

May 23, 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 a.m.

1. Non-Agenda Public Comments / Member Comments

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

Member Comments: Councilmember Jewel Edson (North County Transit District), Muska Laiq (U.S. Department of Defense), Mayor Terry Gaasterland (Del Mar), Deputy Mayor Carolina Chavez (Chula Vista), Mayor Rebecca Jones (San Marcos), Chair Heebner.

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

Consent

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Board of Directors was asked to approve the minutes from the May 1-2, 2025, Board Retreat and the May 9, 2025, Board meeting.

3. Chief Executive Officer Delegated Actions

In accordance with various board policies, this 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. Transportation Development Act: FY 2025 Productivity Improvement Program and FY 2026 Allocations

The Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve the eligibility of the Metropolitan Transit System and North County Transit District to receive their FY 2026 Transportation Development Act allocations of funds.

6. Overview of Developments in the Financial Markets, Quarterly Finance Report as of March 31, 2025

This report provided an update on the latest developments in the financial markets, economy, sales tax revenues, and strategies being explored and implemented to minimize possible impacts to the TransNet Program.

7. Approval of Contract Awards for the San Onofre to Pulgas Double Track Phase 2 Project and

North Park/Mid-City Bikeways: University Bikeway Project

The Board of Directors was asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to:

1. Award a contract to Reyes Construction, Inc., for the construction of the San Onofre to Pulgas Double Track Phase 2 Project;
2. Award a contract to Griffith Company for the construction of the North Park/Mid-City Bikeways: University Bikeway Project.

Public Comments: Cesar Javier, Allegedly Audra, Alan C., Truth, Randy Torres Van-Vleck, Nicole Burgess, Steve Gelb, Chloe Lauer, Consuelo, Jason, Paul the Bold, Blair Beekman, Leif Gensert, and Kareston Markley.

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

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Heebner, Vice Chair Joe LaCava (City of San Diego), Second Vice Chair Minto, Councilmember Kevin Shin (Carlsbad), Deputy Mayor Chavez, Councilmember Carrie Downey (Coronado), Supervisor Joel Anderson (County of San Diego), Mayor Gaasterland, Mayor Bruce Ehlers (Encinitas), Councilmember Jack Fisher (Imperial Beach), Councilmember Lauren Cazares (La Mesa), Councilmember Luz Molina (National City), Mayor Sanchez, Mayor Jones, and Deputy Mayor Katie Melendez (Vista).

No: Mayor Bill Wells (El Cajon) and Mayor Dane White (Escondido).

Abstain: None.

Absent: Lemon Grove and Poway.

Reports

8. State Route 11 / Otay Mesa East Port of Entry Project Update and Request to Procure Non-Intrusive Inspection Technology

Director of Mega Projects, Border, and Goods Movement Maria Rodriguez Molina and Project Development Program Manager Andrea Hoff presented a project update and sought the Board of Directors' approval to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to release a solicitation for the Technology Systems and Equipment associated with the State Route 11/ Otay Mesa East Port of Entry (OME POE) project.

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

Action: Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Chavez and a second by Mayor Sanchez, the Board voted to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to release a solicitation for the Technology Systems and Equipment associated with the SR 11/OME POE project.

The motion passed.

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

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Escondido, Lemon Grove, and Poway.

9. FY 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Other Financial and Compliance Matters

In accordance with SANDAG Bylaws, this report provided the FY 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and other Financial and Compliance Matters in compliance with the Statement of Auditing Standards 114.

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

Action: Information.

10. Adjournment

The next Board of Directors meeting is Friday, May 30, 2025, at 9 a.m.

Chair Heebner adjourned the meeting at 12:04 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	Councilmember	Lauren Cazares (Alternate)	Yes
City of Lemon Grove	Mayor	Alysson Snow (Primary)	No
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	Council President Pro Tem	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	Chair	Lesa Heebner (Primary)	Yes
City of Vista	Deputy Mayor	Katie Melendez (Primary)	Yes
Caltrans	Director	Ann Fox (Primary)	Yes
Metropolitan Transit System	Councilmember	Matthew Leyba-Gonzalez (Primary)	Yes
North County Transit District	Councilmember	Jewel Edson (Primary)	Yes
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	Deputy Consul General	Gilberto Luna (Alternate)	Yes
SCTCA	Chairman	Raymond Welch (Primary)	Yes
Association of Planning Groups	Chairwoman	Robin Joy Maxson (Primary)	Yes