

Association of Bay Area Governments

Executive Board

May 15, 2025

Agenda Item 11.a.

Consideration of Proposed Amendments to ABAG Bylaws

Subject:

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Background:

ABAG's Bylaws were last amended in 2020. Certain procedural updates to the Bylaws would create greater efficiency and transparency for ABAG functions. Working with the President and Vice President, staff asks that the Executive Board consider the attached amendments denoted in redline and forward them, with any changes directed by the Board, to the General Assembly for their June, 2025 meeting.

The key changes in the attached relate to the following:

1. The deadline for voting on the proposed budget by the Executive Board has been adjusted so as not to require a special meeting in April for that action. This change also better aligns the ABAG budget with the MTC budget process.
2. The definition of "Immediate Past President" has been clarified to address the situation where the last-serving President is no longer eligible to be an ABAG representative.
3. The elections procedures for President and Vice President are proposed to be substantively amended. Under the existing Bylaws, the officers are elected by secret ballot by every elected official in the Bay Area. Existing procedure thus calls for a secret vote that is taken by a group that does not constitute any governmental body. Existing procedure is also inefficient to administer with the staffing available. The proposed change would have the election occur at the General Assembly's annual meeting.

Issues:

Any amendment to the Bylaws must be considered by the Executive Board and forwarded to the General Assembly representatives for their review 30 days prior to their meeting.

Recommended Action:

The Executive Board is requested to direct that this summary and the attached redline of amendments, along with any changes or explanations provided by the Board via its motion, be forwarded to the General Assembly for consideration at its June, 2025 meeting.

Attachments:

- A. Redline of proposed amendments to the ABAG Bylaws.

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Reviewed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew B. Fremier". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andrew" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Fremier".

Andrew B. Fremier