

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of May 13, 2026

The meeting was called to order by President Salinas on May 13, 2026, at Veev By Lennar, 2701 W Winton Avenue, Hayward, California.

President Salinas introduced Donald Provien, President of Veev, who provided an overview of the company, its products, and the challenges it faces in today's marketplace.

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	Mayor Sherry Hu
Emeryville	Mayor Sukhdeep Kaur
Fremont	Mayor Raj Salwan
Hayward	Mayor Mark Salinas
Livermore	Mayor John Marchand
Newark	Mayor Michael Hannon
Piedmont	Councilmember Jennifer Long
Pleasanton	Mayor Jack Balch
San Leandro	Councilmember Xouhoa Bowen
Union City	Mayor Gary Singh

2. Approval of the April 8, 2026, Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Salwan to approve the April 8, 2026, meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Agenda Amendments

There were no agenda amendments.

4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

Sharan Dhanoa, Director of the South Bay Coalition to End Human Trafficking, provided information and outlined the agency's work related to the upcoming World Cup Games.

Henry Symons, Principal Government & Community Relations Representative with BART, indicated that BART ridership increased 10% in April 2026 and that it is currently reviewing its TOD options and planning in the cities of Hayward and Fremont. He also announced the BART Prom schedule for the Rockridge BART Station.

Rolanda Gonzalez, Community Affairs Representative with the East Bay Municipal Utility District, announced the success of its H2Flow Spanish video, which is currently available on its website and YouTube.

Stephen Baiter, Executive Director of the East Bay Economic Development Alliance, reminded attendees of the Economic Outlook conference scheduled for May 14, 2026, in San Ramon, and the Gournex East Bay event 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.

5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft provided an update on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, noting that representatives were recently in Sacramento lobbying for additional transit funding and that the agency was currently reviewing performance measures.

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 May 13, 2026, meeting agenda and opened the floor for comments/nominations. Seeing no additional nominations, it was moved by Mayor Hannon and seconded by Mayor Balch that the Alameda County Mayors' Conference appoint Mayor Juan González as the Alameda County Mayors' Conference President for a term beginning on May 13, 2026 and ending on May 12, 2027 and Mayor Raj Salwan as the Alameda County Mayors' Conference Vice President for a term beginning on May 13, 2026 and ending on May 12, 2027.

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 Governor Newsom is currently reviewing the state's budget and that its release is scheduled for May 14, 2026. She also discussed AB 2002, SB 1313, AB 1567, and SB 866 and noted that the Local Taxpayer Protection Act has qualified for the November 2026 ballot.

8. Other Business Matters

9. Request for Future Agenda Items and Presenters

Mayor Salinas recommended inviting Steve Hathaway, photographer and author of the book *Mayors Across America: Portraits Outside the Office*, to be a guest speaker at a future Alameda County Mayors' Conference meeting.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian
Executive Director

POST MEETING NOTES

Mayor's Report

Mayor Mark Salinas thanked staff for their work and presented a slide show of photos highlighting notable events during his year as Alameda County Mayors' Conference President.

Guest Speaker

William (Billy) Riggs, Ph.D., AICP, LEED AP, a professor at the University of San Francisco School of Management and the Director of the Autonomous Vehicles and the City Initiative, and Henriette Cornet, Ph.D., is the founder and CEO of Urban Innovate and a professor at the University of San Francisco, provided an overview of the state of autonomous vehicles and detailed what cities can do to accommodate these vehicles.