

**ROTARY CLUB OF OAKLAND
2021-22 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SUMMARY MINUTES OF
SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 MEETING**

Members Present: President Dudley Thompson, president-elect Mary Geong, past-president Ces Butner, secretary Michael Bruck, treasurer Lorna Padia Markus, executive administrator Jesse Bowdle; directors, Allison Bliss, Steve Blair, Gary Flaxman, Wil Hobbs, Joycie Mack, Steve Nicholls, Debo Sarkar, Renia Webb, and Jason Wizelman.

Members absent or excused: Kim Cohn and Mike Mowery

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Dudley Thompson

Minutes and consent calendar

Motion to approve minutes of August 24, 2021 meeting seconded and approved (with two corrections).

Motion to approve consent calendar (attendance reports, new members, member terminations, approval of engagement letter for accounting services) seconded and approved.

Member Receivables

Treasurer Lorna Padia Markus and Executive Administrator Jesse Bowdle reported on the status of unpaid dues.

Grant requests

Motion for \$1,500 grant to provide supplies to internal Afghan refugees in Kabul seconded and approved.

Motion for \$1,500 grant to pay for translation and publication of book listing services and information for Afghan refugees living in Jordan seconded and approved.

Motion for \$6,000 grant for wheelchairs to be distributed in Mexico by District 5170 Wheelchair project seconded and approved.

Chambers of Commerce Memberships

Motion to approve offer of reciprocal memberships in Oakland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, African American Chamber of Commerce, Chinatown Chamber of Commerce, Latino Chamber of Commerce, and Vietnamese Chamber of Commerce seconded and approved.

ORE Grant Approval

President Dudley Thompson and past-president Ces Butner reported that the ORE board will amend the ORE bylaws to clarify that ORE may approve grants to non-501 (c) (3) organizations.

Leave of Absence Policy

The Executive Committee will draft a proposed policy that will modify the current leave of absence policy to better suit member needs.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Michael Bruck