

# ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of June 11, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Salinas on June 11, 2025, at the City of Albany Community Center, located at 1259 Marin Avenue, Albany, CA.

## 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
Emeryville	Mayor David Moura
Fremont	Mayor Raj Salwan
Hayward	Mayor Mark Salinas
Livermore	Mayor John Marchand
Newark	Mayor Michael Hannon
Oakland	Mayor Barbara Lee
Piedmont	Mayor Betsy Smegel Andersen
Pleasanton	Mayor Jack Balch
San Leandro	Mayor Juan González

## 2. Approval of the May 14, 2025, Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Gonzalez to approve the May 14, 2025, meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

## 3. Agenda Amendments

There were no agenda amendments.

## 4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

Sean Burrows, President of the Alameda County Fire Fighters Local 55, provided an update on Alameda County's review of proposals to provide future 9-1-1 emergency ambulance transport services and encouraged mayors to contact the Alameda County Health Emergency Medical Services to express support for the Alameda County Fire Department's bid. Mr. Burrows addressed questions for Mayor Ishii and Mayor Hannon.

Barnali Ghosh, Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Director, provided a system update, including information on ridership increases, improved passenger safety, coordination with cities regarding summer events, and funding issues.

Niki Fortunato Bas, Alameda County Supervisor (D5), provided an update on Alameda County activities and announced planned town hall meetings to discuss the disposition of Alameda County's sales tax measure (Measure W), which California courts recently upheld.

Stephen Baiter, Executive Director of the East Bay Economic Development Alliance, provided an update, including the impact of federal tariffs and upcoming events.

Mayor Salinas announced that he would like to restart the Alameda County cities' homelessness task force and circulated a sign-up sheet for mayors to indicate their interest in participating.

## **5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees**

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft of Alameda provided an update on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), including information regarding the agency and SB 563.

Mayor Juan González provided an update on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) that included information regarding the potential impact of federal changes to the authority of air districts. He also discussed recent findings regarding anticipated future sea level rises.

## **6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications**

President Marchand announced that the Nominating Committee had made its recommendations on the applications included in its meeting agenda from June 11, 2025, and opened the floor for comments and nominations. Seeing no additional nominations, it was moved by Mayor Balch and seconded by Mayor Salinas that the Alameda County Mayors' Conference and the Alameda County City Selection Committee accept the Nominating Committee's recommendations to appoint Hellen R. Mayfield, 3111 Maguire Way #309, Dublin, CA, to the Alameda County Advisory Commission on Aging for the Southern Region for a four-year term ending in June 2029.

The motion was approved unanimously and so moved.

## **7. League of California Cities Reports, Legislative Updates, and Actions**

Samantha Caygill, Regional Public Affairs Manager, East Bay Division, League of California Cities (League), was not present at the meeting.

## **8. Other Business Matters**

a) Alameda County Supervisor Lena Tam (D3) introduced Brentt Blaser, Emergency Manager with the Alameda County Sheriff's Department, who discussed Alameda County's emergency notification system, including its capabilities, opportunities for consolidation with all Alameda County cities, and planned upgrades. He also discussed plans to conduct an alert warning exercise later this year and thanked the Alameda County Board of Supervisors for recognizing the importance of the system.

b) Mayor Salina introduced Michael Lawson, Acting City Manager for the City of Hayward, who briefly discussed recent Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and his new role as acting City Manager.

Mayor Salinas distributed a draft statement regarding the federal government's recent immigration enforcement activities and indicated his interest in having the Mayors'

Conference support it or an edited version of the statement. The mayors engaged in a lengthy discussion expressing support, concerns, and opposition to the statement. Following this discussion, Mayor Salinas indicated that he would distribute the statement so that cities could review and edit it to try to gain consensus.

#### **9. Request for Future Agenda Items and Presenters**

An interest was expressed in having a representative from First Five Alameda County present. A recommendation was also made to invite Alameda County District Attorney Ursula Jones Dickson and a representative from the East Bay Wildfire Coalition of Governments.

#### **10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian  
Executive Director

Following the meeting's conclusion, Mayor Lopez of Albany provided a host city report. In addition, Elizabeth Funk, Founder and CEO of DignityMoves, Adrian Covert, Senior Vice President of Public Policy for the Bay Area Council, and Kevin Faulconer, former Mayor of San Diego and visiting professor at the Pepperdine School of Public Policy, presented information on their approach to addressing unsheltered homelessness.