo seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

(4) DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

In lieu of a departmental update, Board member Charles Boyer welcomed the Board to California State University, Fresno on behalf of the Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology.

(5) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Hunger in America

The Board heard a presentation by Lori Silverbush, co-director of the documentary film *A Place at the Table* on the issue of hunger in local communities.

Speaker:

- Lori Silverbush, *A Place at the Table* (via videoconference)

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(6) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Hunger in California

The Board heard from a representative of the California Endowment concerning food insecurity, food access, and the statewide programs being implemented to address the issues.

Speaker:

- Sarah Reyes, California Endowment

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(7) PANEL DISCUSSION– Statewide Models

The Board heard from representatives of various non-profit organizations that work directly with California farmers to assist in providing agricultural products to food banks across the state.

Speakers included:

- Lindsay Coate, Ag Against Hunger
- Gail Gray, Farm to Family Program/CA Association of Food Banks
- Christy Porter, Hidden Harvest (via videoconference)

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(8) BREAK

(9) PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD – Focus on the San Joaquin Valley

The Board heard from a representative of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley concerning obesity, hunger, poverty, and food access within the Central Valley.

Speaker:

- Genoveva Islas-Hooker, California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

The presentation concluded without formal action by the Board.

(10) BOARD DISCUSSION – Hunger in the Central Valley

The Board held an open discussion with several panelists concerning the issue of food access and hunger. The discussion primarily focused on the opportunities to further link farmers to organizations (food banks, faith based organizations) that provide food to individuals in need. Panelists also addressed food insecurity and poverty and the need for more focused action at the state/local level.

Panelists included:

- Andy Souza, Fresno Community Food Bank
- Sandy Beals, FoodLink for Tulare County
- Jeff Garner, Kings Community Action Organization
- Bernadette Mello, Merced County Food Bank
- Sue Sigler, California Association of Food Banks
- Ryan Jacobsen, Fresno County Farm Bureau
- Patricia Blattler, Tulare County Farm Bureau
- Bruce Blodgett, San Joaquin County Farm Bureau
- Stuart Woolf, Woolf Farming
- Jody Hudson, Catholic Charities Diocese of Fresno
- Tom Matott, Fresno Metro Ministry
- Jill Eglund, Kern Food Policy Council

The discussion concluded without formal action by the Board.

(11) OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was before the Board.

(12) PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were provided.

(13) CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:23 p.m.