

ALAMEDA COUNTY MAYORS' CONFERENCE MINUTES

Meeting of February 14, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Arreguin on February 14, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Firebrand Café at 707 W. Tower Avenue, Alameda, 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	Vice Robin Lopez
Berkeley	Mayor Jesse Arreguin
Dublin	Mayor Melissa Hernandez
Emeryville	Mayor John Bauters
Hayward	Mayor Mark Salinas
Livermore	Mayor John Marchand
Newark	Mayor Michael Hannon
Pleasanton	Vice Mayor Julie Testa
San Leandro	Mayor Juan Gonzalez
Union City	Mayor Carol Dutra-Vernaci

2. Approval of the January 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Mayor Marchand and seconded by Mayor Hernandez to approve the January 10, 2024, meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Agenda Amendments

There were no agenda amendments.

4. Public Comments and Other Announcements

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft introduced Cynthia Suarez, Director of People and Culture at Firebrand Café, who discussed the business's purpose and initiatives.

An East Bay Municipal Utilities District representative introduced its Community Water Academy and encouraged people to consider participating.

East Bay Municipal Water District announced it is accepting applications for its 2024 Water Academy.

Claudia Luna, Government Affairs Representative at Pacific Gas and Electric, introduced herself and said she is eager to meet with government representatives to discuss matters related to its services.

Mayor Arreguin discussed the formation of the East Bay Public Safety Partnership to address current public safety challenges.

5. Member Reports on Regional Activities and Committees

Mayor Gonzales reported on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAQMD) settlement with Chevron Corporation regarding air quality and BAQMD's new mission statement, including incorporating environmental justice provisions.

President Arreguin provided an update on the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), indicating approval of an expenditure plan for a proposed ballot measure to fund future affordable housing. ABAG and MTC are scheduled to vote on approving the measure in April and June, respectively, after which it will be passed on to Alameda County.

6. Appointments to Regional Boards and Call for Applications

President Arreguin announced that the Nominating Committee made its recommendations on the applications included in its February 14, 2024, meeting agenda and opened the floor for comments/nominations. Seeing no additional nominations, it was moved by Mayor Arreguin and seconded by Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft that the Alameda County Mayors' Conference accept the Nominating Committee's recommendations for the following reappointment:

Jeremy Johansen, a San Leandro resident, to the Alameda County Transportation Commission, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee for a full two-year term through March 2024. The motion was approved unanimously and so ordered.

7. Other Business Matters

No business matters were discussed.

8. Request for Future Agenda Items and Presenters

There were no recommendations for future agenda items or speakers

9. League of California Cities Reports, Legislative Updates and Actions

Samantha Caygill, Regional Public Affairs Manager, East Bay Division, League of California Cities (League), provided an update on pending state legislation and League activities, thanked the cities for their ongoing support of the League, and discussed the California Taxpayer Protection Act and the League's approach to defeating it. She announced that the East Bay division monthly meeting will be on Thursday, February 29, 2024, in San Pablo.

10. Host City Mayors' Report

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft thanked all involved in coordinating the event, including city staff, caterer, and Firebrand Café. She gave a brief history of Alameda Point, emphasizing its unique character, opportunities, and challenges for the City of Alameda. Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft's presentation touched on tidelands, the history and impact of military base closures, property transfer to the City of Alameda, current development status, infrastructure improvements, and development opportunities, including affordable housing.

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft introduced Any Wooldrige, Assistant City Manager, City of Alameda and Kevin Conger, Partner, CMG Landscape Architects, who made a presentation on the City of Alameda's De-Pave Park De-Pavewhich noteworthy for its highly sustainable and

resilient design, approach in recycling 100% of the existing site materials and transforming a large, paved airstrip into an ecological park that welcomes sea level rise strategies through its community-driven design process. Once funding is secured, park development will begin may begin in 2025.

Amy Wooldridge addressed a question from Mayor Hernandez.

11. Meeting Presentation

Robert Rayburn, BART Director, made a presentation on BART's new Safe and Clean Plan, which was developed to enhance the rider experience by committing to rider safety, cleanliness, and better night and weekend service. Mr. Raburn also discussed improvements to BART's service reliability, progressive policing, new fare gates, its new Clipper pass, long-term funding, and financial outlook.

Mayors Salinas and Hernandez commented and asked questions.

12. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Bocian
Executive Director