

November 22, 2024, Board of Directors Minutes

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Chairwoman Nora Vargas (County of San Diego) called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9:02 a.m.

1. Non-Agenda Public Comments/Member Comments

Public Comments: Truth, Purita Javier, Cesar Javier, Paul the Bold, and Phone #672.

Member Comments: Gil Cabrera (Airport Authority), Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Dawn Vettese, and Chairwoman Vargas.

Consent

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Board of Directors was asked to approve the minutes from its November 8, 2024, meeting.

3. Chief Executive Officer Delegated Actions

In accordance with various board policies, the report summarized delegated actions taken by the Chief Executive Officer.

4. Policy Advisory Committee Actions

The Board of Directors was asked to ratify the actions taken by the Policy Advisory Committees as noted in the report.

5. 2025 Legislative Calendar

The Board of Directors was asked to approve the calendar of meetings of the Board and the Policy Advisory Committees for the upcoming year.

6. Quarterly Project Progress and Budget Update, FY 2025, Quarter 1

This quarterly report provides an update on the status of the agency's projects as approved in the FY 2025 Program Budget through September 2024 (Quarter 1).

8. Proposed Amendment to Board Policy No. 004: Rules of Procedure for Board of Directors, Policy Advisory Committees, and Other Legislative Bodies

The Executive Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve an amendment to Board Policy No. 004: Rules of Procedure for Board of Directors, Policy Advisory Committees, and other Legislative Bodies.

Public Comments: Truth, Nos. 2-8; Cesar Javier, Nos. 2-8; Paul the Bold, Nos. 2-8; and Phone #672, Nos. 2-8.

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Vivian Moreno (City of San Diego), and a second by Councilmember Jack Shu (City of La Mesa), the Board voted to approve the balance of the Consent Agenda, as amended to Item 8.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chairwoman Vargas, Second Vice Chair Lesa Heebner (Solana Beach), Councilmember Melanie Burkholder (Carlsbad), Councilmember Carolina Chavez (Chula Vista), Councilmember John Duncan (Coronado), Mayor David Druker (Del Mar), Mayor Tony Kranz (Encinitas), Councilmember Joe Garcia (Escondido), Councilmember Jack Fisher (Imperial Beach), Councilmember Jack Shu (City of La Mesa), Mayor Racquel Vasquez (Lemon Grove), Councilmember Luz Molina (National City), Councilmember Rick Robinson (Oceanside), Councilmember Moreno, Mayor Rebecca Jones (San Marcos), Mayor John Minto (Santee), and Deputy Mayor Katie Melendez (Vista).

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: El Cajon and Poway.

7. Annual Public Transit Report^

The Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve the report for submission to the state legislature.

A motion was made by Councilmember Burkholder, and a second by Mayor Jones, to send the report to the Mobility Working Group for revisions based on today's discussion and return to the Board in December for approval.

Action: Upon a substitute motion by Second Vice Chair Heebner, and a second by Mayor Kranz, the Board voted to approve the report for submission to the state legislature and directed the Mobility Working Group review the report for any revisions.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chairwoman Vargas, Second Vice Chair Heebner, Councilmember Burkholder, Councilmember Chavez, Councilmember Duncan, Mayor Druker, Mayor Kranz, Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Fisher, Councilmember Shu, Mayor Vasquez, Councilmember Molina, Councilmember Robinson, Councilmember Moreno, Mayor Jones, Mayor Minto, and Deputy Mayor Melendez.

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: El Cajon and Poway.

Reports

9. Role and Scope of Board Counsel

The Board of Directors was asked to provide feedback on the role, scope, and future needs for legal counsel support.

Public Comments: Truth, Cesar Javier, Katheryn Rhodes, Paul the Bold, and Phone #672.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Jones, and a second by Mayor Kranz, the Board voted to extend the pilot program for Independent Board Counsel to one year until September 2023, and directed the current Independent Board Counsel to analyze the process for the hiring, oversight responsibility, and direct report of the SANDAG General Counsel to move from the Chief Executive Officer to the Board of Directors.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chairwoman Vargas, Second Vice Chair Heebner, Councilmember Burkholder, Councilmember Chavez, Councilmember Duncan, Mayor Druker, Mayor Kranz, Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember

^ item taken out of order

Fisher, Councilmember Shu, Mayor Vasquez, Councilmember Molina, Councilmember Robinson, Councilmember Moreno, Mayor Jones, Mayor Minto, and Deputy Mayor Melendez.

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: El Cajon and Poway.

10. Proposed FY 2025 Program Budget Amendment: Border Climate Adaptation and Environmental Justice Plan

The Board of Directors was asked to approve an amendment to the FY 2025 SANDAG Program Budget, accepting the Climate Adaptation Planning grant of \$3,000,000 from Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program and creation of a new Overall Work Program number for the Border Climate Adaptation and Environmental Justice Plan.

Public Comments: Truth, Cesar Javier, Mark, Paul the Bold, Katheryn Rhodes, and Phone #672.

Action: Upon a motion by Chairwoman Vargas, and a second by Councilmember Chavez, the Board voted to approve an amendment to the FY 2025 SANDAG Program Budget, accepting the Climate Adaptation Planning grant of \$3,000,000 from Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program and creation of a new Overall Work Program number for the Border Climate Adaptation and Environmental Justice Plan.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chairwoman Vargas, Second Vice Chair Heebner, Councilmember Burkholder, Councilmember Chavez, Councilmember Duncan, Mayor Kranz, Councilmember Garcia, Councilmember Fisher, Councilmember Shu, Mayor Vasquez, Councilmember Molina, Councilmember Robinson, Councilmember Moreno, Mayor Jones, and Deputy Mayor Melendez.

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Del Mar, El Cajon, Santee, and Poway.

11. State Route 11 / Otay Mesa East Update

Director of Mega Projects, Border, and Goods Movement Maria Rodriguez Molina presented an update on the Otay Mesa East Port of Entry project including the toll revenue legal and financial parameters.

Public Comments: Truth, Cesar Javier, Mark, Paul the Bold, Alan C., Phone #672, and Blair Beekman.

Action: Information.

Continued Non-Agenda Public Comments: Blair Beekman.

12. Adjournment

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 6, 2024, at 10 a.m.

Second Vice Chair Heebner adjourned the meeting at 12:38 p.m.

Confirmed Attendance at SANDAG Board of Directors Meeting

Board of Directors	Title	Name	Attend
Carlsbad	Councilmember	Melanie Burkholder (Primary)	Yes
Chula Vista	Councilmember	Carolina Chavez (Primary)	Yes
Coronado	Councilmember	John Duncan (Primary)	Yes
County of San Diego	Chairwoman	Nora Vargas (Primary)	Yes
County of San Diego	Supervisor	Joel Anderson (Primary)	Yes
Del Mar	Mayor	David Druker (Primary) (left early 10:50 am)	Yes-virtual
El Cajon	Mayor	Bill Wells (Primary)	No
Encinitas	Mayor	Tony Kranz (Primary)	Yes
Escondido	Councilmember	Joe Garcia (Alternate)	Yes
Imperial Beach	Councilmember	Jack Fisher (Primary)	Yes
La Mesa	Councilmember	Jack Shu (Primary)	Yes
Lemon Grove	Mayor	Racquel Vasquez (Primary) (left early 12:22pm)	Yes
National City	Councilmember	Luz Molina (Primary)	Yes
Oceanside	Councilmember	Rick Robinson (Alternate)	Yes
Poway	Mayor	Steve Vaus (Primary)	No
City of San Diego	Councilmember	Raul Campillo (Alternate)	No
City of San Diego	Councilmember	Vivan Moreno (Alternate)	Yes
San Marcos	Mayor	Rebecca Jones (Primary)	Yes
Santee	Mayor	John Minto (Primary)	Yes
Solana Beach	Second Vice Chair	Lesa Heebner (Primary)	Yes
Vista	Deputy Mayor	Katie Melendez (Primary) (left early 11:48am)	Yes
Caltrans	Director	Ann Fox (Alternate)	Yes
Metropolitan Transit System	Councilmember	Matthew Leyba-Gonzalez (Primary)	No
North County Transit District	Deputy Mayor	Jewel Edson (Primary)	Yes
Imperial County	Supervisor	Jesus Eduardo Escobar (Primary)	No
U.S. Department of Defense	Deputy Director	Anna Shepherd (Alternate)	Yes
Port of San Diego	Commissioner	Dan Malcolm (Primary)	Yes
SD County Water Authority	Director	Mel Katz (Primary)	Yes
SDCRAA	Director	Gil Cabrera (Primary)	Yes
Mexico	Consul General	Alicia Kerber-Palma (Primary)	No
SCTCA	Chairwoman	Erica Pinto (Alternate)	No
Association of Planning Groups	Board Chair	Robin Joy Maxson (Primary)	Yes-virtual