MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC)  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2019  

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC).

The Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting at 900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700, Los Angeles, CA 90017. A quorum was present.

Members Present

1. Hon. Bill Jahn, President  
2. Hon. Randon Lane, 1st Vice President  
3. Hon. Rex Richardson, 2nd Vice President  
4. Hon. Alan Wapner, Imm. Past President  
5. Hon. Peggy Huang, Chair, CEHD  
6. Hon. Stacy Berry, Vice Chair, CEHD  
7. Hon. David Pollock, Vice Chair, EEC  
8. Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, Chair, TC  
9. Hon. Jess Talamantes, Vice Chair, TC  
10. Hon. Clint Lorimore, Chair, LCMC  
11. Hon. Margaret Clark, Vice Chair, LCMC  
12. Hon. L. Dennis Michael, President’s Appt.  
13. Hon. Margaret Finlay, President’s Appt.  
14. Sup. Luis Plancarte, President’s Appt.  
15. Mr. Randall Lewis, Ex-officio  
16. Hon. Brian McDonald  

Member Not Present  

AGENDA ITEM 1  
REPORT  

Southern California Association of Governments  
900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700, Los Angeles, California 90017  
September 5, 2019  

Packet Pg. 6
1. Sup. Linda Parks, Chair, EEC Ventura County
2. Hon. Frank Navarro, President’s Appt. Colton District 6

**Staff Present**
- Kome Ajise, Executive Director
- Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer
- Debbie Dillon, Chief Strategy Officer
- Joann Africa, Chief Counsel/Director of Legal Services
- Sarah Jepson, Acting Director of Planning
- Basil Panas, Chief Financial Officer
- Art Yoon, Director of Policy and Public Affairs
- Julie Loats, Chief Information Officer
- Tess Rey-Chaput, Office of Regional Council Support

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Honorable Bill Jahn called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and asked CEHD Chair Peggy Huang to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There was no public comment speaker.

President Jahn announced that after SCAG staff’s extensive testing and working directly with the technical team of the electronic voting system provider for almost two (2) years now, SCAG has made a decision to use the Lumi voting system or the handheld voting devices for all RC and Policy Committee meetings as we are confident that the Lumi voting system will best support the agency. The decision was based on SCAG’s unique voting needs and how its size of the RC and Policy Committees as well as the frequency of the meetings could not reliably be supported by the new software.

President Jahn personally thanked all for being an integral part of this process and for being accommodating and tolerant of the glitches experienced in the system during the meetings. He noted that the monitors could still be used to navigate the agenda.

**REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no prioritization of agenda items.
DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Caltrans Audits Final Corrective Action Plans

President Jahn introduced the item and asked Executive Director Kome Ajise to provide background information.

Mr. Ajise reported that SCAG submitted Corrective Action Plans to Caltrans which are currently under review by the department along with FHWA and FTA. In the interim, SCAG continues to make progress with addressing the Caltrans audit findings. Mr. Ajise emphasized that while SCAG is committed to implementing these action plans, the agency accepts these findings because these corrective actions help SCAG to do better.

TC Chair Cheryl Walker asked a question about page 7 of the agenda packet which noted the status of recommendations being implemented and inquired as to when the remaining ICAP recommendations will be fully implemented. Executive Director Kome Ajise responded that in the next three (3) years, the remaining recommendations will be fully implemented. He also referenced the matrix on the staff report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Action Item


President Jahn introduced the item and asked Executive Director Kome Ajise to provide background information.

Mr. Ajise reported the Agency’s Work Plan is consistent, structured and aligned with the Strategic Plan adopted by the Regional Council in 2018. While there are important plans to be developed this year such as Connect SoCal and the 6th Cycle RHNA, he noted that there are also less tangible activities ensuring that SCAG continues to be the hub for technology and data and a workplace of choice to attract talent. Mr. Ajise stated that he developed three (3) key initiatives which are focused on staff development; building an agile technology infrastructure; and stakeholder engagement.

A MOTION was made (Finlay) to approve the agency’s Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2019-20. Motion was SECONDED (Michael) and passed by the following votes:

AYE/S: Berry, Clark, Finlay, Huang, Jahn, McDonald, Michael, Plancarte, Pollock, Talamantes, Walker and Wapner (12)
REPORT

NOE/S:   None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

Approval Items

3. Minutes of the Meeting – June 6, 2019

4. 2020 Meeting Schedule of the Regional Council and Policy Committees

5. SCAG Event Sponsorship Policy

6. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

7. SB 592 (Wiener) – Housing Accountability Act

8. Amendment 1 to the Memorandum of Agreement for the Metropolitan Planning Organization Partners’ Connect SoCal (RTP/SCS) Coordinator

9. Contracts $200,000 or Greater: 19-029-C01, Los Angeles Union Station/Civic Center District Study

Receive and File

10. Purchase Orders $5,000 - $199,999; Contracts $25,000 - $199,999 and Amendments $5,000 - $74,999

11. CFO Monthly Report

A MOTION was made (Walker) to approve the Consent Calendar Items 3 – 9; Receive and File 10 – 11. Motion was SECONDED (Pollock) and passed by the following votes:

AYE/S: Berry, Clark, Finlay, Huang, Jahn, Michael, Plancarte, Pollock, Talamantes, Walker and Wapner (11)

NOE/S: None (0)

ABSTAIN: McDonald (1)

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
President Jahn expressed appreciation for the EAC members for attending the recently-held retreat, July 18 – 19, 2019, at Big Bear Lake. He thanked Steve PonTell, National CORE; and Randall Lewis who led an informative and thoughtful session on Housing. The highlights of the retreat included a discussion on the 2019-20 Year Outlook and Strategic Initiatives, 2020 Connect SoCal, 6th Cycle RHNA as well as state funding opportunities. President Jahn stated there were discussions on how SCAG can plan an effective and essential role in assisting member jurisdictions with addressing the challenges to housing production to keep the Southern California economy thriving. Given the magnitude of the housing crisis in the region, President Jahn stated the members exchanged various ideas on SCAG’s role beyond RHNA.

TC Chair Cheryl Walker reported that the structure of the retreat worked very well and gave all participants an opportunity to discuss housing issues and RHNA process.

Councilmember Margaret Finlay stated she learned a lot and expressed appreciation for Steve PonTell and Randall Lewis who led the discussion regarding housing. She also thanked President Jahn for welcoming the members to Big Bear Lake.

Immediate Past President Alan Wapner also stated the retreat went very well and commented that it was beneficial listening to everyone’s perspective regarding housing and learning from each other’s city experiences.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Executive Director Kome Ajise commended President Jahn for hosting the EAC Retreat specifically focusing on housing. One of the outcomes of the Retreat is to think ‘Beyond RHNA.’ Although a state-mandated process, SCAG will need to seriously think on how to help the cities build houses beyond the RHNA numbers. He thanked Steve PonTell and Randall Lewis for leading the housing discussion.

Mr. Ajise reported he held Listening Sessions with all full-time SCAG staff in groups of ten (10). The goal is to receive feedback from staff and will compile the outcomes of those discussions.

Mr. Ajise also reported the RHNA Public Hearings have been noticed. The schedule and details of the Public Hearing meeting dates, times and locations are available on the SCAG website [http://www.scag.ca.gov/programs/pages/housing.aspx](http://www.scag.ca.gov/programs/pages/housing.aspx) and the back of the room. Mr. Ajise stated he is looking forward to public engagement.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEM/S**

None
ANNOUNCEMENTS
None

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, President Jahn adjourned the meeting at 9:25AM in memory of The Honorable Kay Sandra Ceniceros, former SCAG President 1985-86 and Riverside County’s first female Supervisor.

[MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE EAC]

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### Executive / Administration Committee Attendance Report

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