

Minutes - April 15th 2026

JULIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

1. **Meeting called to order at 6:13pm**
2. **Directors:** Tyler Stamets (absent), Ashley Garrison, Dana Pettersen, Carmen Longoria, Linda Ross (absent), Lara Koljonen, Joe Breshears (absent), Rhondda Begley, Zora Martinez (absent).
Executive Director: Robin Boland
3. **Review & accept March 18th 2026 minutes**
 - a. Motioned by Dana, 2nd by Rhondda. All in favor.
4. **Open Forum: N/A**
5. **Executive Director Report - Robin Boland**
 - a. **Office & Visitor Center:**
 - i. Food Handler Manager certification for Robin is expired. She is under new recertification.
 - ii. The April calendar is full for Town Hall; the play, Mountain Mingle, Volcan Mountain Meeting. May is filling up.
 - iii. New office workers, a lot of extra time into training them.
 - iv. A \$156k grant has been approved, and we plan on spending \$5k on new garbage cans.
 - v. Andrew Hayes rep for Joel Anderson will be at Town Hall at 1pm on April 24th. Light snacks will be provided. A lot of different representatives of Julian businesses and organizations are invited. Dana is interested in knowing how much money is in the PLDO (Public Land Development Ordinance Funds) account for the Town Square; to be shared with Jess Martin. These very specific funds are provided by our community and allocated to specific needs, we are entitled to access to them for those reasons.
 - b. **Chamber Foundation: Dana**
 - i. Adolfo is scheduled to paint the Town Hall Kitchen. Report due from him in June/July.
 - ii. Casino Night Fundraiser July 25th.
 - iii. Carpet squares to replace downstairs of Town Hall.
6. **Architectural Review Board (ARB) - Alec Cotugna**
 - a. **Joe Breshears;** ARB Rep for JMA - Postponed for next meeting.
7. **Committee Reports** (written committee reports will be filed with minutes):
 - a. **Finance: Zora, Tyler, Robin, Kelly** (bookkeeper)
 - i. Community Valley Bank General account: \$29,037.52
 - ii. Office account: \$1,952.51
 - iii. Property account: \$47,447.08
 - iv. TH Renovation Account: \$2,470.54
 - Recommendation from Dana to utilize Community Valley Bank Frontwave Credit Union, high interest yield savings account for one of our accounts that is fluid.

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(Ashley to find the original amount we discussed to be allocated in a previous meeting).

b. Property Management: Tyler, Zora, Dana, Robin

- i. Focus on getting the Clinic property priced and ready to be inhabited by new renters. Responsibility of Property Management Committee to be addressed within the next 1-2 weeks. The potential loss of funds without the property being priced is inevitable.

c. Membership Benefits: Ashley & Zora, Linda, Lara, Rhondda, Joe

- i. Merchants Workshops/Community Workshops:
 - Get To Know Your Membership Benefits Event in the works by Robin
- ii. Mixers: Scheduled 2026 Mixers:
 - a. Ilan-Lael Foundation: May 13th at 5:30pm
 - b. Nickel Beer: June 10th at 5:30pm
 - c. The Pub: September 9th at 5:30pm
- iii. Ribbon Cuttings: (not hosted by JCC) SY Health 4/24 10:30am-12pm
- iv. New Business Welcome Committee: N/A
- v. Mountain Mingle: Wednesdays at Town Hall 8am-2pm; changed to 8am-12pm
 - Regarding Mixers discussed:
 - a. \$5 fee for non-members, members free
 - b. Explicit marketing for kid/family friendly event
 - i. No agreement made on these action items, further discussion made about Mixer procedures and costs. Consideration for clearly stating this is a professional development/networking focused event. Also, reconsider that we do not pay hosts \$100 for a bar. The committee should review the profit/loss from Kelly and consider revisions. Bringing back the Merchant's breakfast tailored towards families might be another avenue to explore.
- ii. 283 Membership accounts and paying members 178, free memberships 43.40 members are past due on payment.

d. Marketing: Rhondda & Tracy (JMA President), Tyler, Ashley, Robin

- i. No official meeting yet, a small meeting between Rhondda and Robin occurred to discuss issues that prevent tourists from exploring further down Main st, past c street. "C Street Fair event" proposed to help highlight these businesses. Ideas were discussed about photo opportunities "photos with Miners" (ARB compliant). AirBnb and Hotel might be interested in providing open houses/cookies to bring in more tourism. Rhondda plans on discussing further with these business owners; hosting a planning meeting where they are invited to help adapt it to their fitting. The chamber (JMA) will handle the marketing for the event.
- ii. See attached

e. Nomination Committee: N/A

f. Scholarship Committee: Lara & Carmen

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- i. Michael J. Hart Fund Current Account: \$1,465
 - Discussed Lara collecting funds at Trade Show, amount raised will be dedicated to the 2027 funds.
 - a. Not very many participants in the cupping service to raise funds for this scholarship. Further discussion about how to host more private cuppings at the next Trade Show.
 - Amount to be dispersed in 2026, \$1k to ONE student.
 - May 8th deadline for scholarship application
 - Updated new version of the application to include essay question about how the student will use the funds
 - Carmen will submit an updated copy of the application to the school on 4/6 and a copy to Robin for homeschoolers
- g. **Chamber Bylaw Committee: Carmen, Ashley, Robin**
 - i. The amendment from 2018 was not provided any documented evidence that the board had approved of it. That revision is considered null and void.
 - ii. Revised 2026 edition for board review before membership review
 - 3.5: Voting Rights must be approved by membership since it applies to them. Bring to membership for vote
 - 4.2: Annual meeting held at the Jan/Feb Installation Dinner: bring to board, then membership for vote.
 - 5.1: Number of Directors, previous language stated 9, no more than 15. This edition states "an odd number, no less than 7".
 - 5.3 -5.4: Director term extension to 3 years, versus 2. Which allows for Robin to work with a more stable board of directors and allows directors a grace period during their first year, to get more comfortable. Discussion about allowing partial or full zoom meetings to make attendance easier. Other concerns with the potential loss of directors if the term is extended to 3 years instead of 2.
 - 9.4 update: any amendment to the bylaws should be presented at 1 meeting and then voted on at the 2nd meeting. Allowing 2 meetings to discuss topics of amendments.
- 8. **Events & Work Groups:** (For Ashley to find the meaning of why we have this section in the agenda)
- 9. **Chamber Sponsored Events:**
 - a. Community Tradeshow: April 8th at 5pm-7pm
 - i. Great success, with 30 vendors. Robin proposed we should host this event every other year, as opposed to annually to help preserve the attendance.
 - b. Gem & Mineral Show: May 23rd-25th, 10-6 Sat & Sun, 10-5 on Monday.
 - i. Nonprofit selected for fundraiser money: Julian Youth Theatre
 - ii. With the strict vendor application guidelines provided by this group who limit applications to their "incumbents", the vendor attendance has dropped. The chamber suggests we should provide a timeline that allows them to restrict vendor

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applications up until a deadline that requires them to open the application to the public so we can maximize profits for this event. Discussion and decision about this should be deliberated and added to the "Big Book of Decisions".

- c. Town Square Music Festival: June 6th
- d. Taste of Julian: June 27th
- i. \$5 off the price due to a drop in restaurants. 10 participants including De Los Altos
- e. Sip of Julian: July 25th
- f. Merchant's Picnic: July 8th at 5:30 at Sacred Mountain
- g. Julian Mountain Brew Fest: August 22nd
- h. Julian Grape Stomp Festa: September 5th
- i. Country Christmas Saturday after Thanksgiving
- j. Christmas Market & Sing Along:
- k. Shop Local Give Away:

10. Chamber Co-Sponsored Events & Work Groups:

- a. Model A Club: September 19th

11. Old Business:

12. New Business:

- a. Voting by email concern:
 - i. electronic communication with the board of directors, everyone should consent to permitting. The other issue is about making decisions via email - which is illegal under CA nonprofit law.
 - ii. To vote electronically, members have to approve and consent to electronic voting.
 - iii. Further discussion about this will be postponed to the next meeting.
- b. Time Capsule Event at 2pm on 4th of July
 - i. Items should be added from the Chamber and a representative should attend the event.
- c. Nominal fees for nonprofits who use the Town Hall frequently, especially for events that make a profit. The Chamber should receive some compensation to cover the utility expenses. Perhaps, this issue should be handled by either the property or finance committee?
 - i. We need to charge them a fee that covers the expense of cleaning. Our "rental" should be cleaned and restocked at our own expense and responsibility. Town Hall maintenance requires more need, daily, instead of 2 days a week.

13. Anything for the Good of the Julian Chamber: N/A

14. Adjourned Meeting at 7:57pm. Motioned by Rhondda, 2nd by Ashley. All in favor.