

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of February 12, 2020

The meeting, hosted by Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, City of Alameda, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Al Nagy at the headquarters of Penumbra, Inc. located at 1351 Harbor Bay Parkway, Alameda, California.

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

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

City	Member Attendee
Alameda	Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft
Albany	Mayor Nick Pilch
Berkeley	Mayor Jesse Arreguin
Dublin	Mayor Dave Haubert
Emeryville	Mayor Christian Patz
Hayward	Mayor Barbara Halliday
Livermore	Mayor John Marchand
Newark	Mayor Al Nagy
Oakland	Mayor Libby Schaaf
Piedmont	Mayor Robert McBain
San Leandro	Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter
Union City	Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci

2. Approval of the January 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Dutra Vernaci to approve the January 8, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion was unanimous and so ordered.

3. Agenda Amendments

No agenda amendments.

4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

Ken Bukowski, member of the public, spoke regarding his attendance at a recent ABAG workshop and advocated for public transit.

Stephen Batier, Executive Director, East Bay Economic Development Alliance, reminded members of its upcoming East Bay Innovation Awards ceremony to be held on March 26, 2020 and its biomedical cluster meeting that is scheduled for March 4, 2020.

5. Host City Mayor's Report

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft introduced Adam Elsessler, CEO of Penumbra Inc., who welcomed attendees and provided an overview of the company detailing its development and manufacturing of specialized medical equipment to help with the

recovery of stroke victims. He also stressed the company's commitment to diversity, which is highlighted by a workforce that is 52% women and non-white.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft welcomed attendees and introduced City of Alameda councilmembers, staff, and guests and thanked the band for its performance this evening. She provided a development and activity summary the business park where the meeting is being held and others business parks in the City and indicated that a third ferry terminal will begin operations this summer from Alameda. She also noted that there is an interest in constructing a bridge to Jack London Square, that the City is focused on climate change, particularly concern with rising sea levels, and adopting programs to address homelessness and affordable housing.

6. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committee

Mayor Dutra-Vernaci provided an update on the MTC Bay Area Toll Authority and its current planning for a a bus only lane and improved approaches from freeways connecting to the Eastern Span of the Bay Bridge.

Mayor Halliday County provided an update on the Alameda County Oversight Committee, the ABAG Plan Bay Area 2050 and the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).

Mayor Arreguin provided an update on ABAG and MTC regarding its Plan Bay Area 2050, a potential regional housing finance measure and RHNA. He also stated that he would like to have a RHNA presentation at a future meeting.

7. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

It was moved by Mayor Russo Cutter and seconded by Mayor Ashcraft that the membership accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation to reappoint Jeremy Johansen to the Alameda County Transportation Commission, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee for a term of two years effective March 1, 2020. The motion was unanimous and so ordered.

It was moved by Mayor Ashcraft and seconded by Mayor Dutra Vernaci that the membership accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation to appoint Councilmember Ally Medina, Emeryville to the East Bay Economic Development Alliance for a term expiring on June 30, 2020 effective February 13, 2020. The motion was unanimous and so ordered.

President Nagy informed members of the current regional board vacancies and directed them to review Item 6 of the Executive Director's Report, which provides detailed vacancy information.

8. League of California City Reports, Legislative Updates and Actions

Samantha Caygill, Regional Public Affairs Manager, East Bay Division, League of California Cities discussed SB 54 and AB 1080 and requested letters be sent regarding these bills. She also provide information on upcoming webinars and regional meetings.

9. Other Business Matter

a) Casey Farmer, Executive Director, Alameda County Complete Count Committee used a PowerPoint presentation to provide an update on the 2020 Census which has adopted the "Our Community Counts" as its motto. Census 2020 notices will start mailing later this month and she encourages all communities to be active in the process.

10. Request for Future Agenda Items

Mayor Ashcraft recommended inviting Margot Kushel to a future meeting to discuss her homelessness study and Mayor Arreguin recommended a presentation on ABAG/RHNA for summer 2020.

11. Meeting Presentation

Jason Baker, Vice President Transportation, Housing and Community Development, Silicon Leadership Group provided an overview of the proposed FASTER Bay Area ballot measure indicating that recent polling indicates people want a world class transportation system and that 2020 may be the best and last chance for a long time when a measure such as this would have support. He outlined the proposed measure's four strategies for funding the transit network including improvements related to system buildout, connections to the network including car and van pools, and street repairs. He indicated the improvements would be funded by a regional sales tax increase and that the largest share of revenue would go to building out transit network with the second largest amount going to cities. MTC would implement the programs. Mayor Arreguin indicated that he would like to see the measure combined with a measure to improve affordable housing.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7: p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian
Executive Director