

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of April 8, 2026

The meeting was called to order by President Salinas on April 8, 2026, at Hong Kong East Ocean Seafood Restaurant, 3199 Powell Street, Emeryville, 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
Dublin	Vice Mayor Jean Josey
Emeryville	Mayor Sukhdeep Kaur
Fremont	Mayor Raj Salwan
Hayward	Mayor Mark Salinas
Livermore	Mayor John Marchand
Newark	Mayor Michael Hannon
Oakland	Mayor Barbara Lee
Pleasanton	Councilmember Matt Gaidos
San Leandro	Mayor Juan González
Union City	Mayor Gary Singh

2. Approval of the March 11, 2026, Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Hannon to approve the March 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 Victor Flores indicated that February 2026 had the highest ridership since the pandemic. He indicated that some of the ridership increase was due to the Super Bowl. He also discussed BART's plans to lease its parking lots for private use and its TOD development plans.

Stephen Baiter, Executive Director of the East Bay Economic Development Alliance, indicated that the annual East Bay Innovation Awards event was a success and announced that the 2026 Economic Outlook event is scheduled for May 14, 2026, and the Gournex event is scheduled for May 21, 2026, at Jack London Square.

Mayor Ishii provided an update on the Alameda County Mayor's Conference Working Group on Homelessness update, indicating that tonight's guest was Margaret Kushel, MD, Director of the Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative at the University of California, San Francisco. She also mentioned the *Beyond the Bridge* documentary and that the group decided against a field trip for now

5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft provided an update on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, indicating that they are working to resolve issues with the Clipper Bay 2 card. Some Committee members recently went to Sacramento to lobby for transportation and housing funding and programs. She also discussed the Bay Wheels bike share pilot program.

Mayor Juan González provided an update on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, indicating that the agency is focused on simplifying its permitting processes and enforcement of existing regulations.

6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

President Salinas announced that the Nominating Committee had made its recommendations on the applications included in its April 8, 2026, meeting agenda and opened the floor for comments/nominations. Seeing no additional nominations, it was moved by Mayor Marchand 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 appoint Mayor Juan González to the Association of Bay Area Governments Executive Board for a term beginning in April 8, 2026, and ending in June 1, 2028 and Alfred Exner to the Alameda County Transportation Commission's Independent Watchdog Committee for a term of two years beginning 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), noted that state legislatures just returned from their spring break and that the governor is expecting to release a revised budget shortly. She discussed AB 1941, SB 758, and AB 1588. She reminded members of upcoming League events.

8. Other Business Matters

President Salinas reminded members that applications for the Alameda County Mayors' Conference office of President and Vice President are due no later than April 30, 2026.

9. Request for Future Agenda Items and Presenters

No requests were made

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian
Executive Director

POST MEETING NOTES

Mayor's Report

Mayor Sukhdeep Kaur of the City of Emeryville thanked the Hong Kong East Ocean Seafood Restaurant for hosting the event, introduced City of Emeryville City council members at the meeting, introduced key staff, and thanked them for their support and work. Mayor Kaur noted that the restaurant is located on city property and has been a lessee since 1989. Mayor Kaur also discussed the city's new housing developments, including the Nellie Hannon Gateway, which includes 90 units of affordable housing. Mayor Kaur introduced and recognized Nellie Hannon for her many years of service to Emeryville. Mayor Kaur also provided information on the 4th Street Artist's Cooperative and invited Scott Donahue, one of its co-founders, to provide background on the project. The Mayor also discussed the importance of the arts in the City of Emeryville.

Guest Speaker

Jeff Beal, Clinical Director of Crisis Services at Bonita House in Berkeley, provided an overview of Bonita House and discussed the Alameda County Community Assessment and Tracking Program. He also outlined the importance and successes of the services provided and discussed the agency's overall funding.