



Southern California Association of Governments
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September 2, 2020

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC)
MONDAY, JUNE 22, 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
Hon. Deborah Robertson, President’s Appt.	<i>Rialto</i>	District 8
Mr. Randall Lewis, Ex-officio	<i>Lewis Group of Companies</i>	Business Representative

Members Not Present

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

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

Staff Present

Kome Ajise, Executive Director
Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer
Debbie Dillon, Chief Strategy Officer
Justine Block, Acting Chief Counsel/Acting Director of Legal Services
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel
Sarah Jepson, Director of Planning
Art Yoon, Director of Policy and Public Affairs
Basil Panas, Chief Financial Officer
Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer
Peter Waggonner, Office of Regional Council Support
Tess Rey-Chaput, Office of Regional Council Support

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Rex Richardson called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. and asked Councilmember Jorge Marquez, Covina, District 33, 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.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Richardson announced that the meeting would begin with the President's Report, as this EAC meeting was his first while serving as President. President Richardson welcomed new EAC members. He explained challenges ahead given the pandemic, and he outlined guiding principles for FY 2020-21. He recounted his past experiences within SCAG and expressed a goal of developing new leadership in the organization. He elaborated on the workplan for the coming year, beginning with listening sessions, then convening to identify new partners and finally catalyzing a plan that helps lead the region to an inclusive regional recovery.

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 - May 6, 2020
2. Approval for Additional Stipend Payments
3. Resolution No. 20-622-1 Appointing the Chief Financial Officer as the Plan Administrator of the SCAG Employer's Deferred Compensation Plan
4. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships
5. COVID-19 Update and Legislation
6. Contract Amendment Greater than 30% of the Contract's Original Value: 18-026-C01, 2020 Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2020 RTP/SCS)
7. Contract Amendment Greater Than 30% of the Contract's Original Value: Contract 20-037-C01, Go Human Advertising & Engagement Campaign
8. Contract Amendment Greater than 30% of the Contract's Original Value: Purchase Order PO-006994, Support for SCAG Infrastructure Equipment
9. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: 19-066-C01, Aerial Imagery and Related Services
10. Contracts \$200,000 or Greater: 20-062-C01, Measuring VMT Reduction from Shared Mobility Services through Real Time Data

Receive and File

11. Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$199,999; Contracts \$25,000 - \$199,999 and Amendments \$5,000 - \$74,999
 12. CFO Monthly Report
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A MOTION was made (Robertson) to approve the Consent Calendar, Items 1 through 10; Receive and File Items 11 and 12. Motion was SECONDED (Finlay) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Finlay, Harnik, Hofbauer, Huang, Jahn, Lorimore, Marquez, Nguyen, Pollock, Ramirez, Richardson, Robertson, Solache, Viegas-Walker and Yokoyama (15)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

CFO MONTHLY REPORT

Chief Financial Officer Basil Panas reported that SCAG was awaiting a resolution letter from Caltrans regarding the Incurred Cost Audit. Eide Bailly would conclude work on the FY 2020 Audit in September 2020.

SCAG FY 2021 dues had been mailed to members. Considering current challenges, members had the option of paying 80 percent or 100 percent of dues, depending on their finances. Payments would be due on October 1, 2020.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Kome Ajise elaborated on the status of the Incurred Cost Audit. Mr. Ajise announced that, following approval of Connect SoCal for federal conformity purposes on May 7, 2020 by the Regional Council, SCAG had received federal conformity determination from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). SCAG had also continued discussion with the business coalition. A Connect SoCal status report was intended to be presented at the July 2, 2020 Regional Council meeting, providing additional updates.

Finally, Mr. Ajise announced that a staff presentation on equity issues, considering recent events nationally, was being prepared for the Regional Council meeting on July 2, 2020. Mr. Ajise expressed that SCAG was in a position to provide resources and craft a leadership position on both internal and external fronts.

President Richardson asked Mr. Ajise to expand upon next steps for Connect SoCal. Mr. Ajise spoke about work with local jurisdictions and discussed consistency and differences between General Plans and regional planning, while reiterating that Connect SoCal does not supersede General Plans.

Mr. Randall Lewis expressed concern about Connect SoCal consistency issues potentially blocking developers from obtaining entitlements and playing a role in CEQA abuse.

Councilmember Carmen Ramirez, Oxnard, District 45, asked for details on the Virtual Townhall, scheduled for Wednesday, June 24. President Richardson and Chief Operating Officer Darin Chidsey explained that this event would be a listening session and an opportunity to gain input on COVID-19's impact on communities, informing SCAG's response in both the near-term and in long-term planning efforts.

Mr. Randall Lewis commented that he hoped to see appointments with Policy Committees that served to build future leadership. President Richardson discussed his approach to Policy Committee appointments.

Councilmember Kim Nguyen, Garden Grove, District 18, commented in support of further engagement by SCAG to generate interest within young elected officials and future leaders.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S

Councilmember Steve Hofbauer, Palmdale, District 43, commented on Department of Fish and Wildlife's current consideration of protecting Joshua trees as endangered. He asked for SCAG to consider how this could affect development and for a presentation at a committee meeting. Mr. Ajise acknowledged his request.

Councilmember Margaret Finlay, Duarte, District 35, commented on 31st Annual Demographic Workshop and spoke to the informative nature of the presentations. Mr. Randall Lewis asked if relevant material was available online. SCAG staff acknowledged that materials were available on SCAG's website and offered to include a recap at the July 2, 2020 Regional Council meeting.

Second Vice Chair Jan Harnik affirmed the value of information presented at the Demographic Workshop and spoke to the need of preparing the region for changes to the economy and job market, given COVID-19 and technological advances.

Councilmember Deborah Robertson, Rialto, District 8, commented in support of future agenda items regarding fiber-optic technologies and resiliency, and she asked for consideration of how to best consider these issues within the EAC and Policy Committees. President Richardson acknowledged the request, stating that this may be considered at a future EAC Retreat. Mr. Ajise spoke to the various areas that fiber-optic and broadband access influence and how SCAG can engage these topics across multiple fronts.

ANNOUNCEMENT/S

There were no announcements.



ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Richardson adjourned the Special Meeting of the EAC at 12:32 p.m.

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Executive / Administration Committee Attendance Report

2020-21													Total # Attend To Date		
MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	JUN (Sp. Mtg.)	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR		APR	MAY
Hon. Rex Richardson, President	Long Beach	District 29	1												1
Hon. Clint Lorimore, 1st Vice Chair	Eastvale	District 4	1												1
Hon. Jan Harnik, Chair, 2nd Vice Chair		RCTC	1												1
Hon. Bill Jahn, Imm. Past Chair	Big Bear Lake	District 11	1												1
Hon. Jorge Marquez, Chair, CEHD	Covina	District 33	1												1
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Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, Chair, TC	El Centro	District 1	1												1
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Hon. Deborah Robertson, President's Appt.	Rialto	District 8	1												1
Hon. David Ryu, President's Appt.	Los Angeles	District 51	0												0
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	Pechanga Dev. Corporation	Tribal Government Regional Planning Board	0												0
Mr. Randall Lewis, Ex-Officio Member	Lewis Group of Companies	Business Representative	1												1

Attachment: EAC Attendance Sheet (Minutes of the Special Meeting - June 22, 2020)