**Hispanic Business Student Association (H.B.S.A.)**

**Minutes of the General Meeting**

Tuesday, October 7, at 6:00 p.m.

University Library, Room 2206

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**Executive Board Officer(s) Present:** Leslie Vargas (President); Ashley Pina Vazquez (Vice President); Ray Alfaro (Associate Vice President, Marketing and Video Production); Kirsten Martinez (Associate Vice President, Public Relations); Gabriela Puente (Associate Vice President, Alumni Relations); Robert Lopez (Associate Director, Special Events); Marcel Leal (Associate Director of Administrative Operations); Faustino Santos (Associate Vice President, Financial Services)

**Appointed Officers Present:** Anthony Mai (Chair of Membership); Alexis Santos (Administrative Assistant); Gabriella Miguel (Controller); Kevin Harris (Director of Governmental Reporting); Santiago Rodriguez (Chair of Fundraising); Yaneth Cruz (Director of Business and Community Relations); Jazmin Love (Director of Alumni Communications); Destiny Paniagua (Chair of the Scholarship Banquet): Julia Alvarez (Co-Chair of the Scholarship Banquet); Ezmerelda Guzman (Co-Chair of Corporate Night); Giselle Garcia (Director of Campus Relations)

**Advisor(s) Present:** Randy Aoki (Senior Advisor)

The meeting was called to order by President Leslie Vargas at 6:03pm.

Leslie opened the meeting by reviewing the agenda and displaying the attendance QR code for members to scan. She announced that study hours will be held in RSU Room 207 on Wednesday, October 8. Leslie then passed the presentation to Jazmin, who introduced the opportunity to join the High School Outreach Committee. Members who join will help design and implement an outreach plan launching in Spring 2026, inspire high school students, and strengthen HBSA’s community presence. Volunteer opportunities were also presented, including Beautify Fresno, the Career Fair, and Trunk or Treat events for those interested in participating. Leslie provided updates on upcoming meetings, noting that the next session will feature guest speaker Suzanne Moreno, who will share insights on how to start and manage a nonprofit organization. She reminded members about the ongoing HBSA raffle, which includes prizes such as tickets to Ultimo Baile Masivo de 2025 and El Alfa. Members were also reminded about membership fees, with applications still being accepted. Leslie shared internship and job opportunities, emphasizing the importance of gaining professional experience and building networks, and encouraged members to sign up via the provided QR code. She also highlighted HBSA’s social media platforms and encouraged continued engagement. The meeting concluded with guest speaker Michael Fitzgerald, who shared his professional journey and provided a behind-the-scenes look at managing a law firm. Mr. Fitzgerald discussed his transition from being a police officer to becoming a lawyer to transitioning to a business owner. He emphasized the importance of leadership, honesty, communication, and loyalty in professional growth. He also shared his personal experience entering the business world without prior guidance and outlined three key principles of effective leadership. Mr. Fitzgerald concluded by engaging with HBSA members through a Q&A session, answering questions thoughtfully and insightfully.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm by President Leslie Vargas.