

# Association of Bay Area Governments

## Executive Board

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May 27, 2026

Agenda Item 3.a.

Election of Vice President of the Association of Bay Area Governments

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### Subject:

Election of the Vice President of the Association of Bay Area Governments

### Background:

The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Bylaws (amended June 2025) provide that the Executive Board shall take nominations for President and Vice President at a duly noticed public meeting, and that the President and Vice President shall be elected biannually by the Executive Board, with the term of office beginning July 1 of the election year. (Article IX.B) Pursuant to the Bylaws, the Executive Board must complete its votes for President and Vice President at least twenty days prior to the meeting of the General Assembly, at which time the General Assembly will take a vote to ratify the Executive Board's selections. This year's meeting of the General Assembly is scheduled for June 18, 2026.

At their May 21, 2026 regular meeting, the Executive Board held an agendaized election for both the President and Vice President positions. As member Susan Adams was the sole nominee for President, the Board approved a motion to elect her to the position, and to hold a roll call vote for the two Vice Presidential nominees, Member Ken Carlson and Member Wanda Williams. The motion stated that the Board would elect the Member receiving the majority of the votes.

Following the counting of the votes, it was initially determined that Member Carlson had won the election by a narrow twelve to ten vote margin, with two members abstaining. The Board then closed the item and moved forward with their regularly scheduled agenda. It's important to note that following the election, there were individual members that had to drop from the meeting, and others who were able to join.

Shortly after the closing of the item, staff determined that the vote had been tallied incorrectly. Rather than a majority winner, both Member Carlson and Member Williams had received eleven votes each. Immediately upon discovery, and following a brief recess to consult with staff and counsel, President Belia Ramos announced the error to the Executive Board. To ensure complete transparency and fairness to both nominees, especially considering the changed make-up of the Members then present, President Ramos determined that the most equitable action would be to hold an election for the Vice Presidential position at a Special Meeting the following week. As noted by President Ramos, the purpose of this meeting is to ensure a fair election for the Vice Presidential position, and to confirm the selection at least twenty days prior to the General Assembly meeting, as required by the Bylaws.

Should the General Assembly ratify the results of the Executive Board's election of both positions, the terms of the ABAG President and Vice President elected would be two years, from July 1, 2026, to July 1, 2028.

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### Issues:

None identified.

### Recommended Action:

Elect a Vice President of the Association of Bay Governments for the next two-year term beginning on July 1, 2026.

### Attachments:

- A. ABAG Bylaws (Amended June 2025)
- B. Memorandum re Ad Hoc Subcommittee Recommendation
- C. Summary Sheet – Election (May 21, 2026)

### Reviewed:



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