

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of July 9, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Vice President González on July 9, 2025, at the Speedway af Bayfair, 15555 E 14th Street, San Leandro, California.

1. Roll Call

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

City	Member Attendee
Alameda	Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft
Berkeley	Mayor Adena Ishii
Dublin	Mayor Sherry Hu
Emeryville	Mayor David Moura
Fremont	Mayor Raj Salwan
Hayward	Mayor Pro-Tempora Julie Roche
Livermore	Mayor John Marchand
Newark	Councilmember Mathew Jorgens
Oakland	Mayor Barbara Lee
Piedmont	Mayor Betsy Smegel Andersen
Pleasanton	Mayor Jack Balch
San Leandro	Mayor Juan González
Union City	Mayor Gary Singh

2. Approval of the June 11, 2025, Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Ishii to approve the June 11, 2025, meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Agenda Amendments

Item 8 – Alameda County Mayors' Conference 2024 Financial Report was moved to a future meeting due to a lack of quorum for the Executive Committee.

4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

Stephen Baiter, Executive Director of the East Bay Economic Development Alliance, provided an update, including details about special events featuring the Oakland Roots and Oakland Ballers. He also discussed the East Bay Global Forum, scheduled for September 11, 2025.

Lindsay Barenz, President of the Oakland Roots Sports Club, discussed efforts to establish a training facility for the United States National Soccer team in preparation for the 2031 World Cup.

Robert Rayburn, Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Director, provided an update that included matters related to its budget, future financial shortfall, installation of new fare gates, crime reduction, and increased ridership.

Lena Tam, a member of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, indicated that the board is willing to meet collectively with mayors and city managers to discuss Measure W. She also indicated that Alameda County is conducting workshops on the matter.

5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft provided an update on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) activity on the proposed Connect Bay Area Act (SB 63), a regional transportation measure for all five Bay Area Counties.

Mayor Ishii reported on the Alameda County Homelessness Working Group, indicating it is working on revisions to its letter to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors concerning the management of Measure W funding.

6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

There were no regional board appointments scheduled for the meeting

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

Samantha Brightman (Caygill), Regional Public Affairs Manager, East Bay Division, League of California Cities (League), provided an update on statewide legislative matters concerning the League of California Cities.

8. Other Business Matters

The Alameda County Mayors' Conference 2024 Financial Report was moved to a future meeting due to a lack of quorum for the Executive Committee

9. Request for Future Agenda Items and Presenters

Mr. Bocian indicated that City of Oakland Councilmember Janani Ramachandran will present on the East Bay Wildfire Coalition, and a representative from First Five will present at the November 12, 2025, meeting. David Moura, Emeryville, suggested the Mayors' Conference contact Waymo regarding its plans to expand to the East Bay.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian
Executive Director

Following the meeting's conclusion, Vice President González, provided a host city report detailing the City of San Leandro's focus on improving services and quality of life in the City. He discussed the City's culture of volunteerism and neighborhood vitality. He also discussed the City's efforts to reopen a new branch library, establish farmers' markets, improve police services, and reduce crime.

The guest speaker was Howard Chang, Chief Operating Officer for AVA Community Energy, who provided an overview of its services, power sources, service options, and the impact of the recently approved Federal Budget Reconciliation Bill H.R. 1.