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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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