

April 25, 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 9:03 a.m.

1. Non-Agenda Public Comments / Member Comments

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

Member Comments: None.

Senior Director of Regional Planning Antoinette Meier provided an update on agency activities on behalf of Chief Executive Officer Mario Orso.

Consent

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Board of Directors was asked to approve the minutes from its April 11, 2025, 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. Approval of Proposed Solicitation for Construction Management Services for the San Dieguito Lagoon Double Track and Special Events Platform Project

The Board of Directors was asked to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to conduct a solicitation for Construction Management Services for the San Dieguito Lagoon Double Track Project as detailed in this report.

6. FY 2024 TransNet Extension Ordinance Funding Eligibility Request

The Transportation Committee and Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee recommended that the Board of Directors, acting as the San Diego County Regional Transportation Commission, approve the TransNet funding eligibility requests of the cities of Coronado and Poway, Metropolitan Transit System, and North County Transit District.

7. FY 2026 Transit Capital Improvement Program

The Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors:

1. Approve the submittal of Federal Transit Administration grant applications for the San Diego region; and
2. Adopt Regional Transportation Commission Resolution No. RTC-2025-04, in substantially the same form, approving Amendment No. 04 to the 2025 Regional Transportation Improvement

Program.

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

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Rebecca Jones (San Marcos) and a second by Mayor John Duncan (Coronado), the Board voted to approve Consent Agenda Nos. 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Heebner, 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), Mayor Dane White (Escondido), Councilmember Jack Fisher (Imperial Beach), Councilmember Lauren Lothian (La Mesa), Mayor Pro Tem Jennifer Mendoza (Lemon Grove), Councilmember Luz Molina (National City), Mayor Steve Vaus (Poway), Council President Pro Tem Kent Lee (City of San Diego), Mayor Jones, Councilmember Ronn Hall (Santee), Deputy Mayor Katie Melendez (Vista), and Supervisor Joel Anderson (County of San Diego).

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Oceanside.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Jones and a second by Mayor Ehlers, the Board voted to approve Agenda Item No. 4, excluding the support position for Assembly Bill 334.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Heebner, Councilmember Shin, Deputy Mayor Chavez, Mayor Duncan, Mayor Gaasterland, Mayor Wells, Mayor Ehlers, Mayor White, Councilmember Fisher, Councilmember Lothian, Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza, Councilmember Molina, Mayor Vaus, Council President Pro Tem Lee, Mayor Jones, Councilmember Hall, and Supervisor Anderson.

No: Deputy Mayor Melendez.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Oceanside.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Duncan and a second by Councilmember Shin, the Board voted to ratify the Executive Committee's support position for Assembly Bill 334.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Heebner, Councilmember Shin, Deputy Mayor Chavez, Mayor Duncan, Mayor Gaasterland, Mayor Wells, Mayor Ehlers, Councilmember Fisher, Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza, Councilmember Molina, Mayor Vaus, Council President Pro Tem Lee, Deputy Mayor Melendez, and Supervisor Anderson.

No: Mayor White, Councilmember Lothian, Mayor Jones, and Councilmember Hall.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Oceanside.

Reports

8. Proposed Board Policy Changes to Address Previous Office of the Independent Performance Auditor and TransNet Findings and Related Recommendations

The Executive Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve the proposed amendments to SANDAG board policies to address findings and recommendations from Office of the Independent Performance Auditor (OIPA) audits and investigation outcomes from 2024.

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

Action: A motion was made by Mayor Ehlers, with a second by Councilmember Hall, that the Board of Directors approve Board Policy No. 017 as presented and postpone a vote on the remaining board policies until receipt of a letter from the Independent Performance Auditor confirming that the changes adequately address the audit findings and recommendations.

Upon a substitute motion by Council President Pro Tem Lee and a second by Councilmember Molina, the Board of Directors voted to approve the proposed amendments to SANDAG board policies as recommended by the Executive Committee.

The substitute motion passed.

Yes: Chair Heebner, Deputy Mayor Chavez, Mayor Gaasterland, Mayor Wells, Mayor White, Councilmember Fisher, Mayor Pro Tem Mendoza, Councilmember Molina, Mayor Vaus, Council President Pro Tem Lee, Deputy Mayor Melendez, and Supervisor Anderson.

No: Councilmember Shin, Mayor Duncan, Mayor Ehlers, Councilmember Lothian, Mayor Jones, and Councilmember Hall.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Oceanside.

9. Adjournment

The next Board of Directors meeting is a Board Retreat scheduled for Thursday, May 1, 2025 - Friday, May 2, 2025, to be held at Hilton Garden Inn Carlsbad Beach, 6450 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, CA 92011.

Chair Heebner adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.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	Mayor	Dane White (Primary)	Yes
City of Imperial Beach	Councilmember	Jack Fisher (Primary)	Yes
City of La Mesa	Councilmember	Laura Lothian (Alternate)	Yes
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)	Yes
City of San Diego	Council President Pro Tem	Kent Lee (Alternate)	Yes
City of San Diego	Vice Chair	Joe LaCava (Primary)	No
City of San Marcos	Mayor	Rebecca Jones (Primary)	Yes
City of Santee	Councilmember	Ronn Hall (Alternate)	Yes
City of Solana Beach	Chair	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	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	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