

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of May 8, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Arreguin on May 8, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Fare Café in the Oakland Museum of California at 1000 Oak Street, Oakland, 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 John Miki
Berkeley	Mayor Jesse Arreguin
Emeryville	Vice Mayor David Mourra
Fremont	Councilmember Mayor Raj Salwan
Hayward	Mayor Mark Salinas
Livermore	Mayor John Marchand
Newark	Mayor Michael Hannon
Oakland	Mayor Sheng Thao
Piedmont	Mayor Jennifer Cavanaugh
San Leandro	Mayor Juan Gonzalez
Union City	Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci

2. Approval of the April 10, 2024, 2024 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Dutra-Vernaci to approve the April 10, 2024, meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Agenda Amendments

There were no agenda amendments.

4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

Rebecca Saltzman, BART Director, provided an update on BART's Safe and Clean plan and the potential for funding shortfalls in 2026.

Director Rosio, East Bay Regional Park District Director, provided an update on its 90th Anniversary Park Fest event scheduled for May 11, 2024.

Steven Bocian, Executive Director, provided an update on the new QuickBooks financial system, including outstanding invoices.

5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

President Arreguin provided an update on the Association of Bay Area Governments' (ABAG), indicating approval of an expenditure plan for a proposed ballot measure to fund future affordable housing. ABAG and MTC are scheduled to vote on approving the

measure in April and June, respectively, after which it will be passed on to Alameda County.

Mayor Salinas informed the mayors that he had attended his first Bay Area Air Quality Management District meeting.

6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

There were no appointments scheduled for this meeting.

7. 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. She discussed activities related to retail theft, property insurance, and the potential use of predictive models, as well as fire prevention, including SB1060 and AB 2300. Samantha also discussed the League's upcoming priority legislation briefing session and the June 27 Bocci tournament.

8. Election of Alameda County Mayors' Conference President and Vice President

President Jesse Arreguin announced that the Nominating Committee made its recommendations on the applications included in its May 8, 2024, meeting agenda for the Alameda County Mayors' Conference Offices of President and Vice President and opened the floor for comments/nominations. Seeing no additional nominations, it was moved by President Arreguin and seconded by Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft to appoint Mayor John Marchand, Livermore, as President and Mayor Mark Salinas, Hayward, as Vice President for a term of one year ending on May 14, 2025. The motion was approved unanimously.

9. Other Business Matters

- a) Consideration to adopt an amendment to the Alameda County Mayors' Conference Bylaws concerning priorities for appointments to county and regional boards.

Mr. Bocian, Executive Director, provided an overview of the proposed amendment to the bylaws, clarifying the priorities for appointing mayors, including rotating mayors, councilmembers, and members of the public to regional boards and bodies. After discussion, it was moved by Mayor Hannon and seconded by Mayor Cavanaugh to approve the amendments to the bylaws as included in this meeting's agenda. The motion was approved with eleven votes in favor and one vote opposed (Thao).

10. Host City Mayors' Report

Mayor Sheng Thao thanked all involved in coordinating the event, including city staff, the Town Fare Café, and the Oakland Museum of California. She thanked President Arriguin for his service to the Mayors' Conference. Mayor Thao's presentation centered on the City's Ceasefire crime strategy, which has led to a 30% reduction in crime in the City. She discussed the cooperation with Kaiser to study crime prevention issues and the need for collaboration with the community, businesses, and the police.

11. Meeting Presentation

William McDonald, Alameda County Fire Chief; Sean Burrows, President of Alameda County Firefighters Local 55; Garrett Contreras, City of Hayward Fire Chief; and Damon Covington, City of Oakland Fire Chief, provided an overview of the current state of the

Alameda County Emergency Medical Services System (EMS) system and the current Request for Proposal (RFP) process being conducted by Alameda County to secure a new EMS provider. The presenters indicated that the Alameda County Fire Department, in cooperation with Local 55 and other fire chiefs from cities in Alameda County, will be submitting a proposal in response to the RFP. They outlined their plan to improve services in a more cost-effective, innovative, transparent, and comprehensive manner and requested that the Alameda County Mayors endorse their proposal. They requested the cities consider contacting the Alameda County Board of Supervisors to support its proposal. Mayor Thao encouraged the Mayors' Conference to adopt a letter supporting the proposal.

Chief McDonald addressed questions from Mayors Thao, Dutra-Vernaci, Hannon, Salinas, Nikki Fortunato Bas, City of Oakland Councilmember, and Council President.

12. Request for Future Agenda Items and Presenters

There were no recommendations for future agenda items or speakers.

Newly elected President Marchand commended President Arrequin for his services to the Mayors' Conference and presented him with a gift.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian
Executive Director