



Southern California Association of Governments  
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900 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700 - Policy B Meeting Room  
Los Angeles, CA 90017  
May 4, 2022

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC)  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2022**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES IS A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC). AN 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 regular meeting at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort and Spa, Director Suite B, 74-855 Country Club Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92260. A quorum was present.

**Members Present**

<b>Hon. Clint Lorimore, President</b>	<i>Eastvale</i>	<b>District 4</b>
<b>Hon. Jan Harnik, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</b>		<b>RCTC</b>
Hon. Jorge Marquez, Chair CEHD	Covina	District 33
Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Vice Chair, CEHD	Cerritos	District 23
Hon. David Pollock, Chair, EEC	Moorpark	District 46
Hon. Deborah Robertson, Vice Chair, EEC	Rialto	District 8
Hon. Art Brown, Vice Chair, TC	Buena Park	District 21
Hon. Alan D. Wapner, Chair, LCMC		SBCTA
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, President’s Appt.	El Centro	District 1
Hon. Larry McCallon, President’s Appt.	Highland	District 7
Hon. Donald P. Wagner, President’s Appt.		Orange County
Hon. Lucy Dunn		Business Representative

**Members Not Present**

<b>Hon. Carmen Ramirez, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</b>		<b>Ventura County</b>
<b>Hon. Rex Richardson, Imm. Past President</b>	<i>Long Beach</i>	<b>District 29</b>
Hon. Peggy Huang, Vice Chair, LCMC		TCA
Hon. Kathryn Barger, President’s Appt.		Los Angeles County
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Pechanga Dev. Corp.</i>	TGRP Representative

**Staff Present**

Kome Ajise, Executive Director  
Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer

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Debbie Dillon, Chief Strategy Officer  
Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer  
Sarah Jepson, Director of Planning  
Javiera Cartagena, Director of Government and Public Affairs  
Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer  
Michael Houston, Chief Counsel, Director of Legal Services  
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel  
Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board  
Cecilia Pulido, Deputy Clerk of the Board

### **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Honorable Clint Lorimore called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. President Lorimore asked First Vice President Jan Harnik, RCTC, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

President Lorimore opened the Public Comment Period and outlined instructions for public comments. He noted this was the time for persons to comment on any matter pertinent to SCAG's jurisdiction that were not listed on the agenda.

He reminded the public to submit comments via email to [ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov](mailto:ePublicComment@scag.ca.gov). The Clerk acknowledged there no written public comments for items not listed on the agenda.

Seeing no public comment speakers, President Lorimore closed the Public Comment Period.

### **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no prioritization of agenda items.

### **ACTION ITEM**

1. Findings to Continue Holding Virtual Regional Council and Committee Meetings under AB 361

President Lorimore opened the Public Comment Period.

Seeing no public comment speakers, President Lorimore closed the Public Comment Period.

A MOTION was made (Brown) that the Executive Administration Committee (EAC): (1) make the following findings required by Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) on the basis of the staff

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report, which is incorporated by this reference, that (i) a proclaimed state of emergency remains active in connection with the COVID-19 public health crisis, (ii) the EAC has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and (iii) state and local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing in relation to the COVID-19 public health crisis and, further, (2) authorize all legislative bodies of the Southern California Association of Government (SCAG), including the EAC, RC and all committees and task forces established by the RC or SCAG's Bylaws, to utilize remote teleconference meetings pursuant to and in compliance with Brown Act provisions contained in Government Code Section 54953(e). Motion was SECONDED (Viegas-Walker) and passed by the following votes:

**AYES:** Brown, Harnik, Lorimore, Marquez, McCallon, Pollock, Robertson, Viegas-Walker, and Wapner (9)

**NOES:** None (0)

**ABSTAIN:** None (0)

## 2. Resolution No. 22-643-1 Approving the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Final Comprehensive Budget

Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer, reported that through collaboration with our member agencies, SCAG works to develop solutions for regional problems, including transportation, housing and air quality. She stated that the fiscal year 2022-23 budget before them supports those goals and complies with its primary responsibilities of the sustainable community strategies, the Federal Transportation Improvement Program, the Annual Overall Work Program (OWP), and the transportation related local Air Quality Management Plans. She reported that on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, the EAC and Regional Council, respectively approved the draft comprehensive budget which included the OWP and the General Fund budget. Additionally, staff was authorized to release the draft OWP for public comment and noted that the public comment period closed on April 4<sup>th</sup> and no public comments received. She reported that Table 1 showed the budget total of \$124.7 million, which was an increase of \$5.1 million over the budget that was presented to them [the EAC and RC] back in March. She further explained that Attachment 3 to the staff report included a complete detail of every change contributing to that \$5.1 million increase, but as discussed in the staff report, the increase was predominantly attributable to the programing of \$6.8 million of Last Mile Freight Program grant funds, offset by a \$2.7 million decline and FTA 5303 funds, which was based on updated estimates received by Caltrans.

President Lorimore opened the Public Comment Period.

Seeing no public comment speakers, President Lorimore closed the Public Comment Period.

Hon. Alan Wapner, SBCTA, asked how many new staff and capital costs were proposed. Ms. Giraldo acknowledged the question and noted 11 new positions were proposed and no capital costs.

Hon. David Pollock, Moorpark, District 46, noted that the budget had increased by over \$6 million for consultants and asked what programs were involved in that increase. Ms. Giraldo acknowledged the question and stated there was a number of programs that were involved in consulting budgets but clarified that the consultant budget number was not just consultants. She stated the budget actually included money that they were going to be passing through to member agencies or to sub recipients. She stated that later when the programs were fully defined by the planning division, then those funds would get allocated and shifted into the appropriate account.

A MOTION was made (Marquez) that the Executive Administration Committee recommend to the Regional Council to: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 22-643-1 approving the Fiscal Year 2022-23 (FY 2022-23) Final Comprehensive Budget, subject to approval of the General Fund Budget and Membership Dues Assessment by the SCAG General Assembly; 2) Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to submit the FY 2022-23 Overall Work Program (OWP) to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Federal Transit Administration (FTA); and 3) Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to submit the FY23 Indirect Cost Rate Proposal (ICRP) and the FY23 Fringe Benefits Cost Rate Proposal to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Motion was SECONDED (Pollock) and passed by the following votes:

**AYES:** Brown, Harnik, Lorimore, Marquez, McCallon, Pollock, Robertson, Viegas-Walker, Wagner, and Wapner (9)

**NOES:** None (0)

**ABSTAIN:** None (0)

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

President Lorimore opened the Public Comment Period.

Seeing no public comment speakers, President Lorimore closed the Public Comment Period.

### Approval Items

3. Minutes of the Regular Meeting – of the Regular Meeting – April 6, 2022 and Special Meeting – April 22, 2022



4. Contract Amendment \$75,000 or Greater: Contract No. 22-020-C01, Go Human Safety Strategies
5. Housing Bills of Interest
6. SB 1410 (Caballero) – CEQA Transportation Impacts
7. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorship

Receive and File

8. CFO Monthly Report

A MOTION was made (Brown) to approve Consent Calendar, Items 3 through 7; Receive and File Item 8. Motion was SECONDED (Pollock) and passed by the following votes:

**AYES:** Brown, Harnik, Lorimore, Marquez, McCallon, Pollock, Robertson, Viegas-Walker, Wagner, and Wapner (9)

**NOES:** None (0)

**ABSTAIN:** None (0)

**CFO REPORT**

Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer highlighted that in April SCAG staff met with the FTA and FHWA for their recertification, which is required every four years. She noted that the Planning division under Ms. Jepson’s leadership and the Government Affairs division under Ms. Cartagena’s leadership did an excellent job presenting not only their compliance with the required federal statutes and regulations, but also demonstrating the tremendous work that they do as an organization throughout the region. She reported that they had received preliminary news that SCAG will be recertified for another four years.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

President Lorimore reported that on April 20<sup>th</sup>, he joined the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce for their ACCESS Sacramento trip, where they met with Senator Susan Rubio, who was very receptive, and Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian to discuss SCAG’s budget priorities. He noted they were up again in Sacramento the following week to meet with members and discuss SCAG’s funding priorities and the need for additional investments in the Infill Infrastructure Grant program.

He stated that they met with Assembly Transportation Chair, Laura Friedman, Assemblymember Smitty Smith, and Assemblymember Majority Leader Eloise Gomez-Reyes. Lastly, he reported that the next EAC meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Ajise reported that on April 21, he participated in a panel at CoMotion Miami to discuss SCAG's equity work in the region and our role in increasing equitable transportation options in our nation. He also reported that in collaboration with our partners at ESRI and member city staff, he participated in a panel discussion at the APA conference in San Diego focused on coordinating local planning initiatives and highlighted our Regional Data Platform. He further reported that SCAG's Strategic Plan was last updated in 2017 and staff would be kicking off the data gathering process with the consultant, Loree Goffignon, of Performance Works. He informed the members that the Clerk of the Board would be working with the consultant to schedule time with each EAC member in May to start gathering their input on shaping the next plan. He indicated that he anticipated this would also be a topic at the June EAC retreat currently being planned with incoming President Harnik. Lastly, he informed the EAC members that they had been advised that there was a noticed of intent to sue the Federal Government by the AQMD.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park, District 21, noted the recent announcement by Metropolitan Water District (MWD) on water. Executive Director Ajise stated that the EEC Chair had requested a presentation on water. Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto, District 8, stated that Executive Director Ajise had informed her that they were working on having a presentation at the EEC from MWD.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Lorimore adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Executive Administration Committee at 3:44 p.m.

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Executive / Administration Committee Attendance Report

2021-22																
MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR 06	APR 22	MAY	Total Mtgs Attended To Date
Hon. Clint Lorimore, President	Eastvale	District 4	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
Hon. Jan Harnik, Chair, 1st Vice Chair		RCTC	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
Sup. Carmen Ramirez, 2nd Vice Chair		Ventura County	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	11
Hon. Rex Richardson, Imm. Past President	Long Beach	District 29	1	0		0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4
Hon. Jorge Marquez, Chair, CEHD	Covina	District 33	1	0	<b>D</b>	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	6
Hon. Frank Yokoyama, Vice Chair, CEHD	Cerritos	District 23	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
Hon. David Pollock, Chair, EEC	Moorpark	District 46	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
Hon. Deborah Roberston, Vice Chair, EEC	Rialto	District 8	1	1	<b>A</b>	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	9
Hon. Art Brown, Vice Chair, TC	Buena Park	District 21	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
Hon. Alan Wapner, Chair, LCMC		SBCTA	1	1	<b>R</b>	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	10
Hon. Peggy Huang, Vice Chair, LCMC		TCA	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	11
Sup. Kathryn Barger, President's Appt.		Los Angeles County	1	1		1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	9
Hon. Larry McCallon, President's Appt.	Highland	District 7	1	1	<b>K</b>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, President's Appt.	El Centro	District 1	1	1		1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	10
Sup. Donald P. Wagner, President's Appt.		Orange County	1	1		1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	Pechanga Dev. Corporation	Tribal Government Regional Planning Board	1	0		0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	6
Ms. Lucy Dunn, Ex-Officio Member	Lewis Group of Companies	Business Representative										1	1	1	1	4
			16	13		0	14	13	13	12	13	14	14	15	14	163

Attachment: EAC Attendance Sheet 2021-22 (Minutes of the Meeting - May 4, 2022)