

Approved by the UCLA Alumni Association Board of Directors (December 13, 2025)

**UCLA Alumni Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2025**

Present

Board of Directors: Paco Retana, Cathy Choi, Sonia Das, Devon Dickau, Samantha D’Souza, Cinthia Flores, Dean Florez, Yolanda Gorman, Coretta Harris, Ed Lew, Chris MacLaughlin, Manaf Mansure, Joe Pham, Lea Rasmusson, Brian Rosenbaum, Juana Sanchez, Matthew Saucedo, Diana Zschaschel

Staff: Steve Agostini, George Brown, Julia Brown, Megan Friedlander, Gloria Gordon, Denise Pacheco, Jenn Poulakidas, Andrea Sork, Katie Ward, Jenn Wells

Absent (Board of Directors): Stephanie Ellis-Smith, Corey Matthews, Natalie Samarjian, Rhea Turteltaub, Joe Vardner

Welcome & Team Builder

- President Paco Retana called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. welcoming directors and staff partners to the first board meeting of the fiscal year. The hybrid meeting was recorded to assist with capturing minutes. Materials were made available for review on the Alumni Board Box.
- Retana invited Diana Zuñiga, a healer, policy advocate, community organizer and consultant, to lead the board in gratitude blessing. Retana then shared icebreaker reflection questions. Attendees chose a question that resonated with them and shared the answer with the person sitting next to them.

Vision for 2025-2026

- Retana began by acknowledging the significance of this moment when higher education is navigating shifting societal expectations, and how UCLA remains a beacon of excellence, resilience, and innovation. Retana believes that this time calls for purposeful and compassionate leadership.
- Retana then presented the confirmed 2025-2026 Board meeting dates.

ACTION Approval of Consent Agenda

- Retana presented and asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda items, which included: Approval of Minutes from June 28, 2025, Approval of Updates of the Signature Authorization, Approval of Annual Reaffirmation of Practices and Protocols of the Board, Approval of Reaffirmation of UC Regents Policy 5203, Approval of Committee Chair and Member Appointments 2025-2026. Motion made, seconded, and approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned by Retana

- The board meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m. and transitioned into the retreat portion of the day.