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## Meeting Minutes - Draft

### ABAG General Assembly

*President, Belia Ramos, Supervisor, County of Napa*  
*Vice Pres, Carlos Romero, Councilmember, City of East Palo Alto*  
*Past Pres, David Rabbitt, Supervisor, County of Sonoma*

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Friday, June 20, 2025

10:00 AM

Yerba Buena - 1st Floor

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#### Business Meeting and Conference

Association of Bay Area Governments  
General Assembly

The ABAG General Assembly is scheduled to meet at 10:00 a.m.

The Business Meeting is part of the ABAG General Assembly meeting.  
The complete agenda for the ABAG General Assembly meeting is available at:  
<https://abag.ca.gov/meetings>

#### Business Meeting

**1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call / Confirm Quorum**

President Ramos called the meeting to order at about 10:15 a.m.

Quorum of County Delegates was present.

County Delegates Present: Sylvia Arenas, Ken Carlson, Elisa Marquez, Belia Ramos, Wanda Williams (5)

County Delegates Absent: David Canepa, Eric Lucan, Rafael Mandelman, David Rabbitt (4)

Quorum of City/Town Delegates was present.

City/Town Delegates Present: Belal Aftab, Stephanie Andre, Mark Armstrong, Mark Belotz, Pablo Benevente, Evan Branning, Richard Brown, Susan Candell, Charlsie Chang, Sophie Cole, Drew Combs, Brando Cruz, Rod Daus-Magbual, Bien Doan, John Dugan, Pat Eklund, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Patricia Farrar-Rivas, Dan Furtado, Michael Hannon, Diana Hawkins-Manuelian, Stephanie Hellman, Alma Hernandez, Chris Herrod, Mary Hufty, Jean Josey, Rachel Kertz, Art Kiesel, C. William Kircher, Sylvia Lemus, Cliff Lentz, Hon Lien, Jennifer Long, Adam Loraine, Lisa Maglio, Satinder Malhi, Latika Malkani, Eduardo Martinez, Diosdado (J.R.) Matulac, Kitty Moore, Lisa Motoyama, Devin Murphy, Jeffrey Nibert, Kevin Park, Stephen Rainaldi, Emily Ramos, Carlos Romero, Scott Sakakihara, Emily Sanborn, Cindy Silva, Holly Tillman, Vicki Veenker, Chantel Walker, Alexander Walker-Griffin, Anissa Williams, Greg Wright, Rita Xavier, Stephen Zollman (58)

City/Town Delegates Absent: Dionne Adams, Sandy Alvarez, Bryan Azevedo, Eli Beckman, Melissa Blaustein, Stephen Burke, Sarah Chapman, Jane Cooper, Pete Dailey, Joanne del Rosario, Paul Dohring, Sarah Donnelly, Katie Eakin, Victoria Fleming, Kevin Johnson, Eric Knight, Todd Lands, Robin Lopez, Irais Lopez-Ortega, Daniel Lurie, Trevor Macenski, Carol Marques, Yvonne Martinez Beltran, Julia Mates, Bryan Mekechuk, Jovita Mendoza, Catherine Moy, Bernie Narvaez, Isaac Nikfar, Sue Noack, Deborah Penrose, Rob Rennie, Sam Salmon, Raj Salwan, Peter Stevenson, Linda Swan, Courtney Welch, Monica Wilson, Francisco Zermeno (39)

City/Town Delegates Vacant: City of Berkeley, City of Oakland, City of South San Francisco, City of Petaluma (4)

**2. Public Comment**

**3. General Assembly Member Announcements**

**4. President's Report**

- 4a. [25-0903](#) ABAG President's Report of June 20, 2025  
President Ramos gave the report.

**5. Executive Director's Report**

- 5a. [25-0904](#) Executive Director's Report of June 20, 2025  
Andrew Fremier gave the report.

**6. Business Meeting Minutes**

- 6a. [25-0905](#) County Approval of ABAG General Assembly Business Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2024

Upon the County motion by Williams and second by Carlson, the ABAG General Assembly County Delegates approved the minutes of June 21, 2024 with correction of dates on pages 3 and 4. The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Ayes: Sylvia Arenas, Ken Carlson, Elisa Marquez, Belia Ramos, Wanda Williams (5)

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: David Canepa, Eric Lucan, Rafael Mandelman, David Rabbitt (4)

**6b.**     [25-0906](#)     City and Town Approval of ABAG General Assembly Business Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2024

Upon the City/Town motion by Zollman and second by Walker-Griffin, the ABAG General Assembly City/Town Delegates approved the minutes of June 21, 2024 with correction of dates on pages 3 and 4. The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Ayes: Belal Aftab, Stephanie Andre, Mark Armstrong, Mark Belotz, Pablo Benevente, Evan Branning, Richard Brown, Susan Candell, Charlise Chang, Sophie Cole, Drew Combs, Brando Cruz, Rod Daus-Magbual, Bien Doan, John Dugan, Pat Eklund, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Patricia Farrar-Rivas, Dan Furtado, Michael Hannon, Diana Hawkins-Manuelian, Stephanie Hellman, Alma Hernandez, Chris Herrod, Mary Hufty, Jean Josey, Rachel Kertz, Art Kiesel, C. William Kircher, Sylvia Lemus, Cliff Lentz, Hon Lien, Jennifer Long, Adam Loraine, Lisa Maglio, Satinder Malhi, Latika Malkani, Eduardo Martinez, Diosdado (J.R.) Matulac, Kitty Moore, Lisa Motoyama, Devin Murphy, Jeffrey Nibert, Kevin Park, Stephen Rainaldi, Emily Ramos, Carlos Romero, Scott Sakakihara, Emily Sanborn, Cindy Silva, Holly Tillman, Vicki Veenker, Chantel Walker, Alexander Walker-Griffin, Anissa Williams, Greg Wright, Rita Xavier, Stephen Zollman (58)

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Dionne Adams, Sandy Alvarez, Bryan Azevedo, Eli Beckman, Melissa Blaustein, Stephen Burke, Sarah Chapman, Jane Cooper, Pete Dailey, Joanne del Rosario, Paul Dohring, Sarah Donnelly, Katie Eakin, Victoria Fleming, Kevin Johnson, Eric Knight, Todd Lands, Robin Lopez, Irais Lopez-Ortega, Daniel Lurie, Trevor Macenski, Carol Marques, Yvonne Martinez Beltran, Julia Mates, Bryan Mekechuk, Jovita Mendoza, Catherine Moy, Bernie Narvaez, Isaac Nikfar, Sue Noack, Deborah Penrose, Rob Rennie, Sam Salmon, Raj Salwan, Peter Stevenson, Linda Swan, Courtney Welch, Monica Wilson, Francisco Zermeno (39)

City/Town Delegates Vacant: City of Berkeley, City of Oakland, City of South San Francisco, City of Petaluma (4)

## **7. Proposed FY 2025-26 Operating Budget and Work Program**

Derek Hansel gave the report.

- 7a. [25-0907](#) County Adoption of Resolution No. 7-2025 authorizing the Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Operating Budget and Work Program

Upon the County motion by Marquez and second by Arenas, the ABAG General Assembly County Delegates adopted ABAG Resolution No. 7-2025--Approval of the Association of Bay Area Governments Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operating Budget and Work Program. The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Ayes: Sylvia Arenas, Ken Carlson, Elisa Marquez, Belia Ramos, Wanda Williams (5).

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: David Canepa, Eric Lucan, Rafael Mandelman, David Rabbitt (4).

- 7b. [25-0908](#) City and Town Adoption of Resolution No. 7-2025 authorizing the Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Operating Budget and Work Program

Upon the City/Town motion by Benevente and second by Matulac, the ABAG General Assembly City/Town Delegates adopted ABAG Resolution No. 7-2025--Approval of the Association of Bay Area Governments Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operating Budget and Work Program. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Belal Aftab, Stephanie Andre, Mark Armstrong, Pablo Benevente, Evan Branning, Richard Brown, Susan Candell, Charlsie Chang, Sophie Cole, Drew Combs, Brando Cruz, Rod Daus-Magbual, Bien Doan, John Dugan, Pat Eklund, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Patricia Farrar-Rivas, Dan Furtado, Michael Hannon, Diana Hawkins-Manuelian, Stephanie Hellman, Alma Hernandez, Chris Herrod, Mary Hufty, Jean Josey, Rachel Kertz, Art Kiesel, C. William Kircher, Sylvia Lemus, Cliff Lentz, Hon Lien, Jennifer Long, Adam Loraine, Lisa Maglio, Satinder Malhi, Latika Malkani, Eduardo Martinez, Diosdado (J.R.) Matulac, Kitty Moore, Lisa Motoyama, Devin Murphy, Jeffrey Nibert, Kevin Park, Stephen Rainaldi, Emily Ramos, Carlos Romero, Scott Sakakihara, Emily Sanborn, Cindy Silva, Holly Tillman, Vicki Veenker, Chantel Walker, Alexander Walker-Griffin, Anissa Williams, Greg Wright, Rita Xavier, Stephen Zollman (57)

Nays: Mark Belotz (1)

Abstain: None

Absent: Dionne Adams, Sandy Alvarez, Bryan Azevedo, Eli Beckman, Melissa Blaustein, Stephen Burke, Sarah Chapman, Jane Cooper, Pete Dailey, Joanne del Rosario, Paul Dohring, Sarah Donnelly, Katie Eakin, Victoria Fleming, Kevin Johnson, Eric Knight, Todd Lands, Robin Lopez, Irais Lopez-Ortega, Daniel Lurie, Trevor Macenski, Carol Marques, Yvonne Martinez Beltran, Julia Mates, Bryan Mekechuk, Jovita Mendoza, Catherine Moy, Bernie Narvaez, Isaac Nikfar, Sue Noack, Deborah Penrose, Rob Rennie, Sam Salmon, Raj Salwan, Peter Stevenson, Linda Swan, Courtney Welch, Monica Wilson, Francisco Zermeno (39)

City/Town Delegates Vacant: City of Berkeley, City of Oakland, City of South San Francisco, City of Petaluma (4)

## 8. Bylaws

8a. [25-0909](#) Consideration of Proposed Amendments to ABAG Bylaws

Kathleen Kane gave the report.

Upon the County motion by Ramos and second by Williams, the ABAG General Assembly County Delegates approved the Proposed ABAG Bylaws Amendments, as reported. The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Ayes: Sylvia Arenas, Ken Carlson, Elisa Marquez, Belia Ramos, Wanda Williams (5).

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: David Canepa, Eric Lucan, Rafael Mandelman, David Rabbitt (4).

**8b.**     [25-0910](#)     Consideration of Proposed Amendments to ABAG Bylaws

Upon the City/Town motion by Silva and second by Josey, the ABAG General Assembly City/Town Delegates approved the Proposed ABAG Bylaws Amendments, as reported. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Belal Aftab, Stephanie Andre, Mark Armstrong, Mark Belotz, Pablo Benevente, Evan Branning, Richard Brown, Susan Candell, Charlsie Chang, Sophie Cole, Drew Combs, Brando Cruz, Rod Daus-Magbual, Bien Doan, John Dugan, Pat Eklund, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Patricia Farrar-Rivas, Dan Furtado, Michael Hannon, Diana Hawkins-Manuelian, Stephanie Hellman, Alma Hernandez, Chris Herrod, Mary Hufty, Jean Josey, Rachel Kertz, Art Kiesel, C. William Kircher, Sylvia Lemus, Cliff Lentz, Hon Lien, Jennifer Long, Adam Loraine, Lisa Maglio, Satinder Malhi, Latika Malkani, Eduardo Martinez, Diosdado (J.R.) Matulac, Kitty Moore, Lisa Motoyama, Devin Murphy, Jeffrey Nibert, Stephen Rainaldi, Emily Ramos, Carlos Romero, Scott Sakakihara, Emily Sanborn, Cindy Silva, Holly Tillman, Vicki Veenker, Chantel Walker, Alexander Walker-Griffin, Anissa Williams, Greg Wright, Rita Xavier, Stephen Zollman (57)

Nays: Kevin Park (1)

Abstain: None

Absent: Dionne Adams, Sandy Alvarez, Bryan Azevedo, Eli Beckman, Melissa Blaustein, Stephen Burke, Sarah Chapman, Jane Cooper, Pete Dailey, Joanne del Rosario, Paul Dohring, Sarah Donnelly, Katie Eakin, Victoria Fleming, Kevin Johnson, Eric Knight, Todd Lands, Robin Lopez, Irais Lopez-Ortega, Daniel Lurie, Trevor Macenski, Carol Marques, Yvonne Martinez Beltran, Julia Mates, Bryan Mekechuk, Jovita Mendoza, Catherine Moy, Bernie Narvaez, Isaac Nikfar, Sue Noack, Deborah Penrose, Rob Rennie, Sam Salmon, Raj Salwan, Peter Stevenson, Linda Swan, Courtney Welch, Monica Wilson, Francisco Zermeno (39)

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**Conference: Regional Tools to Power Local Solutions****9. Keynote**

9a. [25-0911](#) Keynote Speaker: Dr. Christopher Thornberg, Beacon Economics, LLC

Dr. Christopher Thornberg will kick off the conference with a presentation on the economic strengths and challenges of the Bay Area.

Dr. Christopher Thornberg, Beacon Economics, LLC gave the keynote address.

## 10. Panel Discussion

10a. [25-0913](#) Panel of elected officials and leaders will highlight how regional tools and technical assistance have benefited local communities.

Bill Higgins, Executive Director, California Association of Council of Governments, moderated the panel comprised of Susan Adams, Councilmember, City of Rohnert Park; Angela Andrews, Councilmember, City of Hayward; Drew Combs, Mayor, City of Menlo Park; and Sahil Sirkay, Executive Director, Santa Clara County Cities Association.

## 11. Adjournment / Next Meeting

President Ramos adjourned the meeting. The next meeting of the ABAG General Assembly will be announced.