

May 30, 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 9:01 a.m.

1. Non-Agenda Public Comments / Member Comments

Public Comments: Purita Javier, Cesar Javier, Allegedly Audra, Truth, Paul the Bold, Consuelo, Marco Espinosa.

Member Comments: Robin Joy Maxson (Association of Planning Groups), Councilmember Mike Sannella (San Marcos), Chair Heebner.

Chief Executive Officer Mario Orso provided an update on agency activities.

Councilmember Dan O'Donnell (Vista) joined the meeting virtually and confirmed it was for "just cause" under Government Code Section 54953.

Consent

2. FY 2026 Weighted Vote Distribution

This report provided the weighted vote distribution for FY 2026, which has been recomputed based on updated population figures certified by the California Department of Finance. There are no changes from the prior fiscal year.

3. FY 2026 Member Agency Assessments

This report provided the updated FY 2026 Member Agency Assessment amounts, which have been recomputed based on updated population figures certified by the California Department of Finance.

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

Action: Information.

Reports

4. Summary of the Performance Audit of SANDAG's Sole Source Procurement Process

4A. Performance Audit of SANDAG's Sole Source Procurement Process

Independent Performance Auditor Courtney Ruby presented a summary of the Performance Audit of SANDAG's Sole Source Procurement Process for the audit period of July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2024, including the audit results and recommendations.

4B. Management's Response and Corrective Action Plan

Management presented their response to the Performance Audit of SANDAG's Sole Source Procurement Process and proposed corrective action plan.

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

Action: Discussion.

Upon a motion by Vice Chair Joe LaCava (City of San Diego) and a second by Mayor Bruce Ehlers (Encinitas), the Board of Directors voted to approve the Sole Source Audit Corrective Action Plan.

Yes: Chair Heebner, Vice Chair LaCava, Councilmember Kevin Shin (Carlsbad), Deputy Mayor Carolina Chavez (Chula Vista), Councilmember Carrie Downey (Coronado), Supervisor Joel Anderson (County of San Diego), Mayor Terry Gaasterland (Del Mar), Mayor Bill Wells (El Cajon), Mayor Ehlers, Mayor Dane White (Escondido), Councilmember Jack Fisher (Imperial Beach), Mayor Pro Tem Jennifer Mendoza (Lemon Grove), Councilmember Luz Molina (National City), and Councilmember Sannella.

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: La Mesa, Oceanside, Poway, Santee, Vista.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Gaasterland and a second by Councilmember Shin, the Board voted to extend the meeting end time to 1 p.m.

Yes: Chair Heebner, Vice Chair LaCava, Second Vice Chair Minto, Councilmember Shin, Deputy Mayor Chavez, Supervisor Anderson, Mayor Gaasterland, Mayor Wells, Mayor Ehlers, Mayor White, Councilmember Fisher, Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza, and Councilmember Molina.

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Coronado, La Mesa, Oceanside, Poway, San Marcos, Vista.

5. Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(D)(4): Potential Initiation of Litigation (One Potential Case)

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

Chair Heebner adjourned the meeting to closed session at 12:08 p.m.

Chair Heebner resumed open session at 12:56 p.m.

Alfred Smith, Nossaman LLP, announced that there were no reportable actions taken during closed session.

6. Adjournment

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 13, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.

Chair Heebner adjourned the meeting at 12:57 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	Councilmember	Carrie Downey (Alternate)	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	Mayor	Dane White (Primary)	Yes
City of Imperial Beach	Councilmember	Jack Fisher (Primary)	Yes
City of La Mesa	Mayor	Mark Arapostathis (Primary)	No
City of Lemon Grove	Mayor Pro Tem	Jennifer Mendoza (Alternate)	Yes
City of National City	Councilmember	Luz Molina (Primary)	Yes
City of Oceanside	Mayor	Esther Sanchez (Primary)	No
City of Poway	Mayor	Steve Vaus (Primary)	No
City of San Diego	Council President Pro Tem	Kent Lee (Alternate)	Yes
City of San Diego	Vice Chair	Joe LaCava (Primary)	Yes
City of San Marcos	Councilmember	Mike Sannella (Alternate)	Yes
City of Santee	Second Vice Chair	John Minto (Primary)	Yes
City of Solana Beach	Chair	Lesa Heebner (Primary)	Yes
City of Vista	Councilmember	Dan O'Donnell (Alternate)	Yes - virtual
Caltrans	Deputy Director	Melina Periera (Alternate)	Yes
Metropolitan Transit System	Councilmember	Matthew Leyba-Gonzalez (Primary)	No
North County Transit District	Councilmember	Jewel Edson (Primary)	No
Imperial County	Supervisor	Jesus Eduardo Escobar (Primary)	No
U.S. Department of Defense		Muska Laiq (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	Chairman	Raymond Welch (Primary)	No
Association of Planning Groups	Chairwoman	Robin Joy Maxson (Primary)	Yes