

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of June 14, 2023

President Jesse Arreguin called the meeting to order on June 14, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Residence Inn Berkeley at 2121 Center Street, Berkeley, California.

1. Roll Call

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

City	Member Attendee
Alameda	Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft
Albany	Mayor Aaron Tiedemann
Berkeley	Mayor Jesse Arreguin
Emeryville	Vice Mayor Courtney Welsh
Hayward	Mayor Mark Salinas
Livermore	Mayor John Marchand
Newark	Mayor Michael Hannon
Oakland	Mayor Sheng Thao
Pleasanton	Mayor Karla Brown
San Leandro	Councilmember Bryan Azevedo
Union City	Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci

2. Approval of the May 10, 2023, Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft to approve the May 10, 2023, meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Agenda Amendments

There were no agenda amendments.

4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

President Arreguin recognized Mathew Woodruff, Chief Executive Officer of the Alameda County Alliance for Health. Mathew Woodruff introduced himself and welcomed the opportunity to work collaboratively with cities.

Henry Symons, BART Community Relations Representative, provided information on pending state transit funding and indicated that its final approval is pending Governor Newsom's approval.

Steven Baiter, Executive Director of East Bay Economic Development Alliance, provided information on upcoming events and projects.

5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

Mayor Arreguin provided an update on the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), indicating that its General Assembly meeting will be held on June 16, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

President Arreguin announced that the Nominating Committee made its recommendations on the applications included in its June 14, 2023, meeting agenda and opened the floor for comments/nominations. Seeing no additional nominations, it was moved by Mayor Salinas and seconded by Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft that the Alameda County Mayors Conference and the City Selection Committee accept the Nominating Committee's recommendations for the following appointments:

Mayor John Bauters, City of Emeryville, was appointed to the Alameda County Oversight Board for an indefinite term.

Mayor Melissa Hernandez, City of Dublin, was reappointed as a member of the East Bay Economic Development Alliance, Tri-Valley Representative for a full two-year term through June 2025.

Mayor Hernandez was appointed Vice President of the Alameda County Mayors' Conference for a term ending in May 2024.

The motion was approved unanimously and so ordered.

Mayor Marchand requested a nomination from the floor and moved to nominate Mayor Dutra Vernici as the alternate member of the Association of Bay Area Governments. Mayor Arreguin seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously and so ordered.

7. League of California Cities Reports, Legislative Updates and Actions

Samantha Caygill, Regional Public Affairs Manager, East Bay Division, League of California Cities (League), provided an update on the state's legislative activities, including current AB 1657, AB 400, AB 1637, AB 37, and SB 329. She also encouraged attendance at the June 29, 2023, Bocci Tournament to be held in Danville and announced that registration is now open for the League's Annual Conference.

8. Other Business Matters

Nina Senn, Commissioner of the Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women, outlined changes to the Resolution of the Alameda County Mayors' Conference Supporting the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) that was presented at the February 8, 2023, Alameda County Mayors' Conference and requested adoption by the membership. Nina Senn provided an overview of the Resolution and the edits made. She addressed questions raised by Mayors Hannon, Marchand, and Brown.

It was moved by Mayor Dutra Vernaci and Seconded by Vice Mayor Welsh to adopt Resolution 2023-01 a Resolution of the Alameda County Mayors' Conference Supporting the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). The Resolution was approved and so ordered with the following vote:

AYES: Ezzy Ashcraft, Tiedemann, Arreguin, Vice Mayor Courtney Welsh, Salinas, Marchand, Hannon, Thao, Councilmember Bryan Azevedo, Dutra-Vernaci

NOES: Brown

ABSENT: Hernandez, Mei, Cavanaugh

ABSTENTION: None

9. Request for Future Agenda Items and Presenters

Mayor Salinas expressed an interest in having a panel of speakers from local universities present at a future meeting, preferably one hosted by the City of Hayward. He also indicated he would trade his city's hosting date to assure compatibility with the university representative's schedule.

10. Host City Mayors' Report

President Arreguin thanked his staff and the venue for its efforts in hosting the event. He then discussed the development, funding, and operations of Berkeley Way Apartments and Hope Center, developed in cooperation with BRIDGE Housing and the Berkeley Food & Housing Project (now called Insight Housing). The development includes affordable housing for low and very low households, supportive housing apartments, a homeless shelter, transitional beds for homeless veterans, a community kitchen, and services for mental health, substance abuse, job training, and social activities. He introduced Calleene Egan, Chief Insight Housing Executive Officer, who discussed project development and activities.

11. Meeting Presentation

President Arreguin introduced Kerry Abbott, Director of Homeless Care and Coordination for Alameda County, and Amanda Wehrman, Director of Homeless Care and Coordination at Homebase, to discuss the first annual Home Together Plan report and to introduce Homebase. Kerry Abbott outlined the details of the Year One Progress Update, highlighting goals, strategies, key takeaways, progress made to date, and response system inventory by jurisdiction. Amanda Wehrman outlined Homebase's scope of services, funding, and activities to date.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian
Executive Director