



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

AV EDGE drives economic growth and retention across the Antelope Valley region through collaboration, advocacy, and business engagement.

Date: Tuesday, August 11, 2026

Time: 8:30 a.m.

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| ☒ Suzy Ghazarossian – President | ☒ Mark Bozigian – Director at Large |
| ☐ Art Minasyan – Vice President | ☒ Teresa Howard – Director at Large |
| ☒ Dianne Knippel – Secretary - via zoom | ☒ Zach Glynn – EC Member |
| ☒ Ben Gocke – Treasurer - via zoom | ☒ Sydney Yeseta – EC Member |
| ☒ Martin Tompkins – Past President | ☒ Drew Mercy – Executive Director |

1. Call to Order - 8:35 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes - Ben motioned, Martin seconded. Motion carried.

3. Reports

- President's Report - None
- Vice President's Report - None
- Treasurer's Report - None

4. Old Business - None

5. New Business

- A. Budget Options Review- Reviewed proposed 2026-2027 budget based on several funding scenarios. Made some adjustments based on a refocused AVEDGE mission promoting the region and not economic development. Discussion also included the potential of changing to an Economic Development Corporation (EDC).
- B. Review of Gem Sponsorship Levels - reviewed and discussed three membership options. Recommend no further MOUs. A- Ruby (\$75K), B-Sapphire (\$100K) and C-Diamond (\$125). Recommendation will be made to the Board to present only the Diamond level to both cities.

6. Executive Director Update on Action Items & Deadlines Tracking -

Action Item Description	Person Assigned	Due Date	Status/Notes
Chamber Discussions – update on office and proposal or	Drew	7/14/2026	Reassess AV Chamber Office Location. Meeting with Chamber, Seffi and



partnership opportunity.			Michelle to see other options.
Job duties and responsibilities of AV Edge staff proposal	Drew/Executive Board	7/14/2026	Deferred until budget/funding is settled.
Accounts Receivable Collection and Write-Off Policy	Ben/Executive Board	8/11/2026	Review with budget
Review membership structure	Executive Board	8/11/2026	See New Business.
Committee Chair – new member welcome, recruit	Drew	7/17/2026	Add as agenda topic for committee chair meeting

Executive Director's Report: Projects & MOU Deliverables

Type	MOU Description	Status/Notes
MOU	Lead Generation	We continue working with our textile industry lead, introduced them to FPH2 (Hydrogen energy JPA) Heard presentation from NewGen at the Healthcare Committee meeting, which will be opening a SNF in the former UAV site in Lancaster. We are scheduling a follow up meeting to discuss any development, partnership or workforce needs for which we can facilitate introductions.
MOU	Commercial & Industrial Vacancy Listings	Listings on our website are updated regularly.
MOU	Economic Development Forums	On hold pending Budget/Funding determinations.
MOU	Broker Site Events	Successful Broker Tour held in July, followed by Board Mixer with visiting developers and brokers.
MOU	Broker Newsletter	Issued 7/30/26 on schedule.



MOU	Conferences (Industrial/Real Estate)	On hold pending Budget/Funding determinations.
MOU	Industry Deep Dives	Aerospace Deep Dive held on 7/8/2026. First draft of report complete, editing now.
MOU	Regional Film Industry Engagement	Held 7/30/26. Report generation in progress
MOU	Workforce Development	First planning meeting for next AI Task Force held. Confirmed LMCO participation and AI for Main Street coalition. Recruiting local employers of all sizes to provide input. Next AI Task Force meeting is set for October 8, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
MOU	Community Calendar	On hold pending Budget/Funding determinations.
MOU	Summary / Key Wins This Month	We have successfully concluded our one year MOU with every deliverable met.
MOU	Challenges / Needs from MOU Partners	Funding status from cities, ongoing discussions.

8. Announcements - None

10. Closed Session -None

11. Adjournment: 9:35 a.m.

Dates to Remember

- Executive Committee Meeting: Second Tuesday, monthly, 8:30 a.m.
- Board of Directors Meeting: Third Tuesday, monthly, 8:30 a.m.
- Joint Legislative Committee Meeting: Second Monday, monthly, 3:00 p.m.
- Transportation & Infrastructure Committee: Fourth Thursday, monthly, 7:30 a.m.
- Healthcare Committee: First Thursday, every other month, 8:30 a.m. (September 3, 2026)
- Aerospace Meeting: Second Thursday, every other month, 10:00 a.m. (Next: August 13, 2026)
- Workforce & Education Committee: First Thursday, every other month at 10:00 a.m. (Next: September 3, 2026)