

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of September 11, 2024

President Marchand called the meeting to order on September 11, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the San Francisco Bay University at 161 Mission Fall Lane, Fremont, 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 | John Miki |
| Dublin | Mayor Michael McCorriston |
| Emeryville | Mayor Courtney Welch |
| Fremont | Mayor Lily Mei |
| Hayward | Mayor Mark Salinas |
| Livermore | Mayor John Marchand |
| Newark | Mayor Michael Hannon |
| Pleasanton | Mayor Karla Brown |
| San Leandro | Mayor Juan Gonzalez |
| Union City | Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci |

2. Approval of the July 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Salinas and seconded by Mayor Brown to approve the July 10, 2024, meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Mei introduced Carol Zilli, who provided background on the Music for Minors II Choir who performed for the audience, and Dr. Heather Herrera from the San Francisco Bay University, who welcomed the guests to the University.

3. Agenda Amendments

No agenda amendments

4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

Melissa Hernandez, BART Director, provided an update on recent BART developments, including information on the two new fare gates that were recently installed.

Mona Favorite Hill, Senior Community Affairs representative from the East Bay Municipal Utility District, said that the agency is implementing a program to collect overdue utility bills. The program has not been used since the pandemic.

Lynda Deschambault, a member of the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) Advisory Commission, provided an update on current EBRPD planning projects.

Kelly Abreu, member of the public, provided information on the Alameda County Local Area Formation Commission.

Stephan Baiter East Bay EDA announced upcoming events, including the 2024 Economic Outlook, the East Bay Manufacturing Summit, and the East Bay Innovation Awards.

Charlene Wong, a resident, announced that Inflation and Reduction Act funding is available in East Bay cities.

5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

Carol Dutra Vernaci indicated that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) discussed pulling the housing bond off the November election.

Mayor Gonzalez provided an update on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's strategic priorities.

6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

President Marchand announced that the Nominating Committee made recommendations on all appointments included in its agenda and opened the floor for nominations. Seeing no nominations, it was moved by Mayor Brown and seconded by Mayor Dutra Vernaci that the membership accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation to appoint Mayor Michael McCorrison, Mayor of the City of Dublin, as the Alternate Member of the Alameda Local Area Formation Commission for a term through May 2025.

The motion was approved unanimously.

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 state legislation, including AB 1082. She announced that the League has taken the position of opposing Propositions 4, 5, and 36 and that the last East Bay Division meeting of the year will be held on September 26, 2024, in the City of Dublin.

8. Other Business Matters

Mayor Marchand provided information regarding the recent survey of members and city managers regarding a preferred meeting dinner serving time. After discussion, it was decided that commencing on October 9, 2024, at the Alameda County Mayors' Conference meeting, dinners will be served near the start of the meeting after the roll call.

9. Request for Future Agenda Items and Presenters

No future agenda items were recommended

10. Host City Mayor's Report

Mayor Lilly Mei, City of Fremont, thanked the San Francisco Bay University for hosting the event and provided an overview of recent City activities, awards, events, and projects. She discussed the City's efforts in fighting homelessness, being recognized as a

“happiest city,” and programs for individuals for people with special needs and the neurodiverse. She announced that the City’s Central Park Multi-Service Community Center recently opened, that the City is constructing 56 indoor badminton courts, the Gateway Plaza, a new 520-unit housing and retail project, and a lithium battery facility.

11. Meeting Presentation

Tyler Painter, Chief Financial and Operating Officer for Wisk Aero provided an overview of the emerging Electric Vertical Take-off and Landing (eVTOL) industry and the opportunities for operating in the San Francisco Bay East Bay area. He indicated that the company’s goal is to manufacture fifteen of the vehicles in the City of Fremont per year and that he sees them as an excellent opportunity to connect communities and provide a much-needed transportation option. He indicated that Boeing recently acquired the company, but it will continue to operate as an independent entity with over 600 employees. The biggest challenge will be developing options for navigating the existing airspace and regulatory requirements.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian
Executive Director