

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of February 10, 2021

This telephonic/video meeting, held in compliance with Alameda County's shelter in place order, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft using a Zoom software interface.

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 Ge'Nell Gary
Berkeley	Mayor Jesse Arreguin
Dublin	Mayor Melissa Hernandez
Emeryville	Mayor Dianne Martinez
Fremont	Mayor Lily Mei
Hayward	Mayor Barbara Halliday
Livermore	Mayor Bob Woerner
Newark	Mayor Al Nagy
Oakland	Mayor Libby Schaaf
Piedmont	Mayor Teddy Gray King
Pleasanton	Mayor Karla Brown
San Leandro	Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter
Union City	Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci

2. Approval of the December 9, 2020, Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Mei seconded by Mayor Woerner to approve the January 13, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

3. Agenda Amendments

There were no agenda amendments.

4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

- a) President Ezzy Ashcraft presented a plaque to Linda Smith, City Manager, City of Dublin, to recognize her contributions serving as chairperson of the Alameda County City Managers' Association for the 2020 calendar year.

5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

Pauline Cutter announced that John Bauters, councilmember, City of Emeryville, has been appointed Secretary of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

Mayor Halliday announced that the Alameda County Oversight Board approved the recognized obligations scheduled for the former redevelopment

agencies. The City of Hayward will post a statement regarding this action on its website.

Mayor Arreguin announced that the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) has approved the Plan Bay Area 2050 Blueprint with amendments and that ABAG is moving forward with an implementation plan.

6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

President Ezzy Ashcraft announced that the Nominating Committee made recommendations on all appointments listed on its agenda and an additional appointment to the East Bay Economic Development Alliance for the Southern/Tri-City region.

It was moved by Mayor Dutra-Vernaci and seconded by Mayor Nagy that the membership accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation to appoint the following individuals to the regional boards as listed below. The motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

1) Appointments Sitting as the Alameda County Mayors' Conference

Melissa Hernandez, Mayor, City of Dublin, was appointed as a member to the East Bay Economic Development Alliance for the Tri-Valley Area seat for a partial term running through June 2022.

Lily Mei, Mayor, City of Fremont, was appointed as a member to the East Bay Economic Development Alliance for the Southern/Tri-City Area seat for a partial term running through June 2022.

Ge'Neil Gary, Mayor, City of Albany, was appointed as an alternate member to the East Bay Economic Development Alliance for a partial term running through June 2022.

Bob Woerner, Mayor, City of Livermore, was appointed as a member to the East Bay Regional Communications System Authority for a two-year term through January 2023.

Mark Salinas, Councilmember, City of Hayward, was appointed as a member to the East Bay Regional Communications System Authority for a two-year term through January 2023.

Ed Hernandez, resident, City of San Leandro, was appointed as a member to the Alameda County Transportation Commission, Independent Watchdog Committee for a two-year term through January 2023.

Rochelle Nason, Councilmember, City of Albany, was reappointed as a member to the East Bay Regional Park District, Park Advisory Committee for a two-year term through January 2023.

Nina Senn, a City of Oakland resident, was appointed as a member to the Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women for a term of two years through January 2023.

Florence Raskin, a City of Piedmont resident, was appointed as a member to the Alameda County Advisory Commission on Aging for a term of four years through January 2025.

2) *Sitting as the Alameda County City Selection Committee:*

It was moved by Mayor Dutra-Vernaci and seconded by Mayor Nagy that the Alameda County City Selection Committee accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation to appoint the individuals listed below to the Alameda County Local Area Formation Commission. The motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

Karla Brown, Mayor, City of Pleasanton, was appointed as a member to the Alameda County Local Area Formation Commission for a partial term running through May 2021.

Bob Woerner, Mayor, City of Livermore, was appointed as a member to the Alameda County Local Area Formation Commission for a partial term running through May 2024. The motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote.

Melissa Hernandez, Mayor, City Dublin, was as an Alternate member to the Alameda County Local Area Formation Commission for a partial term running through May 2023.

President Ezzy Ashcraft reminded members of the current regional board vacancies included in the Nominating Committee agenda packet.

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

Samantha Caygill, Regional Public Affairs Manager, East Bay Division, League of California Cities (League), informed members that a bill providing revenue assistance to local governments was introduced in Congress. She then outlined key funding elements of the Bill and indicated that the League will continue monitoring its progress. She noted that she will distribute a summary of the proposed legislation.

8. Meeting Presentation

Jon Kaufman, President, Claremont Canyon Conservancy, and Sue Piper, President, Oakland FireSafe presented their plan to form a joint powers agency (JPA) for vegetation management for wildfire prevention in the East Bay hills. Jon Kaufman indicated that the impact of wildfires is not confined to individual city boundaries but that it can affect all geographic areas based on the fire's spread. Sue Piper indicated that the group has raised \$38,000 to start drafting a JPA document to develop a framework that all cities and local

governmental agencies could support. The current focus is to get support for the concept, which could lead to JPA formation.

Mayor Schaaf thanked Jon and Sue for the significant time and effort volunteering on this project.

9. Other Business Matter

- a) Aneeka Chaudhry, Director, Strategic Initiatives and Public Affairs, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency, made a PowerPoint presentation highlighting recent COVID-19 vaccination activity in Alameda County. She discussed a range of activity including community and mega pods for vaccinations, efforts planned for the Santa Rita County jail, the current and proposed notification software system, demographic vaccination data, and future plans. She emphasized that there continues to be limited supplies of vaccine and that this will impact the County's efforts to vaccinate.

Aneeka Chaudhry answered member questions from Mayor Woerner, Mayor Russo Cutter, Mayor Brown, President Ezzy Ashcraft, and Mayor Schaaf.

10. Request for Future Agenda and Guest Speakers

Vice President Mei asked that members consider adopting a proclamation condemning the anti-Asian activities occurring recently in the Bay Area, including the City of Fremont. Members expressed their support and indicated she would work with the Executive Director to prepare the proclamation.

Mayors Brown, Halliday, and Mei discussed subjects for future guest speakers concepts, and in response, members indicated an interest in securing a speaker to present on the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on child abuse and mental health at the March meeting, followed by a presentation on the digital divide at the April meeting then the redistricting process.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian
Executive Director