



ACE Board Meeting 07/8/2026

**Meeting Date:** 07/8/2026

**Location:** Zoom

**Recorder:** Sharon Garcia-Vega

| NAME                | TITLE              | ORGANIZATION        | IN ATTENDANCE? |
|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| BOOTH, ANTHONY      | LEGAL              | THE BOOTH LAW GROUP | NO             |
| BOOTH, BRADLEY      | LEGAL              | THE BOOTH LAW GROUP | YES            |
| CAMPBELL, MAZZETTA  | BOARD MEMBER, DA   | ACE                 | YES            |
| CHAVEZ, CHRIS       | CHAIR NEGOTIATIONS | ACE                 | NO             |
| CHEN, CRYSTAL       | BOARD MEMBER, FH   | ACE                 | YES            |
| DIHN, VICTORIA      | BOARD MEMBER, CS   | ACE                 | YES            |
| GARCIA, ADRIANA     | BOARD MEMBER, DA   | ACE                 | NO             |
| GARCIA, JANIE       | CHIEF STEWARD, FH  | ACE                 | NO             |
| GARCIA-VEGA, SHARON | RECORDER           | ACE                 | NO             |
| LY, LISA            | VICE PRESIDENT, DA | ACE                 | YES            |
| VACANT              | CHIEF STEWARD, CS  | ACE                 | -              |
| MEGGERSON, ANDRE    | CHIEF STEWARD, DA  | ACE                 | YES            |
| NGUYEN, ALAN        | VICE PRESIDENT, CS | ACE                 | YES            |
| PEREZ, JESSE        | TREASURER          | ACE                 | YES            |
| OLSEN, SCOTT        | PRESIDENT          | ACE                 | YES            |
| TRAN, PHUONG        | VICE PRESIDENT, FH | ACE                 | NO             |

**Guests:** Sheherazade Arasnia, Patti Whelan, Susan Ho, Jeff Dickard, Britt Rubio, Grisel Vasquez, and Peter Chow.

**Meeting Start:** 1:06pm

**A. Approval of Minutes:**

- **Motion:** To approve the May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026 minutes  
**Moved:** Andre Meggersen  
**Second:** Crystal Chen



**Abstain:** Lisa Ly

**B. Financial Report:** Presenter Jesse Perez

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| MeriWest CD:           | \$681, 523.52       |
| MeriWest CD 2:         | \$166,441.12        |
| MeriWest Checking:     | \$68,442.72         |
| B of A Checking:       | \$34,598.03         |
| <b>Accounts Total:</b> | <b>\$951,005.39</b> |

- Interest Income 2026: \$10,750.50
- Interest Income 2025: \$29,886.12
- Past Dues Forgiveness: April 2026

**C. Public Comment:** None

**D. Old Business:** Presenter Scott Olsen

- **Labor Notes Recap**

- In total 9 board members attended the Chicago Labor Notes conference.
- Members expressed interest in participating in local mid-year “Troublemakers School” events that host similar workshops. Scott Olsen will contact Labor Notes to propose hosting a regional workshop at Foothill or De Anza College.
- ACE’s status as an independent labor union allows members to elect and communicate with union leadership they know. This has allowed ACE to establish strike and litigation funds and to offer frequent dues-forgiveness months, including year-long dues forgiveness during COVID. Conversely, larger unions can help advance statewide benefits and employment protections though members have less direct access to union leadership and attorneys, and less influence over how dues are spent.
- Historically ACE has maintained about a 90% participation rate well above national averages.

- **Bookkeeper**

- Kathy Nguyen was selected as ACE’s new bookkeeper. Nguyen has begun training with Nancy Reynolds, our prior bookkeeper, and Jesse Perez, ACE treasurer.
- Perez shared that they are in the process of setting up QuickBooks and that Nancy has offered to remain available for questions during the transition.

**E. New Business:**

- **Opening Day Tabling:** Presenter Scott Olsen

- Opening Day will be at Foothill College this year and ACE will be tabling to draw in new members.
- It was decided that stickers and lanyards will be given out. Cookies, coffee, drink vouchers, a raffle, and t-shirts will be explored as additional options.

- **Budget Development:** Presenter Scott Olsen

- Jesse Perez and Scott Olsen will solicit input from the board on what ACE should be spending money on as they create the budget. If you have a specific idea or initiative that you want to spearhead, please share it with the board.
- Costco memberships or raffle tickets were discussed as potential giveaways for members.

- **Financial Audit:** Presenter Scott Olsen



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- ACE is participating in their annual audit.
- **PGA:** Presenter Sharon Garcia-Vega
  - Sharon Garcia-Vega mentioned that Phuong Tran will be hosting a PGA working session on August 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> directly after the ACE site meetings at Foothill and De Anza Colleges open to all members to work on submitting their PGA applications. She thanked Mazzetta Campbell for requesting these sessions and promised to send out calendar invites with additional information.

### F. President's Announcements: Presenter Scott Olsen

- **Board of Trustees:**
  - Olsen reported that the Board of Trustees seemed to know very little about what it means for the district to transition from apportionment to property tax-based funding. He encouraged stronger classified representation at study sessions and Board meetings so classified employees can fill in the knowledge gaps and can so they can advocate for their programs. He also shared that Union and Classified Senate representatives may send designees when they cannot attend a meeting.
  - Any member may attend and make a public comment.

### G. Committee Reports:

- **District Budget Committee (DBAC):** Presenter Scott Olsen
  - Has not met.
- **Negotiations Report:** Presenter Scott Olsen
  - The first negotiations meeting took place. The July meeting will likely be postponed by the district to wait for input from the Board of Trustees.
- **Benefits/JLMBC:** Presenter Scott Olsen
  - Preliminary rates from CalPERS for 2027 are now available. They did not increase as much as other years, but rates will be used to bargain negotiations.
- **VEBA Trust:** Presenter Scott Olsen
  - Have not met.
- **DDEAC:** Presenter Andre Meggerson
  - Have not met.
- **MIP-C (Foothill Governance):** Presenter Phuong Tran
  - No updates.
- **RAPP (De Anza Governance):** Presenter Lisa Ly
  - The last RAPP meeting was on June 16<sup>th</sup>, in which they approved a subcommittee called the Vitality and Innovation Committee to provide new and existing programs that are struggling with support and assessment.
  - De Anza also reported they have no discretionary (B-budget) funds for next year.
- **Police Chief's Advisory Committee (PCAC):** Presenter Scott Olsen
  - Scott Olsen has met the new Police Chief and will be scheduling a meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned: 1:46 pm**

### Report Out from Closed Session:

- Nothing to report.