Meeting Minutes

Visit Morro Bay Board of Directors Special Meeting

Thursday, July 23, 2026
8:30 am – 9:00 am
Visit Morro Bay Office
695 Harbor St. Morro Bay, CA 93442

1. **CALL TO ORDER -** Board Chair Amish Patel brought the meeting to order at 8:31 am

   PRESENT: Board members **-** Amish Patel, Robert Elzer, Dane Jacobs, John Craig, Mark Roemer, Chris Kostecka

   ABSENT: Board member, Morgan Howard

   STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Krista Rupp, Administrative Assistant Elizabeth Gilson

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT (On Non-Agenda Items) -** None

BUSINESS ITEMS & DISCUSSIONS	**K. Rupp**

3. **Approve Appointment of Visit Morro Bay Board of Directors Seats for Fiscal Years 2026-28** (30 min)
   Visit Morro Bay has three board seats open for FYs 2026-28 terms. Open board seats consist of two hotel lodging seats, previously held by Chris Kostecka and Mark Roemer, and one business seat, previously held by Dane Jacobs.

   Incumbents have expressed intent and interest in continuing to serve for the 2026-28 term and will have the opportunity to address the board with brief comments. The board will then have the opportunity for questions of the applicants.

   Krista explained a little history of the Board and the two-year Board terms; She stated that 3 Board seats have termed out. Two hotelier seats and one Tourism related business. She explained where the open seats were advertised for applicants. She thanked the Board for their efforts. She explained the ways the voting could take place..

   The Board discussed. It was decided to vote for each Board member separately. With Board member being voted on abstaining from the vote.

   PUBLIC COMMENT: None

   ACTION: Board member Mark Roemer made a motion to approve Chris Kostecka for the FY 2026-28 Hotelier Board seat. Board Chair Amish Patel seconded.

   MOTION: Carried 5:0

   Board Member Chris Kostecka abstained.

   PUBLIC COMMENT: None

   ACTION: Board member Chris Kostecka made a motion to approve Mark Roemer for the FY 2026-28 Hotelier Board seat. Amish Seconded

   MOTION: Carried 5:0

Board member Mark Roemer Abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ACTION: Board member Robert Elzer made a motion to approve Dane Jacobs for the FY 2026-28 Board seat. Board member Chris Kostecka seconded the motion

MOTION: Carried 5:0

Board member Dane Jacobs abstained

4. **Next Board of Directors meeting – September 24, 2026, 9:00 am, In-Person**

ADJOURN. Board Chair Amish Patel adjourned the meeting at 8:37 am

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