SUMMARY AND TRANSCRIPT OF ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE
CFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
APRIL 15, 2025

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Secretary's note: This index is provided only as a courtesy to the readers and is not an official part of the CFA minutes. The numbers shown for each item in the index are keyed to similar numbers shown in the body of the minutes.

Secretary's Note: The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, via Zoom video conference. **President Richard Mastin** called the pre-noticed Budget meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time. A roll call by **Secretary Rachel Anger** found the following members to be present:

Mr. Richard Mastin (President)
Mr. Russell Webb (Vice-President)
Ms. Rachel Anger (Secretary)
Ms. Kathy Calhoun (Treasurer)
Mrs. Doreann Nasin (NAR Director)
Vicki A. Jensen, Esq. (NWR Director)
Ms. Carissa Altschul (GSR Director)
Mr. John Colilla (GLR Director)
Mr. Howard Webster (SWR Director)
Ms. Janet Moyer (MWR Director)
Mr. Kenny Currle (SOR Director)
Ms. Aki Tamura (Japan Regional Director)
Dr. Marilee Griswold (Director-at-Large) – joined the meeting later
Mr. Pauli Huhtaniemi (Director-at-Large)
Mrs. Carol Krzanowski (Director-at-Large)
Mr. Darrell Newkirk (Director-at-Large)

Also Present:

Edward L. Raymond, Jr., Esq., CFA Legal Counsel
Ms. Allene Tartaglia, Executive Director
Matthew Wong, Budget Committee Member – present during Budget Committee Report

Absent:

Ms. Pam DelaBar (Europe Regional Director)
Mrs. Anne Mathis (Director-at-Large)

Secretary's Note: For the ease of the reader, some items were discussed at different times but were included with their particular agenda.

Mastin: Hi, everyone. Welcome to the April 15, 2025 executive board meeting. Rachel, will you please do the roll call and affirm the oath and confidentiality? **Anger:** Yes. I want to confirm that in accordance with the policy we set in June, when everyone confirms their attendance at the meeting, they will also confirm that they are abiding by the CFA Board of Directors' Code of Ethics and Confidentiality Agreement. [**Secretary's Note:** Secretary Rachel Anger called the roll, as reflected above.] I have a note that Matthew Wong is in the waiting room and will join us during the Budget Committee meeting, so I think that means we have 14 board members, is that correct, Ed? **Raymond:** That is correct. **Anger:** Yes, and I will turn it over to you to declare the quorum. **Raymond:** 14 board members is a quorum. **Anger:** Great, thanks. I'll turn it back to you, Mr. President. **Mastin:** OK, thank you, Rachel.

TRANSCRIPT

Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

(1) APPROVE ORDERS OF THE DAY.

CFA EXECUTIVE BOARD Video Conference Meeting Agenda April 15, 2025		
Executive Session		
Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees		
1.	Approve Orders of the Day	Mastin
2.	Ratification of Committee Appointment	Mastin
3.	International Division	Newkirk
4.	Budget Committee	Calhoun
Reports of Special (Select or Ad Hoc) Committees		
	None	
Unfinished Business and General Orders		
	None	
	ADJOURN	

Mastin: Meeting is called to order. Rachel, will you please do the short notes in Pam's absence tonight? **Anger:** I will be happy to do the notes. **Mastin:** OK, great, thank you. **Tartaglia:** Howard's trying to join by phone again. **Mastin:** OK. **Webster:** I'm here, I'm here, I'm here. Can you hear me? **Mastin:** Yes. **Webster:** OK, I affirm. **Mastin:** Thank you, Howard. Rachel, we now have 15, correct? **Anger:** Correct. **Mastin:** OK, thank you, and thank you for doing the notes. **Anger:** You're welcome. **Mastin:** By raising your hand, may I have a motion to approve the orders of the day? **Tartaglia:** I have a change. **Mastin:** OK, hang on. Carol, do you make the motion? **Krzanowski:** Yes, I do. **Mastin:** Darrell, you're the second? **Newkirk:** I will second, and can we put it on the screen? **Tartaglia:** OK. Yes. **Mastin:** Thank you, Darrell. Allene, you're going to put it on the screen? **Tartaglia:** Yep. **Mastin:** OK, Allene, do you have something you want to add? **Tartaglia:** Yes, I wanted to just provide an informational thing regarding some scoring – a kitten birthdate issue under new business, just to bring it to the board's attention. **Mastin:** OK. **Calhoun:** Is it an emergency? **Tartaglia:** Well, I guess not, because we've already dealt with the issue from a scoring perspective. **Mastin:** So, Allene, this is just notification, no Q&A? **Tartaglia:** It’s a notification, just to let you know what we’re doing. **Mastin:** OK, Carol, do you object? **Krzanowski:** No, I don't object. **Mastin:** Darrell, do you object? **Newkirk:** No way. No objection. **Mastin:** OK. Are there any additions or changes? OK. Any further discussion? Any objections? OK, seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

The Orders of the Day were accepted without objection and became the Orders of Business.

Mastin: Thank you.

(2) <u>RATIFICATION OF COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT</u>.

Motion: *Ratify the appointment by CFA President Mastin of Alene Shafnisky as Interim Chair of the Legislative Committee until June 29, 2025.*

Mastin: OK, the first order of business is, may I have a motion to ratify Alene Shafnisky as interim chair of the Legislative Committee until June 29th, 2025, by raising your hand? Darrell, are you making the motion? **Newkirk:** I will make the motion. **Mastin:** Thank you, Darrell. And Rachel, are you seconding? **Anger:** I am seconding, thank you. **Mastin:** Thank you. I provided the information in an email and pre-noticed the board early yesterday morning. Does anybody have any questions? Is there any further discussion? Are there any objections? Seeing no objections, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Thank you, everyone. I will notify Alene and George that the board did approve Alene Shafnisky as the interim chair of the Legislative Committee until June 29th, 2025. Rachel? **Anger:** I'd like to move that we include this in the open session minutes. **Mastin:** Thank you. Raising a hand, may I have a second? Darrell? **Newkirk:** I will second that. **Mastin:** Thank you. Is there any discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: OK, Rachel, you could also include that in your short notes as well.

(3) INTERNATIONAL DIVISION.

Committee Chair:	***Darrell Newkirk***
Committee Vice-Chair:	***Matthew Wong***

List of Committee Members:

Subcommittee Co-Chairs China:	***Russell Webb/Ellyn Honey***
Subcommittee Chair Asia East:	***Robert Zenda/Dr. Marilee Griswold***
Subcommittee Chair Africa, W Asia, Middle East:	***Jan Rogers***
Subcommittee Chair Central & South America:	***Miguel Mariano Pina Rodrigues/Anne Mathis***

Motion: *The elected ID reps, China and ID-Other, are allowed to attend open session board meetings. If their input would be needed during closed session, it would be at the invitation of the CFA Board. The ID reps will be required to sign and affirm the confidentiality agreement prior to attending any Board meetings.*

Respectfully Submitted
Darrell Newkirk, Chair
CFA International Division

Mastin: OK, moving on to Agenda Item #3, International Division. Darrell, this is you, and before we get started, my apologies, happy belated birthday by eight days. I hope you had a great day. **Newkirk:** I did. **Mastin:** Rachel, you had your hand up. Did you have a comment? **Anger:** I was going to second Darrell's motion, but I'll wait for him to make it. **Mastin:** OK, go ahead, Darrell. I will make the motion that is printed on the screen. Additionally, I think this should be moved into open session also. So, I will add that on. **Mastin:** OK. And Rachel, you are second, correct? **Anger:** I'm a second, thank you – to both parts of that motion. **Mastin:** OK. Is there any further discussion? Is there any objections? Seeing no objection, motion passes unanimously.

The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.

Mastin: Darrell, do you have anything further? **Newkirk:** No, I think most of you know that I'm the one that brought the motion forward to eliminate the ID Reps, and I want to just make it clear, this is only for open session, not closed session, nd they still have to sign the confidentiality agreement. **Mastin:** Darrell, thank you for clarifying that. Allene, do you have confidentiality agreements on both the reps? **Tartaglia:** You know, I believe they signed them last June, but I will double check. **Mastin:** OK, great. Thank you. Does anybody have any questions for Darrell? OK, Darrell, thank you. **Newkirk:** Yep.

(4) **BUDGET COMMITTEE**,

Committee Chair: ***Kathy Calhoun***
List of Committee Members: ***Rich Mastin, Matthew Wong, and Allene Tartaglia***

Motion: 2025 – 2026 Budget Approval – *Approve the CFA 2025 – 2026 Budget.*

Mastin called the motion. **Motion Carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m. EST.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Anger, Secretary