

Note: On 6-30-26, Hinkle made a motion via email to approve these minutes. It was seconded by Galli and received 12-0 approval on the same day. Soni did not vote because she did not attend the meeting.

IRE Board of Directors

Board Meeting Minutes (Zoom) | June 24, 2026 @ 4:30p ET

Board members in attendance: Alejandra Cancino, Jodie Fleischer, Cindy Galli, Ashley Graham, Josh Hinkle, Kate Howard, Caresse Jackman, Aaron Kessler, Ana Ley, Andy Lehen, Brian Rosenthal, Katie Wilcox. Paroma Soni did not attend the meeting but voiced support of all actions by email beforehand.

Staff members in attendance: Interim Executive Director Lauren Grandestaff, Interim Deputy Director Francisco Vara-Orta, Director of Development Linnie McIlvain

President Josh Hinkle called the meeting to order at 4:34p ET. Outgoing Secretary Ana Ley called roll.

Hinkle gave brief remarks, welcoming new board members Ashley Graham, Aaron Kessler and Katie Wilcox, and congratulating staff and the board on a successful IRE26. He noted the need for collaboration and respectful communication in the new board year ahead, then turned the meeting over to Interim Executive Director Lauren Grandestaff to conduct officer elections.

All offices were unopposed and received unanimous approval of members present by voice vote. Some candidates gave brief remarks. New officers include:

- **President Josh Hinkle** (Nomination: Kate Howard; Second: Caresse Jackman)
- **Vice President Cindy Galli** (Nomination: Kate Howard; Second: Caresse Jackman)
- **Treasurer Alejandra Cancino** (Nomination: Ana Ley; Second: Caresse Jackman)
- **Secretary Jodie Fleischer** (Nomination: Alejandra Cancino; Second: Ashley Graham)
- **At-Large Member Caresse Jackman** (Nomination: Cindy Galli; Second: Alejandra Cancino)

Grandestaff turned the meeting back over to Hinkle, who gave a brief update on the FY2027 budget timeline, the status of the new executive director hiring process, and notes on committees and the board retreat to come.

At 4:59p ET, Hinkle made a motion to adjourn. Ley seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.