

## June 27, 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, Truth, Allegedly Audra, Silvia Irigoyen-Adame, William Perno, KC, Mitch Silverstein, Paul the Bold, Blair Beekman.

Member Comments: Mayor Rebecca Jones (San Marcos), Gil Cabrera (San Diego County Regional Airport Authority), Deputy Mayor Joy Lyndes (San Diego County Water Authority), Deputy Mayor Katie Melendez (Vista), Chairwoman Robin Joy Maxon (Association of Planning Groups), Mayor Bill Wells (El Cajon).

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 June 13, 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. FY 2026 Transportation Development Act and State Transit Assistance Claims**

The Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors:

1. Adopt Resolutions Nos. 2025-15 through 2025-20, approving the FY 2026 Transportation Development Act and State Transit Assistance (STA) claims in substantially the same form as the attached resolutions; and
2. Approve the STA findings as certified by North County Transit District.

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

Action: Upon a motion by Second Vice Chair John Minto (Santee) and a second by Deputy Mayor Carolina Chavez (Chula Vista), 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, Mayor John Duncan (Coronado), Supervisor Joel Anderson (County of San Diego), Mayor Wells, Mayor Bruce Ehlers (Encinitas), Councilmember Jack Fisher (Imperial Beach), Mayor Alysson Snow (Lemon Grove), Councilmember Luz Molina (National City), Mayor Jones, and Deputy Mayor Melendez.

No: Mayor Dane White (Escondido).

Abstain: None.

Absent: Del Mar, La Mesa, Oceanside, Poway.

## Reports

### **5. Specialized Transportation Grant Program Cycle 13 Call for Projects Funding Recommendations**

Grants Program Manager Jenny Russo presented the item. The Transportation Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve the funding recommendations for the Specialized Transportation Grant Program Cycle 13 call for projects as detailed in the report.

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

Action: Upon a motion by Councilmember Molina and a second by Mayor Snow, the Board of Directors voted to approve the funding recommendations for the Specialized Transportation Grant Program Cycle 13 call for projects as detailed in the report.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Heebner, Vice Chair LaCava, Second Vice Chair Minto, Councilmember Shin, Deputy Mayor Chavez, Mayor Duncan, Supervisor Anderson, Mayor Wells, Mayor Ehlers, Mayor White, Councilmember Fisher, Mayor Snow, Councilmember Molina, Mayor Jones, and Deputy Mayor Melendez.

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Del Mar, La Mesa, Oceanside, Poway.

### **6. Procurements 101**

Managers of Contracts and Procurement Susana Tello and Janet Bessent provided an overview of the agency's procurement process, including key policies, procedures, and roles involved in contracting and purchasing activities.

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

Action: Information.

### **7. Adjournment**

The next Board of Directors meeting is Friday, July 11, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.

Chair Heebner adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

**Confirmed Attendance at SANDAG Board of Directors Meeting**

<b>Board of Directors</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Attend</b>
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)	No
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	Alysson Snow (Primary)	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	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	Deputy Director	Melina Periera (Alternate)	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)	Yes
U.S. Department of Defense		Muska Laiq (Alternate)	Yes
Port of San Diego	Commissioner	Dan Malcolm (Primary)	Yes
San Diego County Water Authority	Deputy Mayor	Joy Lyndes (Primary)	Yes
SDCRAA		Gil Cabrera (Primary)	Yes
Mexico	Consul General	Alicia Kerber-Palma (Primary)	No
SCTCA	Chairman	Raymond Welch (Primary)	Yes
Association of Planning Groups	Chairwoman	Robin Joy Maxson (Primary)	Yes