

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of March 11, 2026

The meeting was called to order by President Salinas on March 11, 2026, at Gerry's Grill, 31005 Courthouse Drive, Union City, California.

1. Roll Call

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

City	Member Attendee
Albany	Vice Mayor Jennifer Hansen Romero
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 February 11, 2026, Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Gonzalez to approve the February 11, 2026, meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Agenda Amendments

There were no agenda amendments.

4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

BART Director Liz Ames discussed BART's plan to address potential service modifications in the event of a continued revenue shortfall. Alternatives include personnel layoffs, reduction of hours, potential station closings, and modified services. She remains optimistic that new revenue from state and federal sources, or from tax measures, will become available to avoid worst-case scenarios. BART will conduct an outreach program to address any cuts.

Stephen Baiter, Executive Director, East Bay Economic Development Alliance, reminded attendees of the March 26, 2026, East Bay Innovation Awards.

5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

No member reports were provided.

6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

President Salinas announced that the Nominating Committee had made its recommendations on the applications on its March 11, 2026, meeting agenda and opened the floor for comments/nominations. Seeing no additional nominations, it was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Hannon 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 East Bay Regional Communications System Authority for a term of two years commencing in March 2026 and ending in March 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), discussed progress on the proposed state budget and stressed the League's focus on funding homelessness. She also discussed the thirteen League-sponsored bills, including SB962 and AB2517. She reminded members of the Helen Putman process, the Leader's Summit taking place on April 22-24, and the East Bay Division meeting on June 25, 2026, in Orinda, California.

8. Other Business Matters

No other business matters were on the agenda for this meeting.

9. Request for Future Agenda Items and Presenters

President Salinas recommended that the Conference try to get a representative from the Pacific Railway and Union Pacific to a future meeting.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian
Executive Director

POST MEETING NOTES

Mayor's Report

Mayor Singh of Union City thanked Gerry's Grill for hosting the event, introduced Union City councilmembers at the meeting, introduced key staff, and thanked them for their support and work. He focused on the role of partnerships in the city, highlighting the Union Landing shopping center as an employment center and its public safety partnership, including funding for three police officers. He also indicated that the city is one position away from filling all its

police positions. Finally, he discussed how it helps fund needed city capital improvements and other programs.

Mayor Singh also discussed the role of regional partnerships, which have been beneficial in addressing homelessness, including the Caravan program, which provides a temporary, safe, and stable solution for people living in a vehicle, as well as housing and roadway projects.

Guest Speaker

Marlene Muphy-Roach, Senior Director of Customer Programs at Pacific Gas & Electric, provided an overview of the company's programs that provide rate assistance for customers, including those with limited incomes. And recent service improvements. The programs discussed included the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) and the Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA) program. Overall, Murphy-Roach indicated that PG&E has lowered rates over the last two years and is focused on implementing cost-cutting and efficiency measures. She answered questions from Mayors Hannon, Singh, and Salwan.