

## January 10, 2025, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

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Second Vice Chair Lesa Heebner called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 10:31 a.m.

#### **1. SANDAG Board Leadership Election 2025-2026**

The Board of Directors was asked to conduct the SANDAG Board Officer election for calendar years 2025-2026.

Public Comments: Alan C., Chris Roberts, Rita Clement, Cesar Javier, Truth, Mark, Allegedly Audra, Gambler, Paul the Bold, and Consuelo.

Upon a motion by Council President Joe LaCava (City of San Diego) and a second by Councilmember Carolina Chavez (Chula Vista), the Board of Directors voted to elect Second Vice Chair Heebner to the position of Chair.

The motion passed.

Yes: Second Vice Chair Heebner, Councilmember Melanie Burkholder (Carlsbad), Councilmember Chavez, Mayor John Duncan (Coronado), Mayor Terry Gaasterland (Del Mar), Mayor Bill Wells (El Cajon), Mayor Bruce Ehlers (Encinitas), Mayor Dane White (Escondido), Councilmember Jack Fisher (Imperial Beach), Councilmember Patricia Dillard (La Mesa), Mayor Alysson Snow (Lemon Grove), Councilmember Luz Molina (National City), Mayor Esther Sanchez (Oceanside), Mayor Todd Gloria (City of San Diego – Seat A), Council President LaCava (City of San Diego – Seat B), Mayor Rebecca Jones (San Marcos), Mayor John Minto (Santee), and Deputy Mayor Katie Melendez (Vista).

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: County of San Diego.

Upon a motion by Chair Heebner and a second by Mayor Jones, the Board of Directors voted to elect Council President LaCava as Vice Chair.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Heebner, Councilmember Burkholder, Councilmember Chavez, Mayor Duncan, Mayor Gaasterland, Mayor Wells, Mayor Ehlers, Mayor White, Councilmember Fisher, Councilmember Dillard, Mayor Snow, Councilmember Molina, Mayor Sanchez, Mayor Gloria, Council President LaCava, Mayor Jones, Mayor Minto, and Deputy Mayor Melendez.

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: County of San Diego.

Upon a motion by Chair Heebner and a second by Mayor Jones, the Board of Directors voted to elect Mayor Minto as Second Vice Chair.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Heebner, Council President LaCava, Councilmember Burkholder, Councilmember Chavez, Mayor Duncan, Mayor Gaasterland, Mayor Wells, Mayor Ehlers, Mayor White, Mayor Snow, Councilmember Molina, Mayor Sanchez, Mayor Jones, Mayor Minto, and Deputy Mayor Melendez.

No: Councilmember Fisher and Councilmember Dillard.

Abstain: None.

Absent: County of San Diego.

## **2. Non-Agenda Public Comments/Member Comments**

Public Comments: Alan C., Cesar Javier, Robert Germann, Dustin Fuller, and Mark.

Member Comments: Councilmember Burkholder, Mayor Gaasterland, Mayor Duncan, Councilmember Edson, Chief Executive Officer Mario Orso.

## **Consent**

### **3. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The Board of Directors was asked to approve the minutes from its December 13, 2024, meeting.

### **4. Meetings and Events Attended on Behalf of SANDAG**

This report provided an update on meetings and events attended by Board members.

### **5. Review of Draft Board Agendas**

The Board of Directors was asked to approve the draft agendas for the January 24 and February 14, 2025, Board of Directors meetings.

Public Comments: Alan C., Cesar Javier, Truth, Mark, Allegedly Audra, Paul the Bold, Consuelo, and Gambler.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Gloria and a second by Mayor Sanchez, the Board voted to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Heebner, Vice Chair LaCava, Second Vice Chair Minto, Councilmember Burkholder, Councilmember Chavez, Mayor Duncan, Mayor Gaasterland, Mayor Wells, Mayor Ehlers, Mayor White, Councilmember Fisher, Councilmember Dillard, Mayor Snow, Councilmember Molina, Mayor Sanchez, Mayor Jones, and Deputy Mayor Melendez.

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: County of San Diego.

## **Reports**

### **6. Otay Mesa East Port of Entry Project**

Senior Legal Counsel Betsy Blake; Director of Mega Projects, Border, and Goods Movement Maria Rodriguez Molina; Nikki Tiongco, Caltrans; Peter Shellenberger, PFM; and Peter Peyser, Peyser Associates presented the item.

#### **6A. Approval of Proposed Contract Award for the Otay Mesa East Port of Entry Project**

The Board of Directors was asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to: Award a contract not to exceed \$3.5 million to Atkinson/Clark Joint Venture for Construction Manager/General Contractor Pre-Construction services for the Otay Mesa East Port of Entry project as detailed in the report.

## **6B. Otay Mesa East Federal Project Agreement**

The Board of Directors was asked to adopt Resolution No. 2025-09, approving and authorizing the execution and delivery of the Federal Project Agreement, related future amendment to support Project Phasing, and related Donation Acceptance Agreements with Caltrans, U.S. General Services Administration, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Public Comments: Alan C., Robert Germann, Cesar Javier, Truth, Allegedly Audra, Mark, Paul the Bold, Consuelo, Clarissa Falcon, Alejandra Mier y Teran, and Angel Marquez.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Heebner and a second by Councilmember Dillard, the Board of Directors voted to approve the staff recommendations.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Heebner, Vice Chair LaCava, Councilmember Chavez, Mayor Duncan, Mayor Gaasterland, Mayor Ehlers, Councilmember Fisher, Councilmember Dillard, Mayor Snow, and Councilmember Molina.

No: Mayor White, Second Vice Chair Minto.

Abstain: None.

Absent: City of Carlsbad, County of San Diego, City of El Cajon, City of Oceanside, City of Poway, City of San Marcos, City of Vista.

Continued Non-Agenda Public Comment: Truth, Allegedly Audra, Consuelo, Paul the Bold, and Angelina Neglia.

## **Adjournment**

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 24, 2025, at 9 a.m.

Chair Heebner adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

## Confirmed Attendance at SANDAG Board of Directors Meeting

Board of Directors	Title	Name	Attend
City of Carlsbad	Councilmember	Melanie Burkholder (Primary)	Yes
City of Chula Vista	Councilmember	Carolina Chavez (Primary)	Yes
City of Coronado	Mayor	John Duncan (Primary)	Yes
County of San Diego	Supervisor	Vacant (Primary)	
County of San Diego	Supervisor	Joel Anderson (Primary)	No
City of Del Mar	Mayor	Terry Gaasterland (Primary)	Yes
City of El Cajon	Mayor	Bill Wells (Primary)	Yes
City of Encinitas	Mayor	Bruce Ehlers (Primary)	Yes
City of Escondido	Mayor	Dane White (Primary)	Yes
City of Imperial Beach	Councilmember	Jack Fisher (Primary)	Yes
City of La Mesa	Councilmember	Patricia Dillard (Alternate)	Yes
City of Lemon Grove	Mayor	Alysson Snow (Alternate)	Yes
City of National City	Councilmember	Luz Molina (Primary)	Yes
City of Oceanside	Mayor	Esther Sanchez (Primary)	Yes
City of Poway	Mayor	Steve Vaus (Primary)	Yes
City of San Diego	Mayor	Todd Gloria (Primary)	Yes
City of San Diego	Council President	Joe LaCava (Primary)	Yes
City of San Marcos	Mayor	Rebecca Jones (Primary)	Yes
City of Santee	Mayor	John Minto (Primary)	Yes
City of Solana Beach	Mayor	Lesa Heebner (Primary)	Yes
City of Vista	Deputy Mayor	Katie Melendez (Primary)	Yes
Caltrans	Executive Director	Ann Fox (Primary)	Yes
Metropolitan Transit System	Deputy Mayor	Matthew Leyba-Gonzalez (Primary)	No
North County Transit District	Councilmember	Jewel Edson (Primary)	Yes
Imperial County	Supervisor	Jesus Eduardo Escobar (Primary)	No
U.S. Department of Defense	Executive Director	Anna Shepherd (Alternate)	Yes
Port of San Diego	Commissioner	Dan Malcolm (Primary)	No
San Diego County Water Authority	Deputy Mayor	Joy Lyndes (Primary)	Yes
SDCRAA	Director	Gil Cabrera (Primary)	Yes
Mexico	Consul General	Alicia Kerber (Primary)	No
SCTCA	Chairwoman	Erica Pinto (Primary)	Yes
Planning Association	Chairwoman	Robin Joy Maxson	Yes