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**NOTICE OF HOPE BOARD  
BOARD MEETING AND AGENDA**

**Wednesday, February 25, 2026, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

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- 1. Call to order and roll call**
- 2. Action Item-** Approval of Minutes from October 1, 2025, HOPE Governing Board Meeting  
*Stephanie Tom, Deputy Treasurer*
- 3. Information Item-** Introduction of Interim Executive Director  
*Patrick Henning, Chief Deputy Treasurer*
- 4. Information Item-** Executive Director Report  
*Cassandra DiBenedetto, Acting Executive Director*
- 5. Information Item-** Program Manager Introduction and Report  
*Michael Gillis, Program Manager*
- 6. Information Item-** Introduction and Update from Program Administrator  
*Michael Gillis, Program Manager and TIAA staff*
- 7. Information Item-** Program Launch & Account Creation Flow  
*Cassandra DiBenedetto, Acting Executive Director*
- 8. Information Item-** Update on Current RFP's in Progress  
*Cassandra DiBenedetto, Acting Executive Director*
- 9. Information Item-** Update from Early Wealth Partnership  
*Amanda Feinstein, Director, Early Wealth Partnership (EWP)*
- 10. Information Item-** Key Partnership Highlight  
*John Burton Advocates for Youth (JBAY)*
- 11. Information Item-** Summary of Board Direction  
*Cassandra DiBenedetto, Acting Executive Director*
- 12. Adjournment**

There will be an opportunity for public comment before the end of each item.

Note: Items designated for information are appropriate for HOPE Board action if the HOPE Board chooses to take action. Items may be taken out of order.

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**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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