

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of November 8, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Hernandez on November 8, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at California State University, East Bay, New University Union building located at 25800 Carlos Bee Blvd, Hayward, California.

1. Roll Call

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

City	Member Attendee
Alameda	Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft
Dublin	Mayor Melissa Hernandez
Emeryville	Mayor John Bauters
Fremont	Mayor Lily Mei
Hayward	Mayor Mark Salinas
Newark	Mayor Michael Hannon
Piedmont	Mayor Jennifer Cavanaugh
San Leandro	Mayor Juan Gonzalez
Union City	Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci

2. Approval of the October 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Bauters and seconded by Mayor Dutra-Vernaci to approve the October 11, 2023, meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Agenda Amendments

There were no agenda amendments.

4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

BART Board Vice President Mark Foley announced that the state approved additional BART funding.

5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

Mayor Dutra-Vernaci provided an update on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, indicating that it is discussing concepts related to a potential new regional transportation funding measure.

Mayor Bauters provided an update on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, indicating it has adopted a new administrative code and has completed filling many vacant staff positions.

6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

No appointments were scheduled for this meeting.

7. Other Business Matters

Steven Bocian, Alameda County Mayors' Conference Executive Director, provided an overview of the Executive Committee's action concerning changes to financial administration and increasing membership dues and the Dinner Fee potentially beginning on January 1, 2024. He indicated the item would be on the December 13, 2023, business meeting agenda for review and approval.

8. Request for Future Agenda Items and Presenters

No recommendations were made for future agenda items or speakers

9. 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 pending state legislation and League activities and discussed the governor's bill signing activity. She also discussed the proposed Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act sponsored by the California Business Roundtable on the November 2024 ballot. She advised cities to remain engaged in this initiative and indicated it is currently facing a legal challenge.

10. Host City Mayors' Report

Mayor Salinas thanked all involved in coordinating the event, introduced city staff and councilmembers, and made a presentation highlighting the relationship and impacts of public schools in Hayward and Alameda County. He stressed the importance of the educational sector's contributions to the region's economy and the importance of maintaining close relationships between cities and the education sector.

11. Meeting Presentation

Mayor Salinas introduced California State University, East Bay, President Cathy Sandeen, Chabot College President Hanal Cooks, and Hayward Unified School District Superintendent Jason Reimann. Hayward proclaimed an education city. The speakers provided a summary of their pathway to their current university. Mayor Salinas asked the speakers specific questions regarding current educational issues and perspectives and used software to interact with the audience. The panel stressed a shared vision for the betterment of students, residents, and businesses. Mayor Salinas discussed the scope and benefits of being an educational city.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian
Executive Director