

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of June 9, 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
Dublin	Mayor Melissa Hernandez
Emeryville	Mayor Dianne Martinez
Fremont	Mayor Lily Mei
Hayward	Mayor Barbara Halliday
Livermore	Mayor Bob Woerner
Oakland	Mayor Libby Schaaf
Newark	Mayor Al Nagy
Pleasanton	Mayor Karla Brown
Union City	Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci

2. Approval of the May 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Halliday seconded by Mayor Nagy to approve the May 12, 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

Mayor Halliday provided information on the National Civic League All-American City competition and announced that Livermore was a winner of the award.

Ken Kokoski, an Emeryville resident, discussed the impact of the Association of Bay Area Government's (ABAG) Plan Bay Area 2050.

5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

There were no committee reports

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 opened the floor for nominations. Seeing no nominations, it was moved by Mayor Woerner and seconded by Mayor Brown 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.

Alfred A. Exner, a City of Pleasanton resident, was appointed as a member of the Alameda County Transportation Commission Independent Watchdog Committee from Alameda County District 4 for a full two-year term running through June 2023.

Kristi Marleau, City of Dublin resident, was reappointed as a member of the Alameda County Transportation Commission Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee from Alameda County District 1 for a full two-year term running through June 2023.

President Ezzy Ashcraft reminded members of the current regional board vacancies 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 in consideration of the June 15, 2021 opening, the League issued a letter to Governor Newsome regarding guidance on how to proceed with public meetings. She also indicated that State budget negotiations are ongoing and that registration is open for the League's Annual Conference. Mayors discussed the application of the Brown Act in the post-pandemic era.

8. Meeting Presentation

Doug Linney, Board President, East Bay Municipal Utility District, made a PowerPoint presentation concerning the state's current drought and its efforts to address the matter. He indicated that the agency recommends a voluntary 10% water usage reduction using 2020 as a base year. He outlined the current water availability situation, the agency's use of recycled water, its public outreach and education program, and its acoustic leak detection and pipeline replacement efforts. He also discussed available tools to help consumers use water more wisely.

Following the presentation, Mr. Linney answered questions from Mayors Brown, Woerner, Halliday, and Ezzy Ashcraft.

9. Other Business Matter

- a) Review and consider approval of a resolution designating June 19 as Juneteenth Independence Day.

After considering the resolution and discussion, it was moved by Mayor Halliday and seconded by Mayor Schaaf to adopt the Resolution in Support of Cities in Alameda County Commemorating Juneteenth and the End of Slavery in the United States. The motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote. Mayor Mei was absent.

- b) Consideration of Fran Robustelli, City Manager, City of San Leandro as the Alameda County Mayors' Conference Treasurer

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft indicated that the Executive Committee reviewed this matter at its meeting and recommended the appointment of Fran Robustelli, City Manager, City of San Leandro, as the Alameda County Mayors' Conference Treasurer. It was moved by Mayor Dutra Vernaci and seconded by Mayor Halliday to appoint Fran Robustelli, City Manager, City of San Leandro, as the Alameda County Mayors' Conference Treasurer. The motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

- c) Discussion regarding the resumption of in-person Alameda County Mayors' Conference business meetings.

By consensus, members agreed with the proposed schedule listed below: but requested that the Executive Director and the Executive Committee research the potential for combining in-person and virtual meetings.

- July 14, 2021 – Meeting held virtually via Zoom
- August 2021 – Annual recess
- September 8, 2021 – Social event with potentially light business meeting agenda. (Date subject to venue availability)
- October 13, 2021 – Start of in-person business meetings with dinner. The City of San Leandro would be the first host City.

10. Request for Future Agenda Items

Mayor Martinez recommended inviting representatives from the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe to present at a future meeting.

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

11. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian
Executive Director