

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of November 13, 2024

President Marchand called the meeting to order on November 13, 2024, at 6:30 P.M. at the Ralph and Mary Ruggieri Center at 33997 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City, 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 Michael McCorriston
Emeryville	Mayor Courtney Welch
Fremont	Vice Mayor Raj Salwan
Hayward	Mayor Mark Salinas
Livermore	Mayor John Marchand
Newark	Mayor Michael Hannon
Piedmont	Mayor Jennifer Cavanaugh
Pleasanton	Mayor Karla Brown
Union City	Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci

2. Approval of the October 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Dutra Vernaci and seconded by Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft to approve the October 9, 2024, meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Agenda Amendments

No agenda amendments

4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

Melissa Hernandez, Director, Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART), said goodbye to outgoing mayors and indicated that November was a strong ridership month for BART as more people are becoming regular riders. New gates are now installed at ten BART stations, and more are planned for the upcoming year. She stated that BART Directors are available to meet with cities regarding BART activities and that BART is bringing back the Holiday Sweater Festival on December 7, 2024, at the Rockridge BART station.

David Haubert, Alameda County Supervisor, recognized the current and outgoing mayors, thanked them for their services, and said the county enjoys working with all the mayors.

President Marchand recognized the outgoing mayors and invited them to present during the dinner portion of the meeting.

5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

Mayor Dutra Vernaci indicated that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) presented information on transportation funding and that it will be discussed at a special meeting scheduled for December 9, 2024.

6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

There were no appointments scheduled for this meeting.

7. League of California Cities Reports, Legislation Update

Samantha Caygill, Regional Public Affairs Manager, East Bay Division, League of California Cities (League), provided an update on state legislation and indicated that Propositions 4 and 36 seemed to be gaining voter approval. She stated that the League is currently in planning mode for the upcoming year and legislation session. She is currently planning for calendar year 2025 East Bay Division meetings.

8. Other Business Matters

- a) Consideration to approve an Agreement with Steven Bocian to serve as the Alameda County Mayors' Conference Executive Director for the 2025 calendar year.
- b) Consideration to approve the Alameda County Mayors' Conference CY 2025 Budget and Membership Dues Schedule
- c) Consideration to approve the appointment of Janelle Cameron, City Manager, City of San Leandro, as the Alameda County Mayors' Conference Treasurer

It was moved by Vice President Salinas and seconded by Mayor Dutra Vernaci to approve the calendar year 2025 service contract with Steven Bocian to serve as the Executive Director, to approve the CY 2025 annual Mayors' Conference budget, including the annual dues and dinner expense fee, and to appoint Janelle Cameron, City Manager, City of San Leandro as the Alameda County Mayors' Conference Treasurer for the term that she continues to serve as the City of San Leandro City Manager.

The motion was approved unanimously.

9. Request for Future Agenda Items and Presenters

No future agenda items were recommended.

10. Host City Mayor's Report

Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci, City of Union City, thanked her team for coordinating the event and discussed the companies who contributed to the swag bag. She played a video regarding the City's focus on communication and dedication to service in Union City. She discussed important City projects and the City's efforts to inform city residents of city activities, accomplishments, and services, some of which include a newly designed website, social media activities, a newsletter, and direct engagements, such as the city Fun Run, National Night Out, Summer Sandlot, and Halloween activities. She played a

video from Alameda County city managers and staff thanking their mayors for their services to the community and their support of staff. She discussed her time with the city, which has spanned 32 years of service, including service as commissioner, city councilmember, and mayor. She expressed her appreciation and thanked all of the people who worked with her over her time with the City.

11. Meeting Presentation

Vice President Mayor Salinas made some opening remarks and introduced Meredith Curry-Nuñez, Executive Director, and Janae Aptaker, Interim Director, Member Engagement & Strategy of the Northern California College Promise Coalition, and Janevette Cole, Alameda County Board of Education Trustee, made a presentation regarding its CAL Kids program. They discussed the program's history, scope, its membership, and successes. They stressed that the program benefits first-generation and marginalized students. They now have 80 active programs and recently joined with organizations in the Sacramento area. Meredith Curry Nuñez indicated that a toolkit is available for cities and that they are willing to meet to discuss its programs.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian
Executive Director