

## **April 11, 2025, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

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Chair Lesa Heebner (Solana Beach) called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 10:33 a.m.

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

Public Comments: Purita Javier, Cesar Javier, Allegedly Audra, Truth, Paul the Bold, Consuelo, Blair Beekman.

Member Comments: Vice Chair Joe LaCava (City of San Diego), Mayor John Duncan (Coronado), Chair Heebner, Chief Executive Officer Mario Orso, Ann Fox (Caltrans District 11).

#### **Consent**

#### **2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The Board of Directors was asked to approve the minutes from its March 28, 2025, meeting.

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

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

#### **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.

Public Comments: Allegedly Audra, Truth, Gambler, Paul the Bold, Blair Beekman, Consuelo.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Esther Sanchez (Oceanside) and a second by Second Vice Chair John Minto (Santee), the Board voted to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Heebner, Vice Chair LaCava, Second Vice Chair Minto, Councilmember Kevin Shin (Carlsbad), Deputy Mayor Carolina Chavez (Chula Vista), Mayor Duncan, Mayor Terry Gaasterland (Del Mar), Mayor Bill Wells (El Cajon), Mayor Bruce Ehlers (Encinitas), Councilmember Judy Fitzgerald (Escondido), Councilmember Jack Fisher (Imperial Beach), Councilmember Lauren Cazares (La Mesa), Mayor Alysson Snow (Lemon Grove), Councilmember Luz Molina (National City), Mayor Sanchez, Mayor Rebecca Jones (San Marcos), Deputy Mayor Katie Melendez (Vista), and Supervisor Joel Anderson (County of San Diego).

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Poway.

#### **Reports**

#### **5. Proposed Amendments to Board Policy No. 008 and General Counsel Hiring Options**

The Board of Directors was asked to:

1. Approve the changes to Board Policy No. 008; and

2. Direct staff to prepare a recruitment and/or Request for Proposals for the General Counsel role.

Public Comments: Truth, Allegedly Audra, Cesar Javier, Paul the Bold, Consuelo, Gambler, Blair Beekman.

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Chair LaCava and a second by Mayor Sanchez, the Board of Directors voted to extend the meeting to 12:45 p.m.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Heebner, Vice Chair LaCava, Second Vice Chair Minto, Councilmember Shin, Deputy Mayor Chavez, Mayor Duncan, Mayor Gaasterland, Mayor Wells, Mayor Ehlers, Councilmember Fitzgerald, Councilmember Fisher, Councilmember Cazares, Mayor Snow, Councilmember Molina, Mayor Sanchez, and Supervisor Anderson.

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Poway, San Marcos, Vista.

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Chair LaCava and a second by Mayor Gaasterland, the Board of Directors voted to direct staff to initiate a Request for Proposals for contracted counsel reporting to the Board and initiate a recruitment for an In-House General Counsel to report to the Board.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Heebner, Vice Chair LaCava, Councilmember Shin, Deputy Mayor Chavez, Mayor Duncan, Mayor Gaasterland, Mayor Wells, Councilmember Fitzgerald, Councilmember Fisher, Councilmember Cazares, and Mayor Sanchez.

No: Second Vice Chair Minto, Mayor Ehlers, Mayor Snow, Councilmember Molina, and Supervisor Anderson.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Poway, San Marcos, Vista.

## **6. Adjournment**

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 25, 2025, at 9 a.m.

Chair Heebner adjourned the meeting at 12:39 p.m.

## Confirmed Attendance at SANDAG Board of Directors Meeting

Board of Directors	Title	Name	Attend
City of Carlsbad	Councilmember	Kevin Shin (Primary)	Yes
City of Chula Vista	Deputy Mayor	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)	Yes
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	Councilmember	Judy Fitzgerald (Alternate)	Yes
City of Imperial Beach	Councilmember	Jack Fisher (Primary)	Yes
City of La Mesa	Councilmember	Lauren Cazares (Alternate)	Yes
City of Lemon Grove	Mayor	Alysson Snow (Primary)	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)	No
City of San Diego	Councilmember	Kent Lee (Alternate)	Yes
City of San Diego	Vice Chair	Joe LaCava (Primary)	Yes
City of San Marcos	Mayor	Rebecca Jones (Primary)	Yes
City of Santee	Second Vice Chair	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	Vice Mayor	Patricia Dillard (Alternate)	Yes
North County Transit District	Councilmember	Jewel Edson (Primary)	No
Imperial County	Supervisor	Jesus Eduardo Escobar (Primary)	Yes
U.S. Department of Defense	Executive Director	Dennis Keck (Primary)	Yes
Port of San Diego	Commissioner	Dan Malcolm (Primary)	Yes
San Diego County Water Authority	Deputy Mayor	Joy Lyndes (Primary)	No
SDCRAA	Director	Gil Cabrera (Primary)	Yes
Mexico	Consul General	Alicia Kerber (Primary)	No
SCTCA	Chairman	Raymond Welch (Primary)	Yes
Association of Planning Groups	Chairwoman	Robin Joy Maxson (Primary)	Yes