

May 1, 2025, Board of Directors Retreat Minutes

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Chair Lesa Heebner (Solana Beach) called the Retreat of the Board of Directors to order at 9:20 a.m. and announced a lack of quorum. The members present continued the meeting with discussion limited to informational, non-action items.

1. Non-Agenda Public Comments/Member Comment

Public comments: Truth, Elena Thompson, Clifford Wieler, KC Gupta.

Member comments: None.

2. SANDAG Board of Directors Workshop

The Board of Directors participated in roundtable discussions and informational sessions focused on agency mandates, regional priorities, and cross-jurisdictional collaboration. Sessions included discussion on the Regional Plan, how to best position the agency for success, its policy governance structure, the Regional Housing Needs Assessment, and the TransNet Program.

A quorum of the Board was met at 10:03 a.m.

The Board of Directors Retreat recessed for lunch at 12:38 p.m.

The Board of Directors Retreat reconvened at 1:24 p.m.

Public comments: Truth, Mary Davis, Karen Ventimillia, Marcella Bothwell.

3. Adjournment

Day 2 of the Board of Directors Retreat is scheduled for Friday, May 2, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. The next Regular Board meeting is Friday, May 9, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.

Chair Heebner adjourned Day 1 of the Retreat at 4:42 p.m.

Board of Directors Retreat Attendance - Day 1

May 1, 2025

Board of Directors	Title	Name	Attended
City of Carlsbad	Councilmember	Kevin Shin (Primary)	Yes
	Mayor Pro Tem	Priya Bhat-Patel (1st Alt.)	No
	Mayor	Keith Blackburn (2nd Alt.)	No
City of Chula Vista	Deputy Mayor	Carolina Chavez (Primary)	Yes
	Councilmember	Cesar Fernandez (1st Alt.)	No
	Councilmember	Michael Inzunza (2nd Alt.)	No
City of Coronado	Mayor	John Duncan (Primary)	No
	Councilmember	Carrie Downey (1st Alt.)	Yes
	Councilmember	Mark Fleming (2nd Alt.)	No
	Councilmember	Amy Steward (3rd Alt.)	No
County of San Diego (Seat A)	Supervisor	Vacant (Primary)	--
	Supervisor	Terra Lawson-Remer (1st Alt.)	No
	Supervisor	Monica Montgomery Steppe (2nd Alt.)	No
County of San Diego (Seat B)	Supervisor	Joel Anderson (Primary)	Yes
	Supervisor	Terra Lawson-Remer (1st Alt.)	No
	Supervisor	Monica Montgomery Steppe (2nd Alt.)	No
City of Del Mar	Mayor	Terry Gaasterland (Primary)	No
	Deputy Mayor	Tracy Martinez (1st Alt.)	No
	Councilmember	John Spelich (2nd Alt)	No
City of El Cajon	Mayor	Bill Wells (Primary)	No
	Councilmember	Steve Goble (Alternate)	No
City of Encinitas	Mayor	Bruce Ehlers (Primary)	Yes
	Councilmember	Marco San Antonio (1st Alt.)	No
	Deputy Mayor	Joy Lyndes (2nd Alt.)	No
City of Escondido	Mayor	Dane White (Primary)	No
	Councilmember	Judy Fitzgerald (1st Alt.)	No
	Councilmember	Joe Garcia (2nd Alt.)	No

City of Imperial Beach	Councilmember	Jack Fisher (Primary)	No
	Councilmember	Mitch McKay (1st Alt.)	No
	Councilmember	Matthew Leyba-Gonzalez (2nd Alt.)	No
City of La Mesa	Mayor	Mark Arapostathis (Primary)	No
	Councilmember	Lauren Cazares (1st Alt.)	No
	Councilmember	Laura Lothian (2nd Alt.)	No
City of Lemon Grove	Mayor	Alysson Snow (Primary)	Yes
	Mayor Pro Tem	Jennifer Mendoza (1st Alt.)	Yes
	Councilmember	Jessyka Heredia (2nd Alt.)	Yes
City of National City	Councilmember	Luz Molina (Primary)	Yes
	Mayor	Ron Morrison (1st Alt.)	No
	Councilmember	Ditas Yamane (2nd Alt.)	No
City of Oceanside	Mayor	Esther Sanchez (Primary)	Yes
	Deputy Mayor	Eric Joyce (1st Alt.)	No
	Councilmember	Jimmy Figueroa (2nd Alt.)	No
City of Poway	Mayor	Steve Vaus (Primary)	No
	Deputy Mayor	Peter De Hoff (1st Alt.)	No
	Councilmember	Christopher Pikus (2nd Alt.)	No
City of San Diego (Seat A)	Vice Chair, Council President	Joe LaCava (Primary)	Yes
	Councilmember	Vivian Moreno (1st Alt.)	No
	Councilmember	Sean Elo-Rivero (2nd Alt.)	No
City of San Diego (Seat B)	Mayor	Todd Gloria (Primary)	No
	Council President Pro Tem	Kent Lee (1st Alt.)	Yes
	Councilmember	Marni Von Wilpert (2nd Alt.)	No
City of San Marcos	Mayor	Rebecca Jones (Primary)	Yes
	Councilmember	Ed Musgrove (1st Alt.)	No
	Councilmember	Mike Sannella (2nd Alt.)	No
City of Santee	Second Vice Chair, Mayor	John Minto (Primary)	Yes
	Councilmember	Laura Koval (1st Alt.)	No
	Councilmember	Ronn Hall (2nd Alt.)	No

City of Solana Beach	Chair, Mayor	Lesa Heebner (Primary)	Yes
	Councilmember	David Zito (1st Alt.)	Yes
	Councilmember	Jewel Edson (2nd Alt.)	Yes
City of Vista	Deputy Mayor	Katie Melendez (Primary)	Yes
	Councilmember	Dan O'Donnell (1st Alt.)	No
	Mayor	John Franklin (2nd Alt.)	No

Advisory Members	Title	Name	Attended
Caltrans	Director	Ann Fox (Primary)	Yes
	Deputy District Director	Melina Pereira (Alternate)	No
Metropolitan Transit System	Councilmember	Matthew Leyba-Gonzalez (Primary)	No
	Mayor Pro Tem	Patricia Dillard (1st Alt.)	No
	Councilmember	Ronn Hall (2nd Alt.)	No
North County Transit District	Councilmember	Jewel Edson (Primary)	Yes
	Mayor Pro Tem	Priya Bhat-Patel (1st Alt.)	No
	Councilmember	Mike Sannella (2nd Alt.)	No
Imperial County	Supervisor	Jesus Eduardo Escobar (Primary)	No
U.S. Department of Defense	Executive Director	Dennis Keck (Primary)	No
		Anna Shepherd (Alternate)	No
		Muska Laiq (Alternate)	No
Port of San Diego	Commissioner	Dan Malcolm (Primary)	No
		Job Nelson (Alternate)	No
San Diego County Water Authority		Joy Lyndes (Primary)	Yes
		Joel Scalzitti (1st Alt.)	No
		Valentine Macedo Jr. (2nd Alt.)	No
San Diego County Regional Airport Authority		Gil Cabrera (Primary)	No
		James Sly (Alternate)	No
Mexico	Consul General	Alicia Kerber-Palma (Primary)	No
	Deputy Consul General	Gilberto Luna (Alternate)	No

Southern California Tribal Chairman's Association	Chairman	Raymond Welch (Primary)	No
	Chairwoman	Erica Pinto (Alternate)	No
Association of Planning Groups – San Diego County	Chairwoman	Robin Joy Maxon (Primary)	Yes
		Eileen Delaney (Alternate)	Yes