

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of January 8, 2025

President Marchand called the meeting to order on January 8, 2025, at 6:30 P.M. at the City of Hayward, Fire Station #6 and Fire Training Center at 1401 West Winton Avenue, 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
Albany	Mayor Robin López
Berkeley	Mayor Adena Ishii
Dublin	Mayor Sherry Hu
Emeryville	Mayor David Moura
Fremont	Mayor Raj Salwan
Hayward	Mayor Mark Salinas
Livermore	Mayor John Marchand
Newark	Mayor Michael Hannon
Piedmont	Mayor Betsy Smegel Andersen
Pleasanton	Mayor Jack Balch
San Leandro	Mayor Juan González
Union City	Mayor Gary Singh

2. Approval of the December 11, 2024, 2024 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor González and seconded by Mayor Salinas to approve the December 11, 2024, meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Agenda Amendments

No agenda amendments

4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

President Marchand recognized the newly elected mayors and asked them to introduce themselves.

Stephen Baiter, Executive Director East Bay Economic Development Alliance, announced upcoming events, including the March 27, 2025, East Bay Innovation Award event and the 2025 Economic Outlook meeting.

Victor Flores, BART District 7 Board of Directors, introduced himself and provided an agency overview, including the installation of the new fare gates, which should all be installed by the end of 2025. He indicated that BART is working with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to address its budgetary issues.

5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft provided an overview of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).

Mayor González provided an overview of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD), including regulatory changes to address particulates related to residential water heaters.

6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

There were no regional board 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 a legislative update, including the governor's upcoming \$322B budget. The League will do a fiscal analysis once the budget is released.

8. Other Business Matters

a) There were no other business matters

9. Request for Future Agenda Items and Presenters

No comments were provided on the proposed speaker schedule.

10. Host City Mayor's Report

Mayor Mark Salinas, City of Hayward, thanked his team for coordinating the event and discussed the development of the fire training center and fire station #6. He introduced City of Hayward city councilmembers and staff and commented on the recent approval of a City of Hayward parcel tax that passed with an 86% approval rate.

11. Meeting Presentation

Mayor Mark Salinas introduced a speaker panel of Mayors Marchand and González and City Managers Joan Malloy and Paul Buddengen to provide insights into a mayor's first 100 days of office. Mayor Salinas asked the speaker panel discussion questions, including: (1.) What were their priorities for the first 100 days; (2) What strategy was used for building rapport with city councilmembers, the city manager, and community members; and (3) what would you have done differently. The panel emphasized the importance of listening, watching, building relationships, understanding the city council/city manager form of government, and showing respect for city employees and community members. Strategies included "walk and talks," being everywhere, being engaged regionally, setting policy with the community in mind, and understanding the mayor's role.

Mayor Hannon provided his perspective and advice to new mayors.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian
Executive Director