

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of March 12, 2025

President Marchand called the meeting to order on March 12, 2025, at 6:30 P.M. at the City of Piedmont Community Hall, 711 Highland Avenue, Piedmont, 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	Vice Mayor Kashef Qaadri
Emeryville	Mayor David Moura
Hayward	Mayor Mark Salinas
Livermore	Mayor John Marchand
Newark	Mayor Michael Hannon
Piedmont	Mayor Betsy Smegel Andersen
Pleasanton	Mayor Jack Balch

2. Approval of the February 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Ashcraft and seconded by Mayor Balch to approve the February 12, 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), indicated that its customer satisfaction hit the highest mark in ten years and that crime is down 17% in 2024.

5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

There were no regional board reports.

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 March 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 Mayor John Marchand to the Alameda Local Area Formation Commission for a full four-year term beginning in May 2025 and ending in May 2029.
- Appoint Mayor Sherry Hu as an Alternate member to the Alameda Local Area Formation Commission for a partial term beginning in May 2025 and ending in May 2027. The mayor will assume the seat currently held by City of Dublin City Councilmember Michael McCorriston.
- Appoint Noor Dharni, a City of Berkeley resident, to the Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women for a two-year term beginning in March 2025 and ending in March 2025.
- Recommend the appointment of Mayor Juan González to the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission for an undetermined term.
- Appoint Mayor Jack Balch to the Alameda County Local Remote Access Network beginning in March 2025 until he resigns from the position, is no longer mayor, is no longer a city councilmember or until another mayor requests an opportunity to serve in the position, in which case applications will be received and a decision made regarding membership.
- Appoint Mayor Michael Hannon to the Alameda County Oversight Board beginning in March 2025 until he either resigns from the position, is no longer mayor, is no longer a city councilmember or until another mayor requests an opportunity to serve in the position, in which case applications will be received and a decision made regarding membership.

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

7. League of California Cities Reports, Legislation Update

Samantha Caygill, Regional Public Affairs Manager, East Bay Division, League of California Cities, was unable to attend the meeting.

8. Other Business Matters9. Request for Future Agenda Items and Presenters

No comments were provided on the proposed speaker schedule.

10. Host City Mayor's Report

Mayor Betsy Smegal Andersen, City of Piedmont, thanked her team for coordinating the event and discussed the City's focus on the arts, which has been endorsed since the City's formation. She discussed authors who lived in the City and indicated that it opened the first arts center in East Bay. She discussed visual artists in the City, the Piedmont Center for the Arts, and thanked the Piedmont High School Jazz Band for performing at the meeting. She also discussed the annual Piedmont Food Fest, which attracts visitors from all over the Bay Area. She introduced the City Councilmember and City staff,

including the Police Chief and City Manager. She also thanked all community volunteers for their dedication and commitment to the City.

11. Meeting Presentation

Rachel Jones, Executive Officer for the Alameda Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCo), provided an overview of the Commission's structure, work, history, and future projects. She indicated that LAFCo's mission is to allow orderly growth, preserve agriculture, change boundaries for cities and districts, create new cities, and conduct municipal reviews. She indicated that LAFCo may not determine land use but prepares municipal service reviews, which may lead to changes to a city's sphere of influence. She stressed that LAFCo is an independent agency that is accountable only to its board.

Rachel Jones addressed questions from Mayors Salinas, Ashcraft, and Emeryville.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian
Executive Director