

CAHIP-Los Angeles Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: February 19, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Location: Zoom

In Attendance: Bruce Benton, Dede Kennedy-Simington, Tiffany Cammarata, Jonathan Edwards, Patrick Snitchler, Elka Soussana, Naama O. Pozniak, Josh Kaufman, Ashley Kapostins Dave Sherrill

Absent: Kerry Wright, Victoria Saucedo, Michael Patton, June Taylor

I. Welcome, Call to Order, Antitrust Reminder

Bruce Benton called the meeting to order and provided the antitrust reminder.

II. Adoption of February Agenda

The February agenda was presented and adopted without modification.

III. Approval of January Minutes

The January 15 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

IV. President's Report – Bruce Benton

Bruce addressed recent national leadership changes, including the termination of NABIP CEO Jessica Brooks Woods. He emphasized maintaining focus on CAHIP-LA operations.

1. Ratified the electronic votes
 - a. Dawn McFarland: NABIP Region 8 RVP
 - b. Bruce Benton: NABIP President Elect
2. Strategic Planning took place on January 15. All members were invited.
3. Dede was appointed by the Board as the NABIP Foundation Champion on January 15. Dede provided the Board with a report of the Foundation.

V. President Elect Report – OPEN

No report presented.

VI. Immediate Past President Report – Dede Kennedy-Simington

Nominations for Elizabeth Underhill and Kerry Wright to the CAHIP Board were approved. Governance meetings scheduled for early March.

VII. Secretary Report – OPEN

No report presented.

VIII. Governance Committee Report – Dede Kennedy-Simington

Governance meetings scheduled for March 3–6. Documentation requirements for Pacesetter were emphasized.

IX. Treasurer’s Report – Tiffany Cammarata

Chapter operating at a \$12,400 deficit. Approved rolling \$80,000 from maturing CD into a new CD, with the balance going to checking for some liquidity. \$112,688.61 Assets on Hand. January financials approved.

X. Membership Report – Naama O. Pozniak

250 members reported; 5% growth. March Madness membership drive planned.

XI. Legislation Report – Patrick Snitchler

CapCon updates including Advocacy app and meeting logistics.

XII. PAC Report – Kerry Wright

Future NABIP PAC contributions discussed.

XIII. Medicare Report – Elka Soussana

Medicare Summit planning initiated.

XIV. Professional Development Report – Victoria Saucedo

No formal report.

XV. Marketing & Communications Report – Jonathan Edwards

Membership campaign, website updates and newsletter progress discussed.

XVI. Awards Report – OPEN

Pacesetter documentation emphasized.

XVII. Kapsher Report

Ashely and Dave reported on keeping up with the financials, scheduling time to manage CD rollover, work on the newsletter and continued efforts on the Annual Conference design and setup on the website.

XVIII. Old Business

Follow-up on documentation for awards.

XIX. New Business

Discussion on national leadership changes; focus remains local.

XX. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned.

Action Items:

- Dede: Schedule meetings
- Bruce: Complete documentation
- Elka: Membership video & Summit outreach
- Dave: Financial actions & communications
- Naama: Membership campaign
- Ashley: Finalize materials for Annual Conference
- Patrick: CapCon logistics
- All: Review Advocacy app
- Comms: Website audit