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BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING Note Taker Minutes

February 1, 2016- 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Legal Aid Foundation, 1102 Crenshaw Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90019

- 1. Call to Order**
- Meeting starts at 7:15pm

2. Roll Call - 12

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