

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of February 12, 2025

President Marchand called the meeting to order on February 12, 2025, at 6:30 P.M. at Rubys and Roses Restaurant, 855 Main Street, Pleasanton, California.

1. Roll Call

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

| City | Member Attendee |
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| Alameda | Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft |
| Albany | Mayor Robin López |
| Berkeley | Mayor Adena Ishii |
| Emeryville | Mayor David Moura |
| Fremont | Mayor Raj Salwan |
| Hayward | Mayor Mark Salinas |
| Livermore | Mayor John Marchand |
| Newark | Mayor Michael Hannon |
| Piedmont | Mayor Betsy Smegal Andersen |
| Pleasanton | Mayor Jack Balch |
| San Leandro | Mayor Juan González |
| Union City | Mayor Gary Singh |

2. Approval of the January 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft and seconded by Mayor Salinas to approve the January 8, 2025, meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Agenda Amendments

No agenda amendments

4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

Stephen Baiter, Executive Director for the East Bay Economic Development Alliance, announced upcoming events, including the March 27, 2025, East Bay Innovation Award event and the May 15, 2025, Economic Outlook and Membership Meeting.

Bradley Dunn, Manager of Local Government and Community Relations at the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), stated that the BART Chief of Police issued his most recent crime report showing a 17% reduction in crime. He also stated that BART is continuing the installation of new fare gates and has been active in Sacramento, discussing funding opportunities.

5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft provided an overview of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), indicating that due to the presence of many new members, new committees will be formed later this month, which will allow for renewed activity. She also encouraged any mayor to reach out to her regarding MTC issues.

Mayor González provided an overview of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD), indicating that it conducted a planning retreat, which focused on steps to meet its current goals.

6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

President Marchand announced that the Nominating Committee made its recommendations on the applications included in its February 12, 2025, 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 Alameda County City Selection Committee accept the Nominating Committee's recommendations as follows:

- Reappoint Nick Pilch as the Alameda County Board of Supervisors District-5 representative to the Alameda County Transportation Commission Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee for a two-year term ending in February 2027.
- Reappoint Ben Schweng as the Alameda County Board of Supervisors District-2 representative to the Alameda County Transportation Commission Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee for a two-year term ending in February 2027.
- Appoint Mayor Jach Balch to the Alameda County Local Area Formation Commission for the remainder of a four-year term ending in February 2028.
- Appoint Mayor Raj Salwan to the East Bay Economic Development Alliance as the South Region representative for a two-year term ending in February 2027.
- Reappoint Mayor Gonzalez to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District for a two-year term ending in February 2027.
- Appoint Mayor Hannon to the Association of Bay Area of Governments and an alternate member for a term ending in February 2026.

The motion was approved unanimously by a roll call vote and so ordered.

7. League of California Cities Reports, Legislation Update

No report was provided due to the absence of Samantha Caygill, Regional Public Affairs Manager, East Bay Division, League of California Cities.

8. Other Business Matters

- a) Mayor Marchand presented Joan Malloy, City Manager of Union City, with a commendation for her work as Chairperson of the Alameda County City Managers' Conference for the year 2024 and thanked her for her service.
- b) Determine the expiration date for Michael McCorrison, City Council Member, City of Dublin, membership on the Alameda County Local Area Formation Commission. The Nominating Committee provided a report and recommended that the position be opened for applications to be reviewed in April 2025. Councilmember McCorrison may apply provided he meets the Mayors' Conference bylaws criteria. It was moved by Mayor Gonzalez and seconded by Mayor Hannon to approve the Nominating Committee's recommendation.

9. Request for Future Agenda Items and Presenters

No comments were provided on the proposed speaker schedule.

10. Host City Mayor's Report

Mayor Jack Balch, City of Pleasanton, thanked his team for coordinating the event and introduced Heidi Murphy, City of Pleasanton Library and Recreation Director, to provide an overview of city programs, including its aquatic program, the Recreation for Adults with Developmental Disabilities, (RAAD) that provides a welcoming space for adults with development disabilities, senior center dances, and tours/trips, the Firehouse Arts Theater, including its Creatures of Impulse improvisation group.

11. Meeting Presentation

Timothy Burroughs, Executive Director of StopWaste, made a presentation regarding new legislation and efforts in recycling in Alameda County. He provided an overview of the role and scope of StopWaste, which is a resource for agencies. Mr. Bourroughs discussed the complexity people encounter when trying to determine recyclable products, such as complex packaging, misleading or unclear statements regarding a product's recycling, local ordinances, and collection provider regulations, available markets for recycling, and changing state legislation.

Mr. Bourroughs discussed recently approved legislation that will improve the overall recycling environment, including AB2346, SB 1383, SB 34, and SB 54, and encouraged members to use and promote the StopWaste app that assists in identifying sources that recycle.

Mr. Bourroughs addressed questions from Mayors Ezzy Aschraft and Salinas and City of Pleasanton councilmembers Julie Testa and Jeff Nibert.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian
Executive Director