

# ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of January 11, 2023

This telephonic/video meeting, held in compliance with Alameda County's shelter in place order, was called to order on January 11, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. by President Lily Mei using a Zoom software interface.

## 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 Aaron Tiedemann
Berkeley	Mayor Jesse Arreguin
Dublin	Mayor Melissa Hernandez
Emeryville	Vice Mayor Courtney Welch
Fremont	Mayor Lily Mei
Hayward	Mayor Mark Salinas
Livermore	Mayor John Marchand
Newark	Mayor Michael Hannon
Oakland	Mayor Sheng Thao
Piedmont	Mayor Jennifer Cavenaugh
Pleasanton	Mayor Karla Brown
San Leandro	Mayor Juan Gonzalez
Union City	Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci

## 2. Approval of the December 14, 2022, Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft to approve the December 14, 2022, meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously with a roll call vote and so ordered.

## 3. Reconfirmation of Alameda County Mayors Conference Resolution 3.21 Adopting Findings for the Continuation of Virtual Meetings

It was moved by Mayor Brown seconded by Mayor Arreguin, to approve Resolution 3.21 adopting findings to continue virtual meetings. The motion was approved unanimously by a roll call vote and so ordered.

## 4. Agenda Amendments

No agenda amendments

## 5. Public Comments and Other Announcements

Dave Brown, a former Alameda County Board of Supervisors member, provided information regarding one pending statewide and one regional ballot measure to address affordable housing. He requested an opportunity to present more details at the March 8, 2023, Alameda County Mayors' Conference meeting.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft introduced Jennifer Ott, the new City of Alameda's new city manager.

## **6. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees**

Mayor Dutra Vernaci addressed members regarding the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).

## **7. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications**

President Lilly Mei announced that the Nominating Committee made its recommendations on the applications included in its January 11, 2023, meeting agenda and opened the floor for comments/nominations. Seeing no nominations, it was moved by Mayor Dutra Vernaci and seconded by Mayor Brown that the Alameda County Mayors' Conference and the Alameda County City Selection Committee accept the Nominating Committee's recommendations as follows:

- Appoint Nick Pilch to the Alameda County Transportation Commission Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) as the District 5 representative for a two-year term expiring in January 2025.
- Appoint Todd Nelson to the Alameda County Transportation Commission Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) as the District 4 representative for a two-year term expiring in January 2025
- Appoint Damian Park to the Alameda County Transportation Commission Independent Watchdog Committee as the District 5 representative for a two-year term expiring in January 2025
- Appoint Mayor Aaron Tiedemann to the Association of Bay Area Governments Executive Board for a four-year term expiring in July 2027.
- Appoint Mayor Mark Salinas to the East Bay Economic Development Alliance as the Middle Region representative for a two-year term expiring in January 2025.
- Appoint Mayor Jesse Arreguin to the East Bay Economic Development Alliance as the North Region representative for a two-year term expiring in January 2025.

The motion was approved unanimously by a roll call vote and so ordered.

It was moved by Mayor Arreguin and seconded by Mayor Dutra Vernaci to accept the Nominating Committees recommendations for appointments by the City Selection Committee as follows:

- Appoint Ed Bogue to the Alameda County Airport Land Use for a four-year term expiring in January 2027.

- Appoint Mayor Karla Brown to the Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission for the partial term vacated by former Mayor Bob Woerner, expiring in May 2024.
- Appoint Mayor John Marchand to the Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission as an Alternate member for the partial term vacated by Mayor Karla Brown, expiring in May 2024

The motion was approved unanimously by a roll call vote and so ordered.

- The consideration of an appointment to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District for the partial term vacated by former Mayor Pauline Russo was continued to February 8, 2023, to allow additional time for submitting applications.
- Members decided to take a floor vote to determine the appointment to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. After discussion, the membership approved the appointment of Carol Dutra-Vernaci to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for a two-year term ending in December 2024, corresponding with her term in office as Union City Mayor. A roll call vote was as follows:

In favor of appointing Mayor Dutra-Vernaci – Mayors Hernandez, Mei, Salinas, Marchand, Brown, Gonzalez, and Dutra-Vernaci

In favor of appointing Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft – Ezzy Ashcraft, Tiedemann, Arreguin, Thao, Cavanaugh, and Vice-Mayor Welch

- It was moved by Mayor Arreguin and seconded by Mayor Dutra-Vernaci that the Mayor's Conference appoint Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for a term from January 2025 through December 2027.

The motion was approved unanimously by a roll call vote and so ordered.

## **8. League of California Cities Report, Legislative Updates and Actions**

Samantha Caygill, Regional Public Affairs Manager, East Bay Division, League of California Cities (League), provided information on the governor's budget and indicated that there would be considerable conversation about it before the June 15, 2023, deadline for its passage.

## **9. Meeting Presentation**

Valerie Shirk, Executive Director of the Alameda County Fair Foundation, made a presentation on the proposed Alameda County Fairgrounds Farm. The project is planned to allow students to visit a working farm, learn about farming, and motivate them to pursue a career in farming. It will also help fill the current disconnect between food at the table and the process of growing and producing food. The Farm will be a field trip destination that may attract up to 60,000 students and community members annually. It is planned to be constructed in four phases, and when complete, it will be part of the

Alameda County Fairgrounds, which has agreed to provide site maintenance. Valerie Shirk requested assistance obtaining endorsements to pass along to prospective donors.

There were questions and comments from Mayors Dutra-Vernaci, Marchand, Salinas, Hernandez, Hannon, Mei, and Brown. The mayors requested a support letter be added to the February 8, 2023, Alameda County Mayors' Conference meeting agenda.

**10. Other Business Matter**

a) The membership recognized Sara Lillevand, City Manager, City of Piedmont, for her dedication serving as the 2022 Chairperson for the Alameda County City Managers' Association. Mr. Bocian will ensure the plaque is presented to Sara.

**11. Request for Future Agenda Items**

Mr. Bocian mentioned that he had contacted Melissa Wilk, Alameda County Auditor-Controller/Clerk-Recorder, to present at the February meeting

Mayor Salinas requested the Mayors' Conference consider inviting chancellors and presidents from local state universities and colleges to discuss their assessment of local education and goals.

Mayor Ashcraft indicated an interest in inviting Sheriff Sanchez present.

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian  
Executive Director