Alameda County Mayors' Conference

EXECUTIVE/LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
April 10, 2024
6:05 p.m.
San Leandro Senior Community Center
13909 E 14th Street, San Leandro, CA

1. Roll Call

2. Agenda Amendments

3. Public Comments

4. Other Business Matters
   Consideration of an amendment to the Alameda County Mayors' Conference Bylaws concerning priorities for appointment to regional boards

5. Other Business Matters

6. Adjournment

Executive/Legislative Committee Executive Director's Report

Item 4 - Consideration of an amendment to the Alameda County Mayors' Conference Bylaws concerning priorities for appointment to county and regional boards

Background
At the May 8, 2019, Alameda County Mayors' Conference meeting, members approved an amendment to its bylaws to provide that a current city councilmember in a city that has a rotating mayor has the same priority as an elected mayor when being considered for reappointment to a county or regional board provided the following criteria are met:

- The councilmember was a mayor at the time of appointment to the regional body;
- The city's current mayor has nominated the councilmember;
- The councilmember attends meetings regularly (or informs the current mayor) to report activities of the regional body;
- The applicant is a current member of the city council.

The bylaws language to implement the intent of the above is currently included in Section 11 of our bylaws as follows:

It is the intent of the Alameda County Mayors' Conference and the Alameda County City Selection Committee that Mayors hold all Mayors' Conference and Alameda County City Selection Committee appointments to county and regional bodies unless precluded from serving. Accordingly, the Nominating Committee and the Conference shall adhere to the following priorities in recommending and making

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selections for appointment: Priority 1 - Mayors and/or City Councilmembers of a city where the Mayor is elected by their Council provided the Councilmember was appointed to the county or regional body while serving as Mayor; Priority 2 - Councilmembers; Priority 3 - Members of the public.

At the March 13, 2024, Alameda County Mayors' Conference meeting, there was a discussion regarding the intent, interpretation, and application of Section 11 of the bylaws. As such, members recommended that this matter be agendized for discussion and clarification to ensure a mutual understanding.

Discussion

Does the membership want to retain the current policy of city councilmembers from a city with a rotating mayor (currently Emeryville, Albany, and Piedmont) having the same priority when being considered for reappointment to a county or regional board, provided specific criteria are met? If the answer is yes, then the current bylaw language should be modified to ensure this intent. If not, there should be a discussion regarding establishing modified priorities.

Modifying Bylaws for Clarity of Intent

Based on comments at the March 8, 2024, meeting, the following criteria could be used to retain and clarify the existing priorities for councilmembers from a city with a rotating mayor:

   a) The councilmember was appointed to the county or regional board while serving as mayor;
   b) The councilmember is currently a member of the county or regional board and is seeking reappointment;
   c) The city's current sitting mayor has nominated the councilmember;
   d) The councilmember has regularly attended Alameda County Mayor's Conference meetings to report activities of the regional body;
   e) The councilmember is a current member of the city council:

If the mayors agree with the above criteria, the existing bylaws should be amended to improve clarity and better define the mayors' intent. To that end, the following amended language for Section 11 has been prepared for consideration and, if appropriate, adoption:

Section 11. Excerpt - Revised Language

It is the intent of the Alameda County Mayors' Conference and the Alameda County City Selection Committee that Mayors hold all Mayors' Conference and Alameda County City Selection Committee appointments to county and regional bodies unless precluded from serving. Accordingly, the Nominating Committee and the Conference shall adhere to the following priorities in recommending and making selections for appointment:

Priority 1 - Mayors and/or City Councilmembers of a city with a Rotating where the Mayor is elected by their Council provided the City Ccouncilmember was appointed to the county or regional body to which they are seeking reappointment while serving as Mayor; the City Councilmember is currently a member of the regional body to which they are seeking reappointment, the City's current sitting mayor provided written notice nominating the City Councilmember for reappointment, and, the City Councilmember is a current member of the city council;

Priority 2 –- Councilmembers where their current sitting Mayor has provided written notice nominating the Councilmember;

Priority 3 - Members of the public.

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If no Mayor applies for consideration of appointment to a regional body within the established schedule, then the Nominating Committee shall inform the membership at a regularly scheduled meeting that the position will remain open for applications ~~from Mayors~~ until the next regularly scheduled meeting. The Nominating Committee will consider a recommendation to appoint and/or reappoint <u>based on the above Priorities.</u> ~~a councilmember only when the councilmember has been nominated by the current Mayor of his/her city.~~

In addition to the above, it would be advisable to amend a portion of Section 10 of the bylaws to define a rotating mayor. The proposed language is as follows:

<u>Section 10. Excerpt</u>
A Conference Executive Committee shall be established by the President and be comprised of the Conference President, Vice President, the most Immediate Past President available and eligible to serve, two members of the Conference, one of whom has been elected as Mayor by his/her Council, and an alternate. (Mayors who are elected <u>or selected</u> by their Councils<u>, herein after referred to as "Rotating Mayor,"</u> do not serve as President or Vice President but do have representation on both the Nominating and Executive Committees.) The attendance policy requires that any regular member of the Executive Committee who misses three straight meetings can be replaced.

Consideration of Modified Priorities
If the mayors want to modify the current county and regional board appointment priorities, then consider possible alternatives such as:

- Mayors and rotating mayors should have the same priority for appointments, but this should not extend to reappointments when the rotating mayor is currently a councilmember.
- Mayors and rotating mayors should have the same priority, but this would extend for only one reappointment, after which a city councilmember would be considered as part of Priority 2 even if the councilmember was appointed to the regional board while mayor.
- A councilmember seeking reappointment to a regional board they were appointed while serving as a rotating mayor would be considered a Priority 2.
- Rotating Mayors should be in a separate priority category below elected mayors.
- Other alternatives

RECOMMENDATION - Consider the information above and inform the membership of recommendations. Recommendation options may include:

Option 1. Direct the Executive Director to prepare an amendment to the amended bylaws based on the edits included above and schedule its review and potential adoption for the May 8, 2024, meeting.

Option 2. Discuss alternative priorities with the membership and obtain a collective understanding of appointment priorities upon which revised language will be reviewed at a future meeting.

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Executive/Nominating Members

- Jesse Arreguin, Chair
- Melissa Hernandez, Vice Chair
- Lily Mei, Immediate Past President Member
- Mark Salinas, Member
- Vacant (Member from a city with a rotating mayor or council-elected mayor)
- Carol Dutra-Vernaci, Alternate Member