

SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG Executive Board Meeting No. 404
Thursday, January 15, 2015
Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter
101 8th Street, Oakland, California

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Julie Pierce, Councilmember, City of Clayton, called the meeting of the Executive Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments to order at about 7:05 p.m.

President Pierce led the Board and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A quorum of the Board was present.

Representatives and Alternates Present	Jurisdiction
Supervisor Candace Andersen	County of Contra Costa
Mayor Jack Batchelor	City of Dixon
Councilmember Desley Brooks	City of Oakland
Supervisor Cindy Chavez	County of Santa Clara
Supervisor Damon Connolly	County of Marin
Supervisor David Cortese	County of Santa Clara
Vice Mayor Jim Davis	City of Sunnyvale
Mayor Pro Tem Pat Eklund	City of Novato
Councilmember Pradeep Gupta	City of South San Francisco
Supervisor Scott Haggerty	County of Alameda
Supervisor Erin Hannigan	County of Solano
Mayor Bill Harrison	City of Fremont
Vice Mayor Dave Hudson	City of San Ramon
Councilmember Charles "Chappie" Jones	City of San Jose
Supervisor Jane Kim	County of San Francisco
Supervisor Mark Luce	County of Napa
Supervisor Eric Mar	County of San Francisco
Supervisor Karen Mitchoff	Count of Contra Costa
Councilmember Raul Peralez	City of San Jose
Councilmember Julie Pierce	City of Clayton
Supervisor Dave Pine	County of San Mateo
Supervisor David Rabbitt	County of Sonoma
Mayor Greg Scharff	City of Palo Alto
Supervisor Warren Slocum	County of San Mateo
Mayor Jerry Thorne	City of Pleasanton
Supervisor Richard Valle	County of Alameda
Representatives Absent	Jurisdiction
Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco	City of San Jose
Dir Jason Elliott, Leg/Gov Affairs	City of San Francisco
Mayor Leon Garcia	City of American Canyon
Councilmember Dan Kalb	City of Oakland
Director William Kissinger	RWQCB

Mayor Edwin Lee
Councilmember Jake Mackenzie
Mayor Mary Ann Nihart

City of San Francisco
City of Rohnert Park
City of Pacifica

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pat Eklund, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Novato, announced that Novato had approved its Housing Element in December with an innovative way to achieve its RHNA allocation using junior accessory dwelling units.

There were no other announcements.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Pierce reported on the following:

Announced the application deadline for the Growing Smarter Together Awards is February 10, 2015.

Announced the ABAG Legislative Workshop and Reception, co-sponsored by the California State Association of Counties and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, is on February 11, 2015.

Welcomed new Board members: Damon Connolly, Supervisor, County of Marin; Charles "Chappie" Jones, Councilmember, City of San Jose; Councilmember Raul Peralez, Councilmember, City of San Jose.

Announced the ABAG General Assembly and Business Meeting is on Thursday, April 23, 2015, 2:30 PM to 7:30 PM, at the Oakland Asian Cultural Center, 388 Ninth Street, Suite 290, Oakland.

Announced the ratification of the appointment of Pradeep Gupta, Councilmember, City of South San Francisco, to the Joint Policy Committee.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There was no Executive Director's report.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

President Pierce recognized a motion by Scott Haggerty, Supervisor, County of Alameda, which was seconded by Dave Hudson, Vice Mayor, City of San Ramon, to approve the Consent Calendar, including ratification of committee appointments.

There was no other discussion.

The aye votes were: Andersen, Batchelor, Brooks, Chavez, Connolly, Davis, Eklund, Gupta, Haggerty, Hannigan, Harrison, Hudson, Jones, Kim, Luce, Mar, Mitchoff, Peralez, Pierce, Pine, Rabbitt, Scharff, Slocum, Thorne, Valle.

The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: None.

Absent were: Carrasco, Cortese, Elliott, Garcia, Kalb, Kissinger, Lee, Mackenzie, Nihart.

The motion passed unanimously.

A. Approval of Executive Board Summary Minutes of Meeting No. 403 held on December 4, 2014

B. Approval of Transmission of Federal Grant Applications to State Clearinghouse

The Executive Board consented to ABAG transmitting an attached list of federal grant applications to the State Clearinghouse. These applications were circulated in ABAG's Intergovernmental Review Newsletter since the last Executive Board meeting.

C. Ratification of Committee Appointments

The Executive Board ratified the following committee appointments.

Joint Policy Committee

Pradeep Gupta, Councilmember, City of South San Francisco

The Board next took up Item 8.

[Cortese joined the meeting.]

7. REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

Miriam Chion, ABAG Planning and Research Director, reported on the Regional Economic Development Framework, including a review of Plan Bay Area implementation; regional tasks; basis for a regional economic development strategy; economic challenges; a proposed regional economic development framework; regional trends, challenges, and strategies; and a proposed process and deliverables.

Rapport commented on federal sustainable communities program; non-profit organizations and the Housing and Urban Development regional prosperity grant; the Bay Area Council Economic Institute research and recommendations; policy development; subregional economic development organizations; Joint Policy Committee input; and adoption of the framework.

Public comments were heard from the following:

Kristen Connelly, East Bay Leadership Council, commented on engagement with and inclusiveness of the economic development framework process.

Brianne Riley, Bay Area Council, commented on including the business community in the economic development process.

Paul Campus, BIA Bay Area, commented on the need for high degree of policy consensus and input from Regional Planning Committee and Regional Area Working Group.

Zelda Bronstein, Berkeley, California, commented on the framework and policy, social justice, and the need to debate policy.

Members discussed synthesizing essential components necessary to achieve economic growth; public and local government input on the framework; Board input and review of the draft framework; the intended economic development report

recipient and assisting local government actions and implementation; focusing on air quality; parking trends; the Regional Prosperity Plan policies; toolkit for local governments; BACEI report on Reforming Public Higher Education; public input on the Regional Prosperity Plan; the relationship between the economic development framework and the HUD grant; the report impact on the RHNA process; strategies from wider range of groups; current work being done by other organizations; industry to industry forum; reviewing and limiting policies from the Regional Prosperity Plan and the BACEI; being more inclusive in incorporating policies in the framework; developing a draft list to consult with others partner agencies; meeting with delegates and conference s of mayors; reviewing the history of policy documents; developing a work plan; addressing conflicts; regional collaboration and local control; the scope and undertaking of the economic framework; HUD grant investment ideas; the final product and its added value; working with subregional economic development organizations; reporting on and collecting work of other organizations.

Chion summarized the discussion as follows: developing a schedule and program for sharing and discussing information and material with the Board; shaping the framework based on input from the Board and local jurisdictions; clarifying the audience of the report, its helpfulness to local jurisdictions, and how it helps inform Plan Bay Area; addressing specific content pieces; and expanding the process of engagement.

President Pierce recognized a motion by Cindy Chavez, Supervisor, County of Santa Clara, which was seconded by Erin Hannigan, Supervisor, County of Solano, to direct staff to bring back this item with an outline of what this process would include and a calendar at the March meeting.

There was no other discussion.

The aye votes were: Andersen, Batchelor, Brooks, Chavez, Connolly, Cortese, Eklund, Gupta, Haggerty, Hannigan, Harrison, Hudson, Jones, Kim, Luce, Mar, Mitchoff, Peralez, Pierce, Pine, Rabbitt, Scharff, Slocum, Thorne, Valle.

The nay votes were: Davis.

Abstentions were: None.

Absent were: Carrasco, Elliott, Garcia, Kalb, Kissinger, Lee, Mackenzie, Nihart.

The motion passed unanimously.

8. ADVANCING BAY AREA RESILIENCE

Danielle Mieler, ABAG Resilience Program Coordinator, and Michael Germeraad, ABAG Resilience Planner, and Arietta Chakos, Policy Consultant, reported on Advancing Bay Area Resilience, including a review of ABAG's resilience approach, community resilience, and resilience program; a review of *Cascading Failures: Earthquake Threats to Transportation and Utilities*; a report from the Loma Prieta 25 Symposium, state policy objectives, and regional policy objectives.

Members discussed the collaborative effort with the other regional agencies; coordinating efforts with the Joint Policy Committee; incentives over mandates for retrofits; first responder coordination; long term links; General Assembly resilience track; public sector infrastructure redundancy.

President Pierce recognized a motion by Hudson, which was seconded by Pat Eklund, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Novato, to endorse the new resilience program direction and to adopt the regional resilience policies and promote the state policies presented at the Loma Prieta 25 Symposium.

There was no other discussion.

The aye votes were: Andersen, Batchelor, Brooks, Chavez, Connolly, Cortese, Davis, Eklund, Gupta, Haggerty, Hannigan, Harrison, Hudson, Jones, Kim, Luce, Mar, Mitchoff, Peralez, Pierce, Pine, Rabbitt, Scharff, Slocum, Thorne, Valle.

The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: None.

Absent were: Carrasco, Elliott, Garcia, Kalb, Kissinger, Lee, Mackenzie, Nihart.

The motion passed unanimously.

9. SAN PABLO AVENUE GREEN STORMWATER SPINE

Joshua Bradt, Project Manager, San Francisco Estuary Partnership, reported on the San Pablo Avenue Green Stormwater Spine Project, reviewed site designs, and provided project status.

There was no discussion.

President Pierce recognized a motion by Karen Mitchoff, Supervisor, County of Contra Costa, which was seconded by Candace Andersen, Supervisor, County of Contra Costa, to accept the staff report on the San Pablo Avenue Green Stormwater Spine Project.

There was no other discussion.

The aye votes were: Andersen, Batchelor, Brooks, Chavez, Connolly, Cortese, Davis, Eklund, Gupta, Haggerty, Hannigan, Harrison, Hudson, Jones, Kim, Luce, Mar, Mitchoff, Peralez, Pierce, Pine, Rabbitt, Scharff, Slocum, Thorne, Valle.

The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: None.

Absent were: Carrasco, Elliott, Garcia, Kalb, Kissinger, Lee, Mackenzie, Nihart.

The motion passed unanimously.

[Batchelor, Brooks Mar, and Valle left the meeting.]

10. LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair Scott Haggerty, Supervisor, County of Alameda, reported on committee activities and requested Executive Board approval of committee recommendations, including the following: approval of meeting minutes from December 4, 2014; briefing by Mike Arnold, Legislative Advocate, Arnold and Associates; finalizing legislative priorities for 2015; election of new officers namely, Haggerty as Committee Chair, and Desley Brooks, Councilmember, City of Oakland, as Committee Vice-Chair; announcement of the Legislative Reception; and a report on unaccompanied children and/or refugee children and implications for local government.

President Pierce recognized a motion by Haggerty, which was seconded by Mark Luce, Supervisor, County of Napa, to accept the committee report.

Mitchoff requested that the Legislation and Governmental Organization Committee report be provided to Board members in advance of the meeting.

There was no other discussion.

The aye votes were: Andersen, Chavez, Connolly, Cortese, Davis, Eklund, Gupta, Haggerty, Hannigan, Harrison, Hudson, Jones, Kim, Luce, Mitchoff, Peralez, Pierce, Pine, Rabbitt, Scharff, Slocum, Thorne,.

The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: None.

Absent were: Batchelor, Brooks, Carrasco, Elliott, Garcia, Kalb, Kissinger, Lee, Mackenzie, Mar, Nihart, Valle.

The motion passed.

Mitchoff asked whether staff would poll the Board members regarding starting the Executive Board meeting earlier. The Board directed staff to poll members about a proposed time change for Executive Board meetings.

11. FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair Bill Harrison, Mayor, City of Fremont, reported on committee activities and requested Executive Board approval of committee recommendations, including the following: election of Harrison as Committee Chair and Mitchoff as Committee Vice Chair; approval of minutes of December 4, 2014; presentation and review of financial reports for November 2014; review of proposed Work Program, Budget, and membership dues for Fiscal Year 2015-16; closed session on Conference with Labor Negotiators; closed session on Public Employee Performance.

President Pierce recognized a motion by Mitchoff, which was seconded by Hudson, to accept the committee report, including a recommendation to the General Assembly to approve the Proposed Budget and Work Plan for 2015 to 2016.

There was no other discussion.

The aye votes were: Andersen, Chavez, Connolly, Cortese, Davis, Eklund, Gupta, Haggerty, Hannigan, Harrison, Hudson, Jones, Kim, Luce, Mitchoff, Peralez, Pierce, Pine, Rabbitt, Scharff, Slocum, Thorne,.

The nay votes were: None.

Abstentions were: None.

Absent were: Batchelor, Brooks, Carrasco, Elliott, Garcia, Kalb, Kissinger, Lee, Mackenzie, Mar, Nihart, Valle.

The motion passed.

The Board entered Closed Session at about 9:49 p.m.

12. CLOSED SESSION

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The following items were discussed in closed session pursuant to the requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act:

A. Conference with Labor Negotiators

Agency designated representatives: Brian Kirking, ABAG Information Technology/Human Resources Director; Brad Paul, ABAG Deputy Executive Director; and Herb Pike, ABAG Finance Director

Employee organization: SEIU Local 1021

The Board exited Closed Session at about 9:51 p.m.

13. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

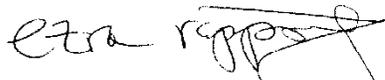
Kenneth Moy, ABAG Legal Counsel, announced that there was no report out of Closed Session.

14. ADJOURNMENT

President Pierce adjourned the meeting of the Executive Board at about 9:52 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be on March 19, 2015.

Submitted:



Ezra Rapport, Secretary-Treasurer

Date Submitted: March 6, 2015

Approved: March 19, 2015

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