

**ASSOCIATION OF BAY  
AREA GOVERNMENTS**  
**Meeting Transcript**



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## FINANCE COMMITTEE

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026, 4:45 PM

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5 **CHAIR, PAT ECKLUND:** DAVID RABBITT IS EN ROUTE. HE'S OUR  
6 FABULOUS CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR. AND THIS MEETING IS BEING  
7 WEBCAST ON THE ABAG WEB SITE. COMMITTEE MEMBERS PARTICIPATING  
8 BY ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK SHOULD USE THE RAISED HAND FEATURE OR  
9 DIAL STAR NINE, AND I WILL CALL UPON THEM TO SPEAK. MEMBERS OF  
10 THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING BY ZOOM WHO WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A  
11 PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY AGENDA ITEM MAY USE THE RAISED HAND  
12 FEATURE OR DIAL STAR NINE IF YOU ARE ON THE PHONE. MEMBERS OF  
13 THE PUBLIC IN THE BOARDROOM SHOULD FORM A LINE NEAR THE PODIUM  
14 AND THE CLERK WILL CALL YOU TO SPEAK. SO, FIRST, UNDER AGENDA  
15 ITEM NUMBER ONE, WE CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER. AND, FRED,  
16 COULD YOU DO THE ROLL CALL?

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18 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** YES. THIS IS ROLL CALL FOR ABAG FINANCE  
19 COMMITTEE. COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS?

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21 SUSAN ADAMS: HERE

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23 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** DUONG? IS ABSENT. ECKLUND?

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25 CHAIR, PAT ECKLUND: PRESENT.

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2 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MOTOYAMA?

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4 **LISA MOTOYAMA:** PRESENT.

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6 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** RABBITT? IS ABSENT. RAMOS?

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8 **PRES. BELIA RAMOS:** HERE

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10 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** ROMERO?

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12 **CARLOS ROMERO:** PRESENT.

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14 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** QUORUM IS PRESENT.

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16 **CHAIR, PAT ECKLUND:** GREAT. THANK YOU. COULD YOU PLEASE MAKE  
17 THE COMPENSATION ANNOUNCEMENT?

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19 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** YES. ACCORDING TO STATE LAW, I AM MAKING  
20 THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT. THE MEMBERS OF THE ABAG FINANCE  
21 COMMITTEE IN ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING ARE ENTITLED TO  
22 RECEIVE PER DIEM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150, AND THAT THE PER DIEM  
23 SHALL BE PROVIDED AS A RESULT OF CONVENING A MEETING FOR WHICH  
24 EACH MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO COLLECT SUCH AMOUNT PER DIEM. THANK  
25 YOU.

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2     **CHAIR, PAT ECKLUND:** OKAY. THIS IS ELECTION OF THE ABAG FINANCE  
3     COMMITTEE CHAIR. ARE THERE ANY NOMINATIONS? OR DO I HAVE A  
4     MOTION AND A SECOND TO ELECT THE ABAG FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR  
5     AND VICE CHAIR?

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7     **PRES. BELIA RAMOS:** MADAM CHAIR, WITHOUT PREVIOUSLY CONSULTING  
8     WITH THE PEOPLE I'M ABOUT TO VOLUNTOLD, I WOULD LIKE TO  
9     EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO CHAIR RABBITT, WHO IS AT THIS POINT, I  
10    THINK, PROBABLY THE LONGEST SERVING ANYTHING ABAG IN ANY  
11    CAPACITY AND TO THANK HIM FOR HIS SERVICE. AND I WOULD LIKE TO  
12    NOMINATE YOU, MADAM CHAIR, TO BE CHAIR OF THE FINANCE  
13    COMMITTEE, AND TO NOMINATE MEMBER MOTOYAMA TO BE VICE CHAIR.

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15    **SUSAN ADAMS:** I'LL SECOND THAT MOTION.

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17    **CHAIR, PAT ECKLUND:** OKAY. COULD YOU CALL THE ROLL PLEASE?

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19    **PRES. BELIA RAMOS:** WOULD YOU PLEASE ASK FOR PUBLIC COMMENT  
20    FIRST?

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22    **CHAIR, PAT ECKLUND:** OH, THAT'S RIGHT. ARE THERE ANY MEMBERS OF  
23    THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

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25    **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** NO WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED. NO

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1 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN THE BOARDROOM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

2 THANK YOU.

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4 **CHAIR, PAT ECKLUND:** GREAT. THANK YOU. AND THEN --

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6 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** I BELIEVE WE ACTUALLY HAVE A HAND  
7 RAISED IN THE ZOOM SPACE.

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9 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** I'M SORRY. YES.

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11 **CHAIR, PAT ECKLUND:** THERE ON ZOOM.

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13 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MAYOR HANNON. HOW MUCH TIME FOR PUBLIC  
14 COMMENT?

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16 **CHAIR, PAT ECKLUND:** TWO MINUTES.

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18 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** TWO MINUTES. MAYOR HANNON, IF YOU WOULD  
19 LIKE WOULD YOU GIVE YOUR PUBLIC COMMENTS.

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21 **CHAIR, PAT ECKLUND:** WE CAN'T HEAR YOU. YOUR SOUND IS NOT ON.  
22 WE STILL DON'T HEAR YOU. MAYBE THE VOLUME NEEDS TO GO UP?

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24 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MAYOR HANNON, THIS IS FRED CASTRO, CLERK,  
25 FRED CASTRO. ARE YOU GIVING PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM TWO OF THE

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1 FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA? I DON'T SEE A RESPONSE.

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3 **CHAIR, PAT ECKLUND:** WELL, HE'S STILL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHY  
4 WE CAN'T HEAR HIM.

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6 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MAYOR HANNON, THIS IS FRED, CAN YOU HEAR  
7 ME?

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9 **CHAIR, PAT ECKLUND:** HE DID JUST HAVE HIS HEAD GO UP-AND-DOWN.  
10 SO. YOU'RE STILL NOT COMING ACROSS.

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12 **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MAYOR HANNON, THIS IS FRED CASTRO, YOU  
13 HAVE YOUR HANDS RAISED FOR ITEM TWO OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
14 AGENDA FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. HE HAS PUT DOWN HIS HAND. SHALL I  
15 PROCEED WITH THE ROLL CALL VOTE?

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17 **PRES. BELIA RAMOS:** IF WE COULD GO AHEAD AND MAKE SURE THAT  
18 COUNSEL IS COMFORTABLE WITH US PROCEEDING ON THE VOTE AT THIS  
19 TIME?

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21 **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** YES, I THINK WE CAN TAKE THE LOWERING  
22 OF THE HAND AS AN INDICATOR THAT MAYOR HANNON DOES NOT WISH TO  
23 SPEAK AT THIS POINT.

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25 **CHAIR, PAT ECKLUND:** WELL, HE'S NOW OUT OF THE ROOM, AS WELL.

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2     **COUNSEL, KATHLEEN KANE:** YEAH. I THINK WE CAN PROCEED. THANK  
3     YOU.

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5     **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** THANK YOU. ON THE MOTION BY RAMOS; SECOND  
6     ADAMS. COUNCILMEMBER ADAMS?

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8     **SUSAN ADAMS:** YES.

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10    **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** DUONG? IS ABSENT. MEMBER ECKLUND?

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12    **PAT ECKLUND:** AYE.

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14    **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MEMBER MOTOYAMA?

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16    **LISA MOTOYAMA:** AYE.

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18    **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** RABBITT? IS ABSENT. RAMOS?

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20    **PRES. BELIA RAMOS:** YES.

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22    **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** ROMERO?

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24    **CARLOS ROMERO:** YES.

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1   **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS  
2   PRESENT.

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4   **CHAIR, PAT ECKLUND:** GREAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NOW THE NEXT  
5   AGENDA ITEM IS PUBLIC COMMENT. WILL THE CLERK PLEASE INFORM US  
6   IF THERE IS ANY PUBLIC COMMENT?

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8   **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** ON THIS ITEM, NO WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE  
9   RECEIVED. NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN THE BOARDROOM FOR PUBLIC  
10   COMMENT.

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12   **CHAIR, PAT ECKLUND:** THANK YOU. SO NO COMMENTS. NEXT AGENDA  
13   ITEM IS COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS. ARE THERE ANY  
14   ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ANY OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS? LOOKING TO MY  
15   LEFT; LOOKING TO MY RIGHT. NO COMMENTS. THE ONLY COMMENT I HAD  
16   IS MY MOM TURNED 99 ON TUESDAY. [LAUGHTER] I KNOW. SO, NOW  
17   WE'LL MOVE ON TO THE CHAIR'S REPORT. AND THERE IS NO CHAIR'S  
18   REPORT TO BE GIVEN. OKAY. WE'LL MOVE ON TO THE CONSENT  
19   CALENDAR. THIS IS AN ABAG FINANCE COMMITTEE ACTION ITEM. AND,  
20   SO, DO I HAVE A MOTION?

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22   **SPEAKER:** I'LL MOVE.

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24   **CHAIR, PAT ECKLUND:** AND I'LL SECOND THE MOTION.

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1   **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** FRED, COULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?

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3   **CARLOS ROMERO:** SHOULD WE DO PUBLIC COMMENT?

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5   **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** ON ITEM, NO WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED. IN  
6   THE BOARDROOM, NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH COMMENT. ON THE  
7   MOTION BY MOTOYAMA; SECOND BY ECKLUND. COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS?

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9   **SUSAN ADAMS:** YES.

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11   **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** DUONG IS ABSENT. MEMBER ECKLUND?

12

13   **CHAIR, PAT ECKLUND:** AYE.

14

15   **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MOTOYAMA?

16

17   **LISA MOTOYAMA:** AYE.

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19   **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** RABBITT? IS ABSENT. SUPERVISOR RAMOS?

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21   **PRES. BELIA RAMOS:** YES.

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23   **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** COUNCIL MEMBER ROMERO?

24

25   **CARLOS ROMERO:** YES.

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2     **CLERK, FRED CASTRO:** MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL MEMBERS  
3     PRESENT.

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5     **CHAIR, PAT ECKLUND:** GO TO THE LAST AGENDA ITEM; THIS IS  
6     ADJOURNMENT. THERE WILL BE NO FINANCE COMMITTEE FEBRUARY  
7     MEETING. STAFF HAD ANTICIPATED A FEBRUARY DATE FOR THE  
8     EXECUTIVE BOARD CONSIDERATION OF PLANNED BAY AREA 2050, WHICH  
9     IS NOW ANTICIPATED FOR MARCH. SO, THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF  
10    THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL BE MARCH 19th, 2026.  
11    AND THIS MEETING OF THE ABAG FINANCE COMMITTEE IS ADJOURNED.

12    [ADJOURNED]