



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2026, 9 a.m.
SANDAG Boardroom
1011 Union Street, First Floor
San Diego, CA 92101

**Voting Members
Present:**

Chair Lesa Heebner (Solana Beach)
First Vice Chair Joe LaCava (City of San Diego - Seat A)
Second Vice Chair John Minto (Santee)
Councilmember Kevin Shin (Carlsbad)
Councilmember Carolina Chavez (Chula Vista)
Mayor John Duncan (Coronado)
Councilmember Terry Gaasterland (Del Mar)
Mayor Bill Wells (El Cajon)
Mayor Bruce Ehlers (Encinitas)
Mayor Dane White (Escondido)
Mayor Pro Tem Jack Fisher (Imperial Beach)
Vice Mayor Lauren Cazares (La Mesa)
Mayor Alysson Snow (Lemon Grove)
Vice Mayor Luz Molina (National City)
Mayor Esther Sanchez (Oceanside)
Councilmember Christopher Pikus (Poway)
Councilmember Vivian Moreno (City of San Diego - Seat B)
Mayor Rebecca Jones (San Marcos)
Councilmember Katie Melendez (Vista)
Supervisor Paloma Aguirre (County of San Diego - Seat A)
Supervisor Joel Anderson (County of San Diego - Seat B)

Others Present:

Robin Joy Maxson (Association of Planning Groups)
Ann Fox (Caltrans)
Matthew Leyba-Gonzalez (MTS)
Councilmember Jewel Edson (NCTD)
Commissioner Dan Malcolm (Port of San Diego)
James Sly (San Diego County Regional Airport Authority)
Raymond Welch (SCTCA)
Dennis Keck (U.S. Department of Defense)

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1. Call to Order

Chair Heebner called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Chair Heebner announced agenda items will be reordered.

6. Automated Regional Justice Information Systems (ARJIS) 101

Director of ARJIS Tony Ray presented an overview of its mission, governance, funding, programs, services, applications and regional benefits.

Public Comments: Truth, Cesar Javier, Andrea Ebbing, Paul the Bold, Erin Grassi, Blair Beekman, Patrick M, Consuelo.

Motioned by: Councilmember Moreno

Seconded by: Councilmember Gaasterland

to direct staff to return with an item that would allow the Board to assess the possibility of ending ARJIS contracts with specific agencies.

Chair Heebner referred this item to the Executive Committee for discussion.

4. TransNet Proposed 2026 Bond Issuance: Refunding*

Chief Financial Officer Dawn Vettese, Senior Legal Counsel Betsy Blake; Mudra Patel, Public Financial Management; Victor Hsu, Norton Rose Fulbright LLP; and Jonathan Guz, Straddling Yocca Carlson & Rauth LLP, presented the item.

Public Comments: Truth, Cesar, Paul, Blair, Consuelo.

Motioned by: First Vice Chair LaCava

Seconded by: Vice Mayor Cazares

to adopt RTC Resolution No. RTC-2026-03, authorizing up to \$400 million of 2026 Bonds to refund certain outstanding bonds, and execution and distribution of the transaction documents.

For (17): Chair Heebner, First Vice Chair LaCava, Second Vice Chair Minto, Councilmember Shin, Councilmember Chavez, Mayor Duncan, Councilmember Gaasterland, Mayor Wells, Mayor Ehlers, Mayor Pro Tem Fisher, Vice Mayor Cazares, Mayor Snow, Vice Mayor Molina, Mayor Sanchez, Councilmember Pikus, Councilmember Moreno, and Mayor Jones

Absent (4): Mayor White, Councilmember Melendez, Supervisor Aguirre, and Supervisor Anderson

The motion passed. (17 to 0)

3. Consent

Public Comments: Truth, Andrea Ebbing, Blair Beekman, Paul the Bold

Motioned by: Mayor Jones

Seconded by: First Vice Chair LaCava

to approve Consent Agenda Item Nos. 3.1 - 3.5.

For (16): Chair Heebner, First Vice Chair LaCava, Second Vice Chair Minto, Councilmember Shin, Councilmember Chavez, Mayor Duncan, Councilmember Gaasterland, Mayor Wells, Mayor Ehlers, Mayor Pro Tem Fisher, Vice Mayor Cazares, Mayor Snow, Vice Mayor Molina, Mayor Sanchez, Councilmember Pikus, and Mayor Jones

Absent (3): Mayor White, Councilmember Melendez, and Supervisor Aguirre

The motion passed. (16 to 0)

Motioned by: Vice Mayor Cazares

Seconded by: Mayor Duncan

to extend the meeting by 10 minutes.

For (15): Chair Heebner, First Vice Chair LaCava, Second Vice Chair Minto, Councilmember Shin, Councilmember Chavez, Mayor Duncan, Councilmember Gaasterland, Mayor Ehlers, Mayor Pro Tem Fisher, Vice Mayor Cazares, Mayor Snow, Vice Mayor Molina, Mayor Sanchez, Councilmember Pikus, and Mayor Jones

Absent (4): Mayor Wells, Mayor White, Councilmember Melendez, and Supervisor Aguirre

The motion passed. (15 to 0)

3.1 Approval of Meeting Minutes

Approved the minutes from its January 9, 2026, meeting.

3.2 Policy Advisory Committee Actions

Ratified the actions taken by the Policy Advisory Committees as noted in the report.

3.3 Chief Executive Officer Delegated Actions and Other Reportable Actions*

This report summarized delegated and reportable actions taken by the Chief Executive Officer. This item was presented for information only.

3.4 Approval of Contract Award for the Construction of the North Park/Mid-City Bikeways: Orange Bikeway Project

Authorized the Chief Executive Officer to award a contract to the vendor identified in this report for the North Park/Mid-City Bikeways: Orange Bikeway Project.

3.5 Smart Growth Incentive Program Cycle 6 Capital Project Funding Recommendations*

Approved the funding recommendations and FY 2026 Smart Growth Incentive Program (SGIP) budget amendment for the SGIP Cycle 6 Capital Projects as detailed in the report.

5. Independent Performance Auditor's Annual Performance Evaluation and Audit Committee's Recommended Compensation Adjustment

Motioned by: Mayor Pro Tem Fisher

Seconded by: Vice Mayor Molina

to approve a salary increase for the Independent Performance Auditor of 2.75% retroactive to June 30, 2025.

For (15): Chair Heebner, First Vice Chair LaCava, Second Vice Chair Minto, Councilmember Shin, Councilmember Chavez, Mayor Duncan, Councilmember Gaasterland, Mayor Ehlers, Mayor Pro Tem Fisher, Vice Mayor Cazares, Mayor Snow, Vice Mayor Molina, Mayor Sanchez, Councilmember Pikus, and Mayor Jones

Absent (4): Mayor Wells, Mayor White, Councilmember Melendez, and Supervisor Aguirre

The motion passed. (15 to 0)

2. Non-Agenda Public Comments/Member Comments

Public Comments: Truth, Purita Javier, Cesar Javier, Marco Espinosa, Andrea Ebbing, Blair Beekman, Consuelo

7. Adjournment

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Chair Heebner adjourned the meeting at 12:52 p.m.