



MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MONTHLY MEETING SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 – 12:00 P.M. HYBRID: SCHOENBERG FAMILY LAW GROUP & ZOOM

I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Ryan Hill welcomed everyone to the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES AND AGENDA

Betty Smith made a motion to approve the July 8, 2026 board meeting minutes and the August 18, 2026 special board meeting minutes and Shannon Oliver seconded the motion. All were in favor, and none opposed, and the motion to approve the July 8, 2026 board meeting minutes and the August 18, 2026 special board meeting minutes carried.

Ryan Hill made a motion to approve the September 9, 2026 Board Meeting agenda, and Betty Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor, and none opposed, and the motion to approve the September 9, 2026 Board Meeting agenda carried.

III. CHAPTER LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The Executive Committee (EC) and Ingrid Hester attended the Chapter Leadership Institute in July. Ryan Hill reported having a good experience and attending several helpful sessions. Ryan Hill proposed developing position-specific playbooks to help with knowledge transfer and make future leadership transitions easier.

IV. NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Javier Morelos called for volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee. He explained that the committee will identify potential nominees, select candidates, and speak with nominees as part of the process. A separate Elections Committee will also be formed.

Ryan Hill noted that this is a good micro-volunteer opportunity. Shannon Oliver volunteered to join Nomination committee.

V. VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT NOMINATIONS

Ryan Hill introduced the three candidates for Vice President/President-Elect: Kate Bristol, Paige McDaniel, and Patricia Zulaica. Ryan Hill reviewed the candidates' background information and spoke on behalf of Kate Bristol, who was unable to attend. Paige McDaniel and Patricia Zulaica introduced themselves and answered questions from the Board. The candidates then left the meeting, and the Board held a confidential discussion regarding the candidates. The Board will vote by private "ballot" following the discussion. Mika Bekkerman will distribute the voting form, and Board members must submit their votes by 5:00 p.m. If there is a tie, a new ballot will be distributed. The goal is to select a candidate by the end of the day, September 9, 2026.



VI. NEW BUSINESS

Charity Woodward discussed the upcoming Coastal Cleanup on September 19, 2026 in Oakland. The event is a family-friendly activity, with a brunch planned afterward.

Julie Burke discussed the New Member Event that is scheduled for later in the afternoon, September 9, 2026, at Hersh Family Law Practice.

The Leadership & Management Committee requested guidance regarding the speaker and topic for the January 7 education session, which will be held at Cooley LLP. The proposed speaker fee is \$3,500, which is \$600 over the current budget. The additional expense is expected to be offset by unused funds from other committees.

Ryan Hill adjourned the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be held on October 14, 2026. This will be a virtual meeting.



Board Members in Attendance: 30

<u>Executive Committee*</u>	<u>Board/Leadership</u>
Ryan Hill	Deneen Simon
Yadira Diaz	Kim McDade
May Rafanan	Summer Mabry
Mika Bekkerman	Matthew Ogden
Javier Morelos	Sue Stratton
Shannon Oliver	Julie Burke
	Lilliane Villanueva
	Antonia Bereal-Lee
	Sarah Spry
	Kira Hansen
	Ingrid Hester
	Kiran Thakker
	Andrea Everage
	Betty Smith *
	Amie Morelli *
	Linda Belcher
	Kit Fong
	Aileen Connelly
	Charity Woodward
	Rosario Greenbaum
	Chris Sims
	Patricia Zulaica
	Paige McDaniel
	Jeffrey Lais

*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,
Mika Bekkerman
GGALA 2026-2027 Chapter Secretary