

IRE Board of Directors

Emergency Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2025

Hinkle moved to approve the following meeting minutes on October 6, 2025, by an email vote. Greenblatt seconded the motion, which was approved (6-0) on October 8, 2025. Six directors, who did not attend, abstained from this vote, and one did not vote before the deadline.

President Josh Hinkle called this emergency meeting to order and took note of those in attendance at 5:05 p.m. Central on October 3, 2025, via Zoom.

- Hinkle, At-Large Member Alejandra Cancino, Chair of the Board Brian Rosenthal, Mary Hudetz, Andy Lehen
 - Executive Director Diana Fuentes was also present for the duration of the meeting.

Hinkle and Rosenthal walked the board through a recent Fundraising Task Force discussion surrounding the possibility of holding another fundraising gala in 2026, following the success of the recent 50th Anniversary Gala in New York City.

Directors discussed three potential options: (1) New York City in the fall; (2) Washington, D.C. in June surrounding the IRE26 Conference; (3) wait for 2027 or later. The reason for today's "emergency" meeting was because the earliest option puts IRE up against the start of a suggested nine-month planning timeline now (and thus required shortening the full agenda posting/notification timeline):

- Treasurer Mark Greenblatt joined at 5:18 p.m. Central.
- Rosenthal left the meeting at 5:35 p.m. Central.

Directors present came to a consensus that the first (1) option made the most sense and agreed to discuss their support at the board's November meeting, when they would also speak about other logistics - including co-chairs, staff, a gala committee and a planning timeline. They would also discuss spending part of the 50th Anniversary Gala revenue on training surrounding press freedom and journalist safety.

Hinkle moved at 5:41 p.m. Central to adjourn the committee meeting. Cancino seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously (5-0).