



Southern California Association of Governments
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December 2, 2020

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC)
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2020**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES IS A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC). A VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>

The Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its special meeting telephonically and electronically, given public health directives limiting public gatherings due to the threat of COVID-19 and in compliance with the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20. A quorum was present.

Members Present

Hon. Rex Richardson, President	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Hon. Clint Lorimore, 1st Vice President	<i>Eastvale</i>	District 4
Hon. Jan Harnik, 2nd Vice President		RCTC
Hon. Bill Jahn, Imm. Past President	<i>Big Bear Lake</i>	District 11
Hon. Jorge Marquez, Chair, CEHD	<i>Covina</i>	District 33
Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Vice Chair, CEHD	<i>Cerritos</i>	District 23
Hon. David Pollock, Chair, EEC	<i>Moorpark</i>	District 46
Hon. Carmen Ramirez, Vice Chair, EEC	<i>Oxnard</i>	District 45
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, Chair, TC	<i>El Centro</i>	District 1
Hon. Steven Hofbauer, Vice Chair, TC	<i>Palmdale</i>	District 43
Hon. Jose Luis Solache, Chair, LCMC	<i>Lynwood</i>	District 26
Hon. Peggy Huang, Vice Chair, LCMC		TCA
Hon. Margaret Finlay, President’s Appt.	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. Kim Nguyen, President’s Appt.	<i>Garden Grove</i>	District 18
Mr. Randall Lewis, Ex-officio	<i>Lewis Group of Companies</i>	Business Representative

Members Not Present

Hon. Deborah Robertson, President’s Appt.	<i>Rialto</i>	District 8
Hon. David Ryu, President’s Appt.	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 51
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Pechanga Dev. Corp.</i>	TGRPB Representative

Staff Present

Kome Ajise, Executive Director

OUR MISSION

To foster innovative regional solutions that improve the lives of Southern Californians through inclusive collaboration, visionary planning, regional advocacy, information sharing, and promoting best practices.

OUR VISION

Southern California’s Catalyst for a Brighter Future

OUR CORE VALUES

Be Open | Lead by Example | Make an Impact | Be Courageous

Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer
Debbie Dillon, Chief Strategy Officer
Justine Block, Acting Chief Counsel/Acting Director of Legal Services
Sarah Jepson, Director of Planning
Art Yoon, Director of Policy and Public Affairs
Erika Bustamante, Acting Chief Financial Officer
Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer
Peter Waggoner, Office of Regional Council Support
Maggie Aguilar, Office of Regional Council Support

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Rex Richardson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and asked EEC Vice Chair, Carmen Ramirez, Oxnard, District 45, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Given the public health directives limiting gatherings due to COVID-19, President Richardson announced the meeting was being held telephonically and electronically in compliance with the Governor's Executive Orders.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Richardson opened the Public Comment Period.

He reminded the public to submit comments via email to ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov. Staff acknowledged there were no public comments received by email.

President Richardson closed the Public Comment Period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no prioritization of agenda items.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Special Meeting – September 30, 2020
 2. Resolution No. 20-626-1 Regarding SCAG's 2020 Title VI Program
 3. 2021 Meeting Schedule of Regional Council and Policy Committees
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4. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: 21-005-C01, State Advocacy
5. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: 21-009-C01, Transit Asset Management
6. Contract Amendment Greater Than 30% of the Contract's Original Value and \$75,000 or Greater: Contract No. 21-012-C01, Microsoft Enterprise Software License Agreement
7. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

Receive and File

8. Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 - \$199,999 and Amendments \$5,000 - \$74,999
9. CFO Monthly Report

A MOTION was made (Finlay) to approve the Consent Calendar, Items 1 through 7; Receive and File Items 8 and 9. Motion was SECONDED (Solache) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Finlay, Harnik, Hofbauer, Huang, Jahn, Lorimore, Marquez, Nguyen, Pollock, Ramirez, Richardson, Solache, Viegas-Walker and Yokoyama (14)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

CFO MONTHLY REPORT

Ms. Erika Bustamante, Acting Chief Financial Officer, reported that Eide Bailly LLP, SCAG's outside independent auditor, finished conducting final audit fieldwork and that the audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report would be released in December. Regarding membership dues, as of October 21st, 122 cities and four counties had renewed their membership. 67 cities had taken advantage of the 20 percent dues waiver. To-date, SCAG had collected a total of 64 percent of the assessment, which left 66 cities and 2 counties pending. She reported SCAG staff had sent second reminders in October and three cities were being recruited for membership.

Immediate Past President, Bill Jahn, Big Bear Lake, District 11, asked what three cities were being recruited for membership. Ms. Bustamante stated it was the cities of Orange, Rancho Santa Margarita and Manhattan Beach.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Richardson reported the RHNA Litigation Study Team held a meeting on November 2, per request of Councilmember Peggy Huang. The study team discussed a recent Freddie Mac report on the US housing supply, and a request to revisit options related to HCD's housing need determination last year, of 1.34 million units to the SCAG region. He stated that after deliberations, a majority of the study team members recommended that SCAG not pursue litigation against HCD at this time to challenge their regional determination. He stated if there were further requests by Regional Council members to revisit potential litigation, a closed session may be scheduled for the next EAC and Regional Council meetings. He reminded the EAC Members of the meeting schedule (November 5), with Policy Committees at 9:30 a.m. and the Regional Council meeting 12:30 p.m. He also reported the next meeting of the EAC was scheduled for Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

Transportation Committee Chair, Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1, stated that with respect to the recommendation that SCAG not pursue litigation against HCD at this time to challenge their regional determination, she also recalled that the RHNA Litigation Study Team had recommended that SCAG leadership continue dialogue with HCD. President Richardson confirmed that her recollection was accurate.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Kome Ajise reported that on Friday, October 30, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) released their determination of SCAG's Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) and agreed that it would achieve the greenhouse gas reduction (GHG) target. He stated the acceptance by CARB makes projects in the SCAG region eligible for State transportation funds, including the approximately 1.4 billion in current funding requests. He stated this was SCAG's first SCS in reaching the new, higher target of 19 percent GHG reduction from 2005 levels by 2035. He stated it will take the continued leadership of SCAG's Regional Council and Committee members and partnership with our local jurisdictions and County Transportation Commissions to implement Connect SoCal and address recommendations raised by CARB.

Mr. Ajise reported that SCAG received a total of 52 RHNA-related appeals filed by local jurisdictions and that the appeals were posted on SCAG's RHNA webpage. He stated local jurisdictions and the State HCD may now provide comments on the appeals submitted to SCAG. He indicated comments should be submitted before December 10. He informed the EAC that SCAG staff will contact the affected jurisdictions on the date of their RHNA Appeals Hearings, which are scheduled to take place between December 11, 2020 through late January 2021.

Mr. Ajise provided an update on the Digital Divide Resolution and stated that staff had engaged in a two-pronged approach to facilitate or streamline broadband deployment and address the digital divide. SCAG staff developed a draft resolution and model policy that recognize the impact of COVID-19 on underserved communities, and advocates for the need to identify opportunity zones and find ways to expedite broadband deployment. Staff will also bring forward to the Regional Council in January 2021 a resolution that further outlines SCAG's approach and commitment to addressing the digital divide.

Mr. Ajise reported the new Chief Financial Officer, Cindy Giraldo, would start November 16. He stated she had worked for 10 years as the Finance Director for the City of Burbank and 14 years with Ticketmaster.

Mr. Ajise provided an update on the return to the office and stated staff was still assessing our return to the office and investigating possible adjustments to space to comply with public health directives.

Mr. Ajise reported over 180 people were registered for the Economic Summit. He announced that SCAG had secured three-time Pulitzer prize winner, Thomas Friedman, as the keynote speaker for this year's event. He stated they were actively recruiting speakers, and this was poised to be the most diverse collection of panelists for an Economic Summit.

Mr. Ajise provided a brief overview of the November 3rd General Election results. He reported that in Oregon, Representative Peter DeFazio, Chairman of the House Transportation Committee, prevailed in an unexpectedly tight re-election battle. He reported there were 12 propositions on the ballot this year in California, three with notable results: Proposition 15, which would repeal the legendary Proposition 13 for commercial properties, which was too close to call with the No vote at 51.7% and the Yes votes at 48.3%; Proposition 21, which would allow local governments to set rent control caps on residential properties over 15 years old, which was on track to fail with the No votes at 59.8%; and Proposition 22, which would reclassify app-based drivers as independent contractors, which was likely to pass with Yes votes at 58.4%.

President Richardson congratulated EEC Vice Chair, Carmen Ramirez, Oxnard, District 45, for winning the election to the Ventura County Board of Supervisors and TC Vice Chair, Steven Hofbauer, Palmdale, District 43 for winning his re-election to the Palmdale City Council.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S

There was no request for future agenda items.



ANNOUNCEMENT/S

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Richardson adjourned the Special Meeting of the EAC at 3:29 p.m.

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Executive / Administration Committee Attendance Report

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MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	JUN (Sp. Mtg.)	JULY	AUG (Retreat)	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	Total Mtgs Attended To Date
Hon. Rex Richardson, President	Long Beach	District 29	1			1	1	1							4
Hon. Clint Lorimore, 1st Vice Chair	Eastvale	District 4	1			1	1	1							4
Hon. Jan Harnik, Chair, 2nd Vice Chair		RCTC	1			1	1	1							4
Hon. Bill Jahn, Imm. Past Chair	Big Bear Lake	District 11	1			1	1	1							4
Hon. Jorge Marquez, Chair, CEHD	Covina	District 33	1			1	0	1							3
Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Vice Chair, CEHD	Cerritos	District 23	1			1	1	1							4
Hon. David Pollock, Chair, EEC	Moorpark	District 46	1			1	1	1							4
Hon. Carmen Ramirez, Vice Chair, EEC	Oxnard	District 45	1			0	1	1							3
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, Chair, TC	El Centro	District 1	1			1	1	1							4
Hon. Steve Hofbauer, Vice Chair, TC	Palmdale	District 43	1			1	1	1							4
Hon. José Luis Solache, Chair, LCMC	Lynwood	District 26	1			1	1	1							4
Hon. Peggy Huang, Vice Chair, LCMC		TCA	1			1	1	1							4
Hon. Margaret Finlay, President's Appt.	Duarte	District 35	1			1	1	1							4
Hon. Kim Nguyen, President's Appt.	Garden Grove	District 18	1			1	1	1							4
Hon. Deborah Robertson, President's Appt.	Rialto	District 8	1			0	1	0							2
Hon. David Ryu, President's Appt.	Los Angeles	District 51	0			1	1	0							2
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	Pechanga Dev. Corporation	Tribal Government Regional Planning Board	0			0	0	0							0
Mr. Randall Lewis, Ex-Officio Member	Lewis Group of Companies	Business Representative	1			1	1	1							4