



Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

April 24, 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)
Councilmember Kevin Shin (Carlsbad)
Deputy Mayor Cesar Fernandez (Chula Vista)
Mayor Pro Tem Carrie Downey (Coronado)
Councilmember Terry Gaasterland (Del Mar)
Mayor Bill Wells (El Cajon)
Mayor Bruce Ehlers (Encinitas)
Councilmember Judy Fitzgerald (Escondido)
Mayor Pro Tem Jack Fisher (Imperial Beach)
Mayor Pro Tem Jessyka Heredia (Lemon Grove)
Vice Mayor Luz Molina (National City)
Mayor Esther Sanchez (Oceanside)
Councilmember Vivian Moreno (City of San Diego - Seat B)
Mayor Rebecca Jones (San Marcos)
Vice Mayor Ronn Hall (Santee)
Councilmember Corinna Contreras (Vista)
Supervisor Joel Anderson (County of San Diego - Seat B)

Voting Members Absent:

Vice Mayor Lauren Cazares (La Mesa)
Mayor Steve Vaus (Poway)
Supervisor Paloma Aguirre (County of San Diego - Seat A)

Others Present:

Robin Joy Maxson (Association of Planning Groups)
Ann Fox (Caltrans)
Barbara del Castillo (Mexico)
James Sly (San Diego County Regional Airport Authority)
Dennis Keck (U.S. Department of War)

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1. Call to Order

Chair Heebner called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. Non-Agenda Public Comments/Member Comments

Public Comments: Purita Javier, Cesar Javier, Truth, Allegedly Audra, Paul the Bold, Blair Beekman, Andrea Ebbing.

Member Comments: Mayor Jones, Mayor Pro Tem Heredia, Chair Heebner.

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

3. Consent

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

Agenda Item No. 3.5 was pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Motioned by: First Vice Chair LaCava

Seconded by: Councilmember Gaasterland

to approve Consent Agenda Item Nos. 3.1 - 3.4, and Item No. 3.6.

For (16): Chair Heebner, First Vice Chair LaCava, Councilmember Shin, Mayor Pro Tem Downey, Councilmember Gaasterland, Mayor Wells, Mayor Ehlers, Councilmember Fitzgerald, Mayor Pro Tem Fisher, Mayor Pro Tem Heredia, Vice Mayor Molina, Mayor Sanchez, Mayor Jones, Vice Mayor Hall, Councilmember Contreras, and Supervisor Anderson

Absent (3): Deputy Mayor Fernandez, Vice Mayor Cazares, and Mayor Vaus

The motion passed. (16 to 0)

3.1 Approval of Meeting Minutes

Approved the April 10, 2026, meeting minutes.

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 actions taken by the Chief Executive Officer. This item was provided for information only.

3.4 Revised Section 5310 Cycle 13 Call for Projects Funding Recommendations

Recommended that the Board of Directors approve the revised Section 5310 Cycle 13 call for projects awards as detailed in the report.

3.6 Audit Committee Public Member Supplemental Process

Approved the Audit Committee Public Member Supplemental Process and re-opened the application period until a sufficient pool of qualified candidates are received, waived the standard 30- day application deadline, and directed staff to conduct targeted recruitment.

3.5 Proposed FY 2026 Program Budget Amendment: Downtown to Imperial Avenue Bikeway Project*

Motioned by: Mayor Jones

Seconded by: Councilmember Fitzgerald

to approve the acceptance of additional funds from the City of San Diego in the amount of \$1,487,707; and direct staff to return to the next meeting to present an amendment to the FY 2026 Program Budget for the Downtown to Imperial Avenue Bikeway Project (Capital Improvement Program Project No. 1223058).

For (16): Chair Heebner, First Vice Chair LaCava, Councilmember Shin, Deputy Mayor Fernandez, Mayor Pro Tem Downey, Councilmember Gaasterland, Mayor Ehlers, Councilmember Fitzgerald, Mayor Pro Tem Fisher, Mayor Pro Tem Heredia, Vice Mayor Molina, Mayor Sanchez, Mayor Jones, Vice Mayor Hall, Councilmember Contreras, and Supervisor Anderson

Absent (3): Mayor Wells, Vice Mayor Cazares, and Mayor Vaus

The motion passed. (16 to 0)

4. State Route 11/Otay Mesa East Port of Entry Project Update and Approval of Proposed Contract Award for the Non-Intrusive Inspection Technology Services

Senior Director of Capital Delivery Clint Peace, Project Development Program Manager Andrea Hoff and Principal Engineer Suhasini Natarajan presented an update on the Otay Mesa East Port of Entry project.

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

Motioned by: Councilmember Moreno

Seconded by: Councilmember Gaasterland

to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to award and execute the Non-Intrusive Inspection Technology Services Agreement for the project.

For (16): Chair Heebner, First Vice Chair LaCava, Councilmember Shin, Deputy Mayor Fernandez, Mayor Pro Tem Downey, Councilmember Gaasterland, Mayor Ehlers, Councilmember Fitzgerald, Mayor Pro Tem Fisher, Mayor Pro Tem Heredia, Vice Mayor Molina, Mayor Sanchez, Mayor Jones, Vice Mayor Hall, Councilmember Contreras, and Supervisor Anderson

Absent (3): Mayor Wells, Vice Mayor Cazares, and Mayor Vaus

The motion passed. (16 to 0)

5. FY 2026 SANDAG Vacancies, Recruitment, and Retention Efforts

Director of Human Resources Joshua Golter presented an overview of SANDAG vacancies, recruitment, and retention efforts. This item was presented for information only.

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

6. Adjournment

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 08, 2026, at 9 a.m.

Chair Heebner adjourned the meeting at 11:27 a.m.