

# ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of May 12, 2021

This telephonic/video meeting, held in compliance with Alameda County's shelter in place order, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft using a Zoom software interface.

## 1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

The following mayors, or their elected alternates, were present during the proceedings:

City	Member Attendee
Alameda	Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft
Albany	Mayor Ge'Nell Gary
Berkeley	Mayor Jesse Arreguin
Dublin	Mayor Melissa Hernandez
Emeryville	Mayor Dianne Martinez
Fremont	Mayor Lily Mei
Hayward	Mayor Barbara Halliday
Livermore	Mayor Bob Woerner
Oakland	Mayor Libby Schaaf
Piedmont	Mayor Teddy Gray King
Newark	Mayor Al Nagy
Pleasanton	Mayor Karla Brown
San Leandro	Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter
Union City	Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci

## 2. Approval of the April 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Dutra Vernaci seconded by Mayor Mei to approve the April 14, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

## 3. Agenda Amendments

There were no agenda amendments.

## 4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

Chelsea J. Andrews, Executive Director, EveryOne Home, introduced herself and discussed the organization's effort in assessing the composition of its Leadership Board to ensure racial diversity and regional representation.

Stephen Baiter, Executive Director of the East Bay Economic Development Alliance (East Bay EDA), provided an update on East Bay EDA activities.

## **5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees**

Mayor Arreguin announced that the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Regional Planning Committee will be reviewing the Final RHNA Methodology, including feedback received from the California Department of Housing and Community Development on May 13, 2021. The ABAG Planning Committee will also be reviewing the proposed appeals framework at the same meeting. Mayor Arreguin also updated members on the ABAG Plan Bay Area 2050 and the Bay Area Housing Finance Agency.

## **6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications**

President Ezzy Ashcraft announced that the Nominating Committee made recommendations on all appointments included on its agenda, and Mayor Dutra Vernaci announced the Committee's recommendations. President Ezzy Ashcraft opened the floor for nominations. Seeing no nominations, it was moved by Mayor Halliday and seconded by Mayor Nagy that the membership accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation to appoint the following individuals to the regional boards. The motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

### **a) Appointments made sitting as the Alameda County Mayors' Conference:**

Kester Watters, a City of Berkeley resident, was appointed as a member of the Alameda County Advisory Committee on Aging from the North Region for a full four-year term running through June 2025.

Joyce Fahey, a City of Alameda resident, was appointed as a member of the Alameda County Advisory Committee on Aging from the North Region for a full four-year term running through June 2025.

Gursewak Singh Dhawaliwal, a City of Fremont resident, was appointed as a member of the Alameda County Advisory Committee on Aging from the South for a full four-year term running through June 2025.

### **b) Appointments made sitting as the Alameda County City Selection Committee:**

Melissa Hernandez, Mayor, City of Dublin, was appointed as a member of the Alameda County Local Area Formation Commission for a full four-year term running through May 2025.

Karla Brown, Mayor, City of Pleasanton, was appointed as an alternate member to the Alameda County Local Area Formation Commission for a partial term running through May 2024.

c) Election of Alameda County Mayors' Conferences Officers:

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft was elected as the Alameda County Mayors' Conference President for a term of one year.

Mayor Lily Mei was elected as the Alameda County Mayors' Conference Vice President for a term of one year.

President Ezzy Ashcraft reminded members of the current regional board vacancies that are included in the Nominating Committee agenda packet.

**7. League of California City Reports, Legislative Updates and Actions**

Samantha Caygill, Regional Public Affairs Manager, East Bay Division, League of California Cities (League), provided an update on legislative action and noted that guidance on the American Rescue Plan Act's allocation to California cities is expected within a few weeks.

**8. Meeting Presentation**

Michael D. Tubbs, Founder/Chair of Mayors for a Guaranteed Income and a Governor Gavin Newsome Advisor on Economic Mobility and Opportunity made a presentation concerning guaranteed income and economic security detailing its implementation in the City of Stockton. He indicated that up to fifty mayors have signed onto the program, with fifteen in California. His goal is to see the program grow and to gain federal support.

Following the presentation, Mr. Tubbs answered questions from Mayors Russo Cutter, Halliday, and Martinez. Mayor Schaaf provided information on the status of the City of Oakland's planned pilot program based on these concepts.

**9. Other Business Matter**

a) Consideration of support for a statement regarding city-county partnership to maximize federal funding for health and human services.

Mayors Schaaf and Arreguin summarized the draft statement, and they requested that mayors discuss it with their staff and that it be brought back for continued discussion when appropriate, including the potential for using consultant services to conduct the needed implementation analysis. City Manager's Kelly McAdoo, City of Hayward, and Christine Daniels, City of Emeryville, agreed to present it to the Alameda County City Manager Conference for discussion, including a presentation by an MAA administrator.

b) Discussion regarding the COVID-19 issue with a representative from the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency.

A representative from the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency was unavailable to attend this meeting.

**10. Request for Future Agenda Items**

President Ezzy Ashcraft asked members to contact Steven Bocian if they had ideas regarding future speakers.

Mayor Halliday inquired regarding a potential timeline for in person meetings to begin. In response President Ezzy Ashcraft indicated that she has discussed some concepts regarding this matter with Steven Bocian, including the potential for meeting at the Oakland Zoo. She stated the matter would be reviewed further.

**11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian  
Executive Director