



MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MONTHLY MEETING FEBRUARY 11, 2026 – 12:00 P.M. VIA CHAPTER ZOOM

I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Javier Morelos welcomed everyone to the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES AND AGENDA

Javier made a motion to approve the January 14, 2026, Board Meeting minutes, and Deneen Simon seconded the motion. All were in favor, and none opposed, and the motion to approve the January 14, 2026, Board Meeting minutes carried. Deneen made a motion to approve the February 11, 2026, Board Meeting agenda, and Katrina Combs seconded the motion. All were in favor, and none opposed, and the motion to approve the February 11, 2026, Board Meeting agenda carried.

III. ELECTIONS UPDATE, BOARD YEAR 2026-2027

Javier announced the slate of officers elected for the 2026-2027 Board year, including Ryan Hill as President, Katrina Combs as Vice President, May Rafanan as Treasurer, Shannon Oliver as Vice Treasurer, Mika Bekkerman as Secretary, Yadira Diaz as Director at Large, and Javier Morelos as Immediate Past President. The new Executive Committee was congratulated and welcomed.

IV. INSTALLATION LUNCH UPDATE

The 2026-2027 Board Installation Lunch will be held at the St. Regis on March 31.

V. K2L COMMITTEE UPDATE

Javier reported on changes to the K2L speaker lineup, noting that Dave Collins will replace Traci West. He also shared current registration numbers, with 83 in-person attendees and 16 virtual participants to date. Efforts are ongoing to increase virtual attendance.

VI. BUSINESS PARTNER PROGRAM/BROCHURE UPDATE

The updated Business Partner Program brochure was discussed. Veronica Vaskinn confirmed that website registration is live and ready for review before outreach to current Business Partners. Deadlines have been set for February 28 for VP members and March 1 for non-VP members.

VII. EDUCATION SESSIONS AND CALENDAR UPDATES

Ryan provided updates on several upcoming events, including the 2026–2027 Board Retreat on March 6, the *Essentials for Chapter Leadership* sessions on March 13 and 20, and the 2026–2027 Board Installation Lunch on March 31. Javier shared two additional upcoming programs: a collaboration with the Puget Sound chapter for a DEIA session on March 5 featuring Jennifer Martinez, and a pending Story Time event with ALA at the Hamilton Resource Center. Ryan also highlighted upcoming small and large firm roundtables, the HR Section event on March 19 led by Hannah Lincecum, and a wine tasting event at Vino Godfather in Vallejo on March 28.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

The Board voted to approve a proposal for AI training sessions led by Spencer Smith, to be held in May or early June at a cost of \$6,500. Ryan is seeking a Business Partner sponsor for the program. It was discussed that active Chapter members who have attended two to three Chapter events would be offered complimentary attendance, while the registration fee for other Chapter members would be \$150.

The Board also discussed preliminary ideas for the Chapter’s 50th anniversary celebration in 2027. The event will be organized by the Events Committee, with involvement from Past Presidents to provide historical perspectives. The format and timing of the celebration remain under consideration.

Javier Morelos adjourned the meeting at 12:42 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: 22

Executive Committee*

Javier Morelos
Ryan Hill
Shannon Oliver
Brian Nervis
May Rafanan
Katrina Combs
Sue Stratton

Board/Leadership

Matthew Ogden
Traci Yanez*
Ingrid Hester
Luis Aguayo
Kiran Thakkar
Deneen Simon
Sarah Spry
Emilia “Mika” Bekkerman
Charity Woodward
Lilliane Villanueva
Aileen Connolly
Linda Belcher
Yadira Diaz
Amie Morelli*
Dom Manuel

*Denotes a voting member; the majority of the Board’s eleven voting members must be present to conduct business.

Veronica Vaskinn of Glatz Management Services, Inc., attended the Board meeting at the Executive Committee's invitation.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Oliver

GGALA 2025-2026 Chapter Secretary

Association of Legal Administrators, Golden Gate Chapter February 11, 2026