

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of December 13, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Arreguin on December 13, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the City of Piedmont Community Hall at 711 Highland Blvd., Piedmont, California. 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
Dublin	Mayor Melissa Hernandez
Emeryville	Mayor Courtney Welch
Hayward	Mayor Mark Salinas
Livermore	Mayor John Marchand
Newark	Mayor Michael Hannon
Piedmont	Mayor Jennifer Cavanaugh
Pleasanton	Mayor Karla Brown
San Leandro	Mayor Juan Gonzalez
Union City	Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci

2. Approval of the November 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Hernandez and seconded by Mayor Dutra-Vernaci to approve the November 8, 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 Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson for his many years of service, as he will not seek reelection.

Steven Baiter announced that the East Bay Innovation Awards winners will be announced tomorrow and invited the mayors to attend the March 28, 2024, event recognizing the winners.

Liz Ames, BART Director, indicated that BART sold 3,500 sweaters and announced the agency's digital passports.

5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

Mayor Dutra-Vernaci provided an update on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, indicating the Commission is furthering its study of a transportation funding measure for 2024 or 2026.

President Arreguin provided an update on the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), indicating work is underway to place an affordable housing bond on the ballot.

Mayor Arreguin also recognized the new Emeryville Mayor, Courtney Welch.

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 December 13, 2023, meeting agenda and opened the floor for comments/nominations. Seeing no additional nominations, it was moved by Mayor Arreguin and seconded by Mayor Cavanaugh that the Alameda County Mayors' Conference and the City Selection Committee accept the Nominating Committee's recommendations for the following appointments:

Vamsi K. Tabjulu, a San Leandro resident, to the Alameda County Transportation Commission, Independent Watchdog Committee for a full two-year term through December 2025. The motion was approved unanimously and so ordered.

7. Other Business Matters

President Arreguin reported on the actions of the Executive/Legislative Committee and requested motions for the following:

7(a) Approval of a professional services agreement with Steven Bocian to serve as the Alameda County Mayors' Conference Executive Director for the 2024 calendar year.

It was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Ezzy-Ashcraft that the Alameda County Mayors Conference approve the professional services agreement with Steven Bocian to serve as the Alameda County Mayors' Conference Executive Director for the 2024 calendar year. The motion was approved unanimously and so ordered.

7(b) Approval of the CY 2024 Alameda County Mayors' Conference budget, including the membership dues assessment.

It was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Ezzy-Ashcraft that the Alameda County Mayors Conference approve the calendar year 2024 budget, including membership dues adjustments. The motion was approved unanimously and so ordered.

7(c) Approval of amendments to the bylaws concerning financial administration.

It was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Ezzy-Ashcraft that the Alameda County Mayors Conference approve amendments to its bylaws concerning the financial administration as detailed in the meeting agenda. The motion was approved unanimously and so ordered.

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 thanked the cities for their ongoing support of the League. She discussed the recently approved the League's annual priorities, including those related to revenue retention, climate change, and homelessness. She announced that the East Bay division monthly meeting will be on Thursday, December 14, 2023, in Fremont.

10. Host City Mayors' Report

Mayor Cavanaugh thanked all involved in coordinating the event, including city staff, and recognized the Piedmont Garden Club's services and the oak tree demonstration displayed in the meeting room.

Mayor Cavanaugh's presentation outlined the recent changes to Piedmont's leadership, which is now exclusively female, and provided insights on inspiring young females to focus and succeed in becoming community leaders. She also discussed her election process and how past city council vacancies led to the current all-female city council. She discussed building a pipeline and support system to assist and educate women interested in leadership roles.

11. Meeting Presentation

Alameda County Sheriff Yesenia Sanchez provided an overview of the Sheriff's Department's focus on community, its mission statement, and its values. She also discussed her process of rising through the ranks of a male-dominated field and her challenges while in office. She stressed the need for perseverance when pursuing career leadership goals.

She discussed her focus on the Alameda County jail system and her efforts to improve outcomes for the county and inmates, including more support to reduce recidivism, including training, support, housing, etc. She also stressed coordinating with cities and working cooperatively to achieve better outcomes for the county.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46:p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian
Executive Director