

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of February 11, 2026

The meeting was called to order by President Salinas on February 11, 2026, at the UC Berkeley Anchor House, 1550 Oxford Street, Berkeley, 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 Peggy McQuaid
Berkeley	Mayor Adena Ishii
Emeryville	Mayor Sukhdeep Kaur
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
Union City	Mayor Gary Singh

2. Approval of the January 14, 2026, Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor McQuaid to approve the January 14, 2026, meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Agenda Amendments

There were no agenda amendments.

4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

BART Director Bernali Gosh provided an overview of Super Bowl week, noting that BART experienced increased ridership and enhanced security, as well as public notifications. She also discussed ongoing workshops regarding the anticipated upcoming funding deficit.

5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft provided an update on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), highlighting activity related to the proposed Connect Bay sales-tax initiative. She also discussed MTC's Transit-Oriented Community Policy.

Mayor Ishii provided an update on the Homelessness Working Group, indicating they are planning field trips to San Jose and San Rafael to view some of their projects.

6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

President Salinas announced that the Nominating Committee made its recommendations on the applications included in its February 11, 2026, meeting agenda and opened the floor for comments/nominations. Seeing no additional nominations, it was moved by Mayor Hannon and seconded by Mayor Salwan that the Alameda County Mayors' Conference City Selection Committee and the Alameda County City Selection Committee accept the Nominating Committee's recommendations to reappoint Mayor Mark Salinas to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District for a term of two years commencing in April 2026 and ending in April 2028.

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

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

Samantha Brightman, East Bay Regional Public Affairs Manager for the League of California Cities (League), was unable to attend this meeting.

8. Other Business Matters

a) Cancellation of the November 11, 2026, Alameda County Mayors' Conference meeting. The meeting cancellation was approved.

9. Request for Future Agenda Items and Presenters

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian
Executive Director

POST MEETING NOTES

Ruben Lizardo, Director of Local Government and Community Relations for UC Berkeley, welcomed the mayors and attendees to the UC Berkeley campus.

Margot Kushel, MD, Professor of Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, Division Chief of the Division of Health and Society, and Director of the UCSF Action Research Center for Health and the UCSF Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative, provided an overview of her recent work in the area of homelessness. She stressed the need for new, permanent, affordable housing, support services, transitional housing, and shelters. She also discussed the racial basis of homelessness, how it was impacting older people, and the need for more focused services, including those for treating mental health issues.

Mayor Ishii thanked her staff for their work on the event and for the work they do on a regular basis. She asked the staff and Berkeley council members to introduce themselves. She invited three UC Berkley students to discuss housing issues and their view of the country's political environment.