

OPEN SESSION

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GOLDEN RAIN FOUNDATION OF LAGUNA WOODS A CALIFORNIA NON-PROFIT MUTUAL BENEFIT CORPORATION

Tuesday, July 05, 2023, 9:30 a.m. 24351 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, California Board Room/Virtual Meeting

Directors Present:	Bunny Carpenter, James Hopkins, Gan Mukhopadhyay, Joan Milliman, Yvonne Horton, Reza Karimi, Juanita Skillman, Debbie Dotson, Elsie Addington, Egon Garthoffner, Martin Roza
Directors Absent:	None
Staff Present:	CEO - Siobhan Foster, Makayla Schwietert, Paul Nguyen, Eric Nunez, Eileen Paulin, Alison Giglio, Bart Mejia, Catherine Laster
Other Directors Present:	S.K. Park, Alison Bok, Deb Allen,

Call Meeting to Order/ Establish Quorum - President Carpenter
 President Carpenter called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. and established that a quorum
 was present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance Director Skillman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Acknowledgment of Media

The media via Village Television crew were present remotely by way of cameras.

4. Approval of Agenda

President Carpenter requested an approval of the agenda.

Hearing no changes or objections, the agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

5. Approval of Minutes

- a. June 5, 2023 GRF Budget Operating Department Review
- b. June 6, 2023 GRF Board Regular Open Meeting
- c. June 15, 2023 GRF Board Agenda Prep Meeting
- d. June 19, 2023 GRF Budget Capital or Operating Review

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There being no objections, the meeting minutes were each approved separately by unanimous consent.

6. Report of the Chair - None

7. CEO Report

Siobhan Foster-CEO provided a report on the following items:

- Trash and Bulky-Item Pickup
- Contractor Town Hall
- Summer Real Estate Forum
- Gate 2 Closure for Asphalt Work
- Business Plan Meetings Version 2
- Last Mulch Day of 2023
- Irrigation Master Control System

CEO Foster answered questions from the Board.

• Director Skillman commented on the Contractor Town Hall and Budget meeting conflicting, which therefore does not allow Directors to attend both meetings

8. Open Forum (Three Minutes per Speaker)

At this time members were allowed to address the Board of Directors regarding items not on the agenda.

- A member commented on The Foundation of Laguna Woods Village
- A member commented on exemption on resident ID cards and guest access to GRF facilities
- A member commented on pickleball accidents happening in the village
- A member commented on having ZOOM issues

9. Responses to Open Forum Speakers

The following are responses to the open forum speakers:

- Director Karimi questioned Chris Collins about a surge in requests from the Foundation of Laguna Woods Village
- Director Dotson commented on that she is working with Cris Collins about working on a segment for Village Television
- Director Dotson asked Alison Bok if she spoke with the pickleball groups
- Multiple Directors spoke on guests access to the MAC Club
- Director Skillman discussed Disaster Preparedness working on a folder to assist residents
- CEO Foster stated that she herself and Recreation Director Alison Giglio will gather information and get back to Alison Bok
- Multiple Directors commented on pickleball injuries
- President Carpenter commented that staff will look into the ZOOM issue

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10. Consent Calendar

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar were recommended for action by committees and were enacted by the board by one motion. In the event an item was removed from the Consent Calendar by members of the board, such item(s) would be the subject of further discussion and action by the board.

Recommendation from the Finance Committee:

10a. Consistent with its statutory obligations a subcommittee of the board consisting of the Treasurer and at least one other board member reviewed and approved preliminary Golden Rain Foundation financials for the month of May 2023, and by this vote ratified that such review be confirmed in this month's Board Member Open Session Meeting minutes.

President Carpenter requested an approval of the consent calendar.

Hearing no changes or objections, the consent calendar was approved by unanimous consent.

11. Unfinished Business 11a. Update Committee Appointments

Director Milliman read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 90-23-31

GRF Committee Appointments

RESOLVED, July 5, 2023, that the following persons are hereby appointed and ratified to serve on the Committees of this Corporation:

Community Activities Committee

Yvonne Horton, Chair (GRF) Elsie Addington (GRF) Joan Milliman, Alternate (GRF) Cush Bhada (Third) Jules Zalon, Alternate (Third) Mark Laws (Third) Diane Casey (United) Pearl Lee (United) Frank Stern (Mutual 50) Peter Sanborn, Alternate (Mutual 50) Advisors: Roland Boudreau, Ajit Gidwani

Finance Committee

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James, Hopkins, Chair (GRF) Elsie Addington (GRF) Debbie Dotson, Alternate (GRF) Donna Rane-Szostak (Third) Andy Ginocchio (Third) Mark Laws, Alternate (Third) Azar Asgari (United) Thomas Tuning (United) Margaret Bennett (Mutual 50) Sue Stephens, Alternate (Mutual 50) Advisor: Rosemarie diLorenzo

Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC)

James Hopkins, Chair (GRF) Bunny Carpenter (GRF) Deborah Dotson (GRF) Martin Roza (GRF) Diane Casey (United) Mary Simon (United) Mark Laws (Third) S.K. Park (Third) Advisor: Sue Margolis

Landscape Committee

Juanita Skillman, Chair (GRF) Yvonne Horton, (GRF) Diane Casey (United) Sue Quam (United) Jules Zalon (Third) Nathaniel Ira Lewis (Third) Andy Ginocchio, Alternate (Third) Glenn Miller (Mutual 50) Advisor: Catherine Brians

Maintenance & Construction Committee

Reza Karimi, Chair (GRF) Gan Mukhopadhyay, Co-Chair (GRF) Egon Garthoffner, Alternate (GRF) James Cook (Third) Ralph Engdahl (Third) Andy Ginocchio, Alternate (Third) Lenny Ross (United) Mary Simon (United) Sue Stephens (Mutual 50) Peter Sanborn, Alternate (Mutual 50) Advisors: Bill Walsh, Carl Randazzo, Ajit Gidwani Golden Rain Foundation Open Session July 05, 2023 Page **5** of **15**

Clubhouse Renovation Ad Hoc Committee

Egon Garthoffner, Chair (GRF) Gan Mukhopadhyay, Co-Chair (GRF) Deborah Dotson (GRF) Reza Karimi (GRF) Andy Ginocchio (Third) Moon Yun, Alternate (Third) Ralph Engdahl (Third) Mary Simon (United) Anthony Liberatore (United) Advisors: Ajit Gidwani, Carl Randazzo, Bill Walsh

Media and Communications

Joan Milliman, Chair (GRF) Elsie Addington (GRF) Deborah Dotson, Alternate (GRF) Jim Cook (Third) Cris Prince, (Third) Moon Yun, Alternate (Third) Maggie Blackwell (United) Sue Quam (United) Margaret Bennett (Mutual 50) Peter Sanborn, Alternate (Mutual 50) Advisors: Carmen Pacella, Tom Nash, Lucy Parker, Theresa Frost, Catherine Brians

Website Ad Hoc Committee

Joan Milliman, Chair (GRF) Debbie Dotson (GRF) Anthony Liberatore (United) Azar Asgari (United) Mark Laws (Third) Donna Rane-Szostak (Third) Advisors: Lucy Parker, Diane Phelps

Broadband Ad Hoc Committee

Joan Milliman, Chair (GRF) Jim Hopkins (GRF) Debbie Dotson (GRF) Martin Roza (GRF) Cris Prince (Third) Jim Cook (Third) Diane Casey (United) Maggie Blackwell (United) Alison Bok (United) Golden Rain Foundation Open Session July 05, 2023 Page **6** of **15**

Margaret Bennett (Mutual 50) Sue Stephens, Alternate (Mutual 50)

Mobility & Vehicles Committee

Vacant (GRF) Egon Garthoffner (GRF) Elsie Addington, Chair (GRF) James Cook, Alternate (Third) Cush Bhada (Third) Moon Yun (Third) Azar Asgari (United) Alison Bok (United) Frank Stern (Mutual 50) Sue Stephens, Alternate (Mutual 50) Advisor: Vashi Williams

Security and Community Access

Juanita Skillman, Chair (GRF) Martin Roza (GRF) S.K. Park (Third) Donna Rane-Szostak, Alternate (Third) Cash Achrekar (United) Maggie Blackwell (United) Sue Stephens (Mutual 50) Peter Sanborn, Alternate (Mutual 50)

OTHER COMMITTEES:

Disaster Preparedness Task Force

Eric Nunez, Chair Juanita Skillman (GRF) Gan Mukhapadhyay (GRF) S.K. Park (Third) Moon Yun (Third) Donna Rane-Szostak, Alternate (Third) Anthony Liberatore (United) Rick Kopps, Resident (Mutual 50) Sue Stephens, Alternate (Mutual 50) Advisors: Tom Soule, Bruce Bonbright

Laguna Woods Village Traffic Hearings (Chair will alternate between Boards)

Elsie Addington (GRF) Deborah Dotson, Alternate (GRF) S.K. Park, (Third) Cash Achrekar, Alternate (United) Pearl Lee (United) Golden Rain Foundation Open Session July 05, 2023 Page **7** of **15**

Mark Laws, Alternate (Third)

Margaret Bennet (Mutual 50) Sue Stephens, Alternate (Mutual 50)

Purchasing Ad Hoc Committee

Bunny Carpenter, Chair (GRF) Jim Hopkins (GRF) Donna Rane-Szostak (Third) Andy Ginocchio (Third) Ralph Engdahl, Alternate (Third) Thomas Tuning (United) Lenny Ross (United) Advisor: Carl Randazzo

Select Audit Task Force

James Hopkins (GRF) Diane Phelps (VMS) Cynthia Rupert (United) Peggy Moore (Third)

Compliance Ad Hoc Committee

Bunny Carpenter, Chair (GRF) Maggie Blackwell (United) Pearl Lee (United) Mark Laws (Third) Cris Prince (Third) S.K. Park (Third) Andy Ginocchio (Third)

Joan Milliman (GRF) Juanita Skillman (GRF) Reza Karimi (GRF)

Executive Hearings Committee

Bunny Carpenter, Chair (GRF) Yvonne Horton (GRF) Elsie Addington (GRF) Joan Milliman, Alternate (GRF)

Finance Advisory Group

Jim Hopkins, Chair (GRF) Tom Tuning (United) Donna Rane-Szostak (Third) Sue Stephens (Mutual Fifty)

Correspondent – Elsie Addington (GRF)

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El Toro Water District – Juanita Skillman (GRF)

RESOLVED FURTHER, that Resolution 90-23-26 adopted June 6, 2023, is hereby superseded and cancelled; and

RESOLVED FURTHER; that the officers and agents of this Corporation are hereby authorized on behalf of the Corporation to carry out this resolution.

Director Milliman made a motion to approve the update to the GRF Committee Appointments Resolution. Director Horton seconded.

Hearing no changes or objections, the motion was approved unanimously.

12. New Business

12a. Entertain a Motion to Approve Donation of Computers for PC Classroom Director Milliman read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 90-23-32

Donation of Computers for PC Classroom

This Agreement, entered into this 5th day of July 2023, is by and between the Golden Rain Foundation ("GRF"), a California non-profit mutual benefit corporation and Laguna Woods PC Club (Donor) who accepted computers for the PC Classroom.

WHEREAS, GRF and Donor recognize the importance of community facilities and amenities; and

WHEREAS, GRF and Donor acknowledge the benefit of donations when they have a purpose consistent with GRF goals and are in the best interest of Laguna Woods Village; and

WHEREAS, the Donor has accepted computers for the PC Classroom which were received due to a generous grant from United Way to assist with the cost of paper, toner, software, etc. due to volunteers processing 1,100 tax returns for the residents; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Special Events Department Director or Financial Services Director reviewed and affirms the proposed donation meets the criteria for acceptance contained in the GRF Donation Policy:

- a. Meet a true need of the facility;
- b. Not interfere with the intended current or future use of the facility; and
- c. Not require the relocation of other equipment or infrastructure to accommodate the donation.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, July 5, 2023, that GRF and Donor in accordance with the described conditions and obligations, hereinafter set forth, agree as follows:

- Section 1 The donation, known as computers for the PC Classroom, described below, is donated in its entirety to GRF, hereafter owned by GRF and managed on behalf of the residents of Laguna Woods Village by Village Management Services, Inc. (VMS).
- Section 2 Donation description: 21 Dell Computers Location: PC Classroom
- Section 3Amount of Donation Item Cost: \$13,505.91Installation Cost\$0.00Maintenance Cost:\$0.00 (annually)Total estimated donation:\$13,505.91
- Section 4 GRF reserves the right to move/remove and/or retire the donation following cessation of the five-year period. The term shall commence upon the date entered into and indicated above.
- Section 5 GRF will not replace the donation or community space improvement if it is stolen, vandalized, worn out, irreparably damaged, destroyed or expires.
- Section 6 Installation and Maintenance: GRF shall be responsible for installation and maintenance of the item, including any reasonable repairs.
- Section 7 Term: The term of this agreement is a minimum of five years or beyond, if applicable; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the officers and agents of this corporation are hereby authorized to carry out this resolution as written.

Discussion ensued among the Board.

Director Milliman made a motion to approve the Donation of Computers for PC Classroom Resolution. Director Skillman seconded.

There being no objections, the motion was approved unanimously.

12b. Entertain a Motion to Approve Garden Center Vegepods Rental Fee (July initial notification – 28-day notification for member review and comments to comply with Civil Code §4360)

Alison Giglio, Director for Recreation, discussed Garden Center Vegepods Rental Fee.

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Director Milliman read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 90-23-XX

Garden Center 2 Vegepods Rental Fee

WHEREAS, resolutions 90-12-132, 90-18-03, 90-12-12 and 90-16-18 established guidelines for shared costs and fees; certain fees can be imposed upon users of various recreational facilities to control crowding, mitigate over-usage, and recover operating costs; and

WHEREAS, the Garden Center fees administered by the Golden Rain Foundation of Laguna Woods Board of Directors adhere to the Shared Cost Guidelines established in

Resolution 90-12-132, whereby certain fees can be imposed upon users of various recreation facilities in order to control crowding and minimize over-usage, and to recover operating costs; and

WHEREAS, five Vegepods were purchased in order to serve those who wish to garden but are unable to manage the physicality of tending to a larger garden plot; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends a \$50 annual rental fee for Vegepods at Garden Center 2; and

WHEREAS, at the June 8, 2023, CAC meeting, the committee recommended the proposed staff recommendation of \$50 annual rental fee for Vegepods at Garden Center 2; and

WHEREAS, at the June 21, 2023, Finance Committee meeting, the committee affirmed the CAC recommendation of \$50 annual rental fee for Vegepods at Garden Center 2;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, August 1, 2023, that the Board of Directors of this Corporation hereby adopts the proposed \$50 annual rental fee for Vegepods at Garden Center 2;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the officers and agents of this corporation are hereby authorized to carry out this resolution as written.

Director Milliman made a motion to approve the Resolution for discussion purposes and to postpone the final vote for 28-days per Civil Code §4360. Director Karimi seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued among the Board.

• Director Skillman commented on modifying the language for future reference.

There being no objections, the motion was approved unanimously.

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12c. Entertain a Motion to Approve Garden Centers Advisory Committee

Ms. Giglio discussed Garden Centers Advisory Committee.

Director Milliman read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 90-23-33

Garden Centers Advisory Committee Group

WHEREAS, in an effort to create a sense of community at the Garden Centers, staff proposes to establish a resident advisory committee group consisting of stakeholders including representatives from the garden clubs and gardeners from each center; and

WHEREAS, a diverse group of resident garden center users will be selected to contribute unbiased ideas that benefit all users; and

WHEREAS, this advisory committee group will discuss various garden center topics and recommend changes to the staff and the Community Activities Committee; and

WHEREAS, the advisory committee group will not have disciplinary authority over other gardeners; and

WHEREAS, the recommended format of the advisory committee group will consist of a representative from the clubs associated with the Garden Centers as well as several at large residents that represent the diverse groups that occupy the gardens

WHEREAS, meetings will be held monthly and will be chaired by the Golf Operations Manager or a member of his leadership team; and

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2023, the Community Activities Committee reviewed the club request and recommend the establishment a resident advisory committee at the Garden Centers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, July 5, 2023, that the Board of Directors of this Corporation hereby adopts the establishment of a resident advisory committee group consisting of stakeholders including representatives from the garden clubs and gardeners from each center; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the officers and agents of this corporation are hereby authorized to carry out this resolution as written.

Discussion ensued among the Board.

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Director Milliman made a motion to approve the Garden Center Advisory Committee Resolution. Director Karimi seconded.

- Director Hopkins commented on the purpose of the advisory committee and that it costs staff time to oversee this.
- Director Horton commented that it is patterned after the Greens Committee and opens up a line of communications. This committee was recommended by staff Tom McCray
- CEO Foster gave clarity and stated that this will cut down on staff time
- Director Milliman commented on removing "Advisory" from the name

Director Milliman moved to amend the title to Garden Centers Advisory Group. Director Karimi seconded.

There being no objections, the amended motion was approved unanimously.

12d. Entertain a Motion to Approve Pricing Rates for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (July initial notification – 28-day notification for member review and comments to comply with Civil Code §4360)

Bart Mejia, Assistant Director of Facilities/Engineer, discussed Pricing rates for Vehicles Charging Stations.

Director Milliman read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 90-23-XX

Pricing Rates for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the need to amend the pricing rates for electric vehicle charging stations as necessary; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of these rates are impacted by the electric rates adopted by Southern California Edison (SCE);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, August 1, 2023, that the Board hereby approves the following pricing rates for electric vehicle charging stations effective upon adoption of this resolution for the period between July 2023 and July 2024:

	GRF Fleet Vehicles	LWV Members and Employees /kWh	Other Users/kWh	Parking Rates
Level 2 Chargers	\$0.00	\$0.22	\$0.34	\$2/hr after 4 hrs

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Level 3	\$0.00	\$0.30	\$0.44	\$2/hr after 1 hr
Chargers				

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the next revision to the pricing rates for electric vehicle charging stations is to be approved by the Board in July 2024; and

RESOLVED FURTHER; that the officers and agents of this Corporation are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Corporation, to carry out this resolution as written.

Discussion ensued among the Board.

- Director Skillman on why this needs to be on 28-days
- Director Hopkins that this was a rule change

Director Karimi made a motion to postpone the item to the next meeting and send it back to staff for revisions. Director Milliman seconded.

There being no objections, the motion to send back to staff for revisions was approved by a vote of 10-1. Director Skillman opposed.

Director Skillman made an amended motion send this back to staff and to update the pricing to current Southern California Edison (SCE) rates. Director Milliman seconded.

There being no objections, the amended motion was called to a vote and failed 2-9. Director Skillman and Director Garthoffner voted for.

13. The Board took a 5-minute break at 11:10 a.m.

14. Committee Reports

- **a.** Report of the Finance Committee/Financial Reports Director Hopkins. The committee met on June 21, 2023; next meeting August 16, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room and as a virtual meeting.
 - (1) GRF Treasurer's Report Director Hopkins
 - (2) GRF Finance Committee Report Director Hopkins
- b. Report of the Community Activities Committee Director Horton. The committee met on June 8, 2023; next meeting July 17, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room and as a virtual meeting.
- c. Report of the Landscape Committee Director Skillman. The committee met on May 10, 2023; next meeting August 22, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room and as a virtual

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meeting.

- **d.** Report of the Maintenance & Construction Committee Director Karimi. The committee met on June 14, 2023; next meeting August 9, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room and as a virtual meeting.
 - Report of the Clubhouse Renovation Ad Hoc Committee Directors Garthoffner and Dotson. The Committee met on March 6, 2023 and March 15, 2023; next meeting TBA.
- e. Report of the Media and Communications Committee—Director Milliman. The committee met on June 19, 2023; next meeting July 17, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room and as a virtual meeting.
 - (1) Website Ad-Hoc Committee Director Milliman. The committee met on June 21, 2023; next meeting TBA.
 - (2) Broadband Ad Hoc Director Milliman. The committee met on June 19 and 21 2023; next meeting TBA.
- f. Report of the Mobility & Vehicles Committee Director Addington. The Committee met on June 7, 2023; next meeting August 2, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room.
- **g.** Report of the Security & Community Access Committee Director Skillman. The Committee met on June 28, 2023; next meeting August 23, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room and as a virtual meeting.
 - Report of the Laguna Woods Village Traffic Hearings Director Addington. The Traffic Hearings were held on May 17, 2023; next hearings on July 19, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. as a closed meeting.
 - (2) Compliance Ad Hoc Committee President Carpenter. The committee met on June 9, 2023; next meeting July 14, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. in the Sycamore Room.
 - (3) Executive Member Hearings Committee President Carpenter. The committee met on June 1, 2023; next meeting July 6, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Willow Room.
- **h.** Report of the Disaster Preparedness Task Force Director Skillman. The Task Force met on June 5, 2023; next meeting July 25, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room and as a virtual meeting.
- i. Information Technology Advisory Committee Director Hopkins. The Committee met on June 30, 2023; next meeting July 28, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. as a virtual meeting.
- **j.** Purchasing Ad-Hoc Committee Director Carpenter. The Committee last met on May 25, 2023; next meeting TBA.

15. Future Agenda Items - All matters listed under Future Agenda Items are Resolutions on 28day public review or items for future Board Meetings. No action will be taken by the Board on these agenda items at this meeting. The Board will take action on these items at a future Board Meeting. Golden Rain Foundation Open Session July 05, 2023 Page **15** of **15**

- Approve Evaluating and Adding Stop Signs and Crosswalks on Avenida Sevilla at Via Mendoza
- Garden Center 2 Vegepods Rental Fee

16. Director's Comments

- Director Skillman commented on seeing the attendees on ZOOM
- Director Mukhopadhyay commented on his interaction with the Transportation Department
- Director Roza commented on his first full month as a GRF Director and the work it takes to put into it. Additionally, commented on finance.

17. Recess - 12:22 p.m. - At this time, the Meeting recessed for lunch and reconvened to Executive Session to discuss the following matters per California Civil Code §4935: Member Disciplinary Matters; Personnel Matters; Contractual Matters; and Litigation Matters.

Closed Session Agenda

VMS Board Update Approve the Agenda Approve the Minutes of: (a) June 6, 2023 – Regular Closed Session Discuss and Consider Personnel Matters Discuss and Consider Contractual Matters Discuss Legal/Legislation Matters Discuss Member Disciplinary Matters

18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

DocuSigned by:

Joan Milliman

Joan Milliman, Secretary of the Board Golden Rain Foundation