

February 12, 2021, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Chair Catherine Blakespear (Encinitas) called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9:08 a.m.

Action: **Approve**

The Board of Directors is asked to approve the minutes from its February 12, 2021, meeting.

1. Public Comments/Communications/Member Comments

Miguel Aguirre, member of the public, spoke regarding transit concerns in San Ysidro.

Mayor Mary Salas, City of Chula Vista, noted the completion of the 3rd Avenue Streetscape project and thanked SANDAG staff for their contributions to the project and ribbon cutting.

The Board of Directors adjourned to Closed Session at 9:16 a.m.

15. Closed Session: Conference with Legal Counsel – Potential Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(4) (One Potential Case)*

*This item was taken out of order.

The Board of Directors met in Closed Session on Item 15 and was briefed on the potential initiation of litigation. There was no reportable action.

16. Closed Session: Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (San Diego Association of Governments v. 8650 Via La Jolla Inc. et al., San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2017-00039831-CU-EI-CTL) and Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Assessor Parcel Numbers 344-280-08, 344-280-19, and 344-280-20, Property Located at 8650 Villa La Jolla Drive, San Diego, California) Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956(D)(1) and 54956.8*

*This item was taken out of order.

The Board of Directors met in Closed Session on Item 16 and was briefed on price and terms of a proposed settlement of litigation with Ulta Salon, Cosmetics, and Fragrance, LLC. to acquire real property for the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project.

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Chair Gloria, and a second by Chair Blakespear, the Board voted to authorize a total settlement of \$705,000 to resolve the referenced litigation.

Yes: Chair Blakespear, Vice Chair Todd Gloria (City of San Diego), Mayor Matt Hall (City of Carlsbad), Mayor Salas, Mayor Richard Bailey (City of Coronado), Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer (County of San Diego), Mayor Terry Gaasterland (City of Del Mar), Mayor Bill Wells (City of El Cajon), Mayor Paul McNamara (City of Escondido), Councilmember Jack Shu (City of La Mesa), Mayor Vasquez, Mayor Sotelo-Solis, Councilmember Christopher Rodriguez (City of Oceanside), Mayor Steve Vaus (City of Poway), Mayor Rebecca Jones (City of San Marcos), Mayor John Minto (City of Santee), Mayor Lesa Heebner (City of Solana Beach), and Mayor Judy Ritter (City of Vista).

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: City of Imperial Beach.

17. Closed Session: Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(D)(1) – Cities of Coronado, Imperial Beach, Lemon Grove, and Solana Beach v. SANDAG (San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2020-00033974-CU-MC-CTL)*

*This item was taken out of order.

No Closed Session briefing or discussion occurred on Item No. 17.

Chair Blakespear reconvened the Open Session at 9:51 a.m. General Counsel John Kirk reported out the actions taken in closed session.

2. Policy Advisory Committee Chair’s Report

None.

3. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Hasan Ikhtrata presented an update on key programs, projects, and agency initiatives, including the unveiling of NCTD’s new locomotives, Border Master Plan updates, a presentation given to the National Association of Regional Councils, the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Grant Program, and the Mid-Coast Trolley extension.

Consent

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Approve)

The Board of Directors was asked to approve the minutes from its January 22, 2021, meeting.

5. Policy Advisory Committee Actions (Approve)

The Board of Directors was asked to ratify the delegated actions taken by the Policy Advisory Committees.

7. Appointment of Policy Advisory Committee Members and Designation of Transit Representatives to the Board of Directors Program (Information)

This report summarized the voting and advisory members appointed to the Policy Advisory Committees, including the committee chairs and vice chairs appointed by the SANDAG Chair, and the designation of Board members as transit representatives for the purpose of meeting federal requirements.

8. Executive Director Delegated Actions (Information)

In accordance with various Board Policies, this report summarized delegated actions taken by the Executive Director since the last Board of Directors meeting.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Racquel Vasquez (Lemon Grove), and a second by Mayor Alejandra Sotelo-Solis (City of National City), the Board of Directors voted to approve Consent Item Nos. 4, 5, 7, and 8.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Blakespear, Vice Chair Gloria, Mayor Hall, Mayor Salas, Mayor Bailey, Supervisor Lawson-Remer, Mayor Gaasterland, Mayor Wells, Mayor McNamara, Councilmember Shu, Mayor Vasquez, Mayor Sotelo-Solis, Councilmember Rodriguez, Mayor Vaus, Mayor Jones, Mayor Minto, Mayor Heebner, and Mayor Ritter.

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: City of Imperial Beach.

6. Proposed FY 2021 Program Budget Amendment: Otay Mesa East Port of Entry (Approve)*

*This item was pulled from consent and presented out of order.

Mario Orso, Caltrans, presented the item.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Sotelo-Solis, and a second by Mayor Salas, the Board of Directors voted on the Transportation Committee recommendation to approve an amendment to the FY 2021 Program Budget, accepting \$42.52 million of state Trade Corridor Enhancement Program funds and transferring \$2.6 million from the existing State Route 11 (SR 11) and Otay Mesa Port of Entry: Segment 2A and SR 905/125/11 Connectors and SR 125/905 Southbound to Westbound Connector projects (Capital Improvement Program Nos. 1201103 and 1390506) to the SR 11 and Otay Mesa East Port of Entry project (Capital Improvement Program No. 1201101).

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Blakespear, Vice Chair Gloria, Mayor Hall, Mayor Salas, Mayor Bailey, Supervisor Lawson-Remer, Mayor Gaasterland, Mayor Wells, Mayor McNamara, Councilmember Shu, Mayor Vasquez, Mayor Sotelo-Solis, Councilmember Rodriguez, Mayor Vaus, Mayor Jones, Mayor Heebner, and Mayor Ritter.

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: City of Imperial Beach

Chair's Reports

9. Review of Proposed Amendments to Bylaws and Board Policies: Second Vice Chair and Leadership Election Schedule (Adopt)

Deputy General Counsel Amberlynn Deaton presented the item.

Gretchen Newsom, member of the public, expressed her support for the Bylaw amendments and reinstatement of the second Vice Chair position.

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Chair Gloria, and a second by Mayor Salas, the Board of Directors voted to adopt the proposed amendments to the Bylaws and Board Policies related to reinstating the Second Vice Chair position and the Board leadership election schedule.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Blakespear, Vice Chair Gloria, Mayor Hall, Mayor Salas, Mayor Bailey, Supervisor Lawson-Remer, Mayor Gaasterland, Mayor McNamara, Councilmember Ed Spriggs (City of Imperial Beach), Councilmember Shu, Mayor Vasquez, Mayor Sotelo-Solis, and Mayor Heebner.

No: Mayor Wells, Councilmember Rodriguez, Mayor Vaus, Mayor Jones, Mayor Minto, and Mayor Ritter.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

10. Election of 2021–2022 SANDAG Board Second Vice Chair (Approve)

Chair Blakespear introduced the item.

Former San Diego City Council President Georgette Gomez expressed her support for Mayor Sotelo-Solis for the Second Vice Chair position.

Gretchen Newsom, member of the public, expressed her support for Mayor Sotelo-Solis for the Second Vice Chair Position.

Chair Blakespear opened the floor for nominations. Mayor Salas nominated Mayor Sotelo-Solis for the Second Vice Chair position.

Councilmember Rodriguez nominated Mayor Jones for the Second Vice Chair position.

Action: Councilmember Rodriguez made a motion, seconded by Mayor Hall, to elect Mayor Jones as the SANDAG Board Second Vice Chair for the 2021–2022 term.

Upon a substitute motion by Councilmember Shu, and a second by Mayor Heebner, the Board voted to elect Mayor Sotelo-Solis as the SANDAG Board Second Vice Chair for the 2021–2022 term.

The substitute motion passed.

Yes: Chair Blakespear, Vice Chair Gloria, Mayor Salas, Supervisor Lawson-Remer, Mayor Gaasterland, Mayor McNamara, Councilmember Spriggs, Councilmember Shu, Mayor Vasquez, Mayor Sotelo-Solis, and Mayor Heebner.

No: Mayor Hall, Mayor Bailey, Mayor Wells, Councilmember Rodriguez, Mayor Vaus, Mayor Jones, Mayor Minto, and Mayor Ritter.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

11. SANDAG Audit Policy Advisory Committee: Appointment of Board Members (Approve)

Chair Blakespear introduced the item.

Stewart Halpern, Audit Committee public member, spoke regarding Audit Committee service requirements and thanked Mayor Wells for his efforts on the Committee.

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Chair Gloria and a second by Second Vice Chair Sotelo-Solis, the Board of Directors voted to approve the Board members of the SANDAG Audit Policy Advisory Committee as recommended by the SANDAG Chair, and to waive the three-year service requirement as it pertains to Councilmember Musgrove's appointment.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Blakespear, Vice Chair Gloria, Vice Chair Sotelo-Solis, Mayor Hall, Mayor Salas, Mayor Bailey, Supervisor Lawson-Remer, Mayor Gaasterland, Mayor McNamara, Councilmember Spriggs, Councilmember Shu, Mayor Vasquez, and Mayor Heebner.

No: Mayor Wells, Councilmember Rodriguez, Mayor Vaus, Mayor Jones, Mayor Minto, and Mayor Ritter.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Reports

12. *TransNet* Program: Financial Strategies (Adopt)

12A. *TransNet* Proposed 2021 Bond Issuance: Refunding and New Debt

+12B. *TransNet* Proposed 2021 Short-Term Notes Refunding

André Douzjian, Peter Shellenberger, Victor Hsu, Devin Brennan, and Russ Trice presented the item.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Vaus and a second by Second Vice Chair Sotelo-Solis, the Board voted to approve the Transportation Committee's recommendation that the Board of Directors, acting as the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC), adopt RTC Resolution No. RTC-2021-03, authorizing up to \$175 million of refunding certain outstanding bonds and the issuance of up to \$100 million of fixed-rate bonds, and the execution and distribution of the documents.

The Board also voted to approve the Transportation Committee's recommendation that the Board of Directors, acting as the RTC, adopt RTC Resolution No. RTC-2021-04, authorizing up to \$537.5 million of refunding notes, and the execution and distribution of the documents.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Blakespear, Vice Chair Gloria, Vice Chair Sotelo-Solis, Mayor Salas, Mayor Bailey, Supervisor Lawson-Remer, Mayor Gaasterland, Mayor McNamara, Councilmember Spriggs, Councilmember Shu, Mayor Vasquez, Councilmember Rodriguez, Mayor Vaus, Mayor Jones, Mayor Minto, Mayor Heebner, and Mayor Ritter.

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: City of El Cajon.

13. SANDAG Commitment to Equity Statement (Approve)

Mayor Vasquez introduced the item.

Craig Jones, Social Equity Working Group member, thanked staff and the Commitment to Equity Statement Subcommittee for their efforts, and expressed support for the framework to come.

Action: Upon a motion by Mayor Vasquez, and a second by Councilmember Rodriguez, the Board voted to approve the Commitment to Equity Statement Ad Hoc Subcommittee recommendation that the Board of Directors approve the SANDAG Commitment to Equity Statement.

The motion passed.

Yes: Chair Blakespear, Vice Chair Gloria, Vice Chair Sotelo-Solis, Mayor Hall, Mayor Salas, Supervisor Lawson-Remer, Mayor Gaasterland, Mayor McNamara, Councilmember Spriggs, Councilmember Shu, Mayor Vasquez, Councilmember Rodriguez, Mayor Jones, Mayor Heebner, and Mayor Ritter.

No: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: City of Coronado, City of El Cajon, and City of Poway.

14. 2021 Regional Plan: Moving from the Vision to the Plan (Discussion)

Director of Regional Planning Coleen Clementson and Chief Data and Analytics Officer and Chief Economist Ray Major presented an overview of the development process for the 2021 Regional Plan, initial performance results, key planning assumptions, and milestones for this year.

David Grubb, Quality of Life Coalition, spoke regarding desired outcomes for the 2021 Regional Plan.

Bee Mittermiller, Quality of Life Coalition, spoke regarding desired outcomes for the 2021 Regional Plan.

Noah Harris, Quality of Life Coalition, spoke regarding desired outcomes for the 2021 Regional Plan.

Nicole Burgess, Quality of Life Coalition, spoke regarding desired outcomes for the 2021 Regional Plan.

Gretchen Newsom, Quality of Life Coalition, spoke regarding desired outcomes for the 2021 Regional Plan.

Karl Aldinger, Quality of Life Coalition, spoke regarding desired outcomes for the 2021 Regional Plan.

Miguel Aguirre, member of the public, thanked staff and expressed support for the plan and equity efforts.

Flavio Oliverre, member of the public, spoke regarding economic equity in regional and border transportation planning.

18. Continued Public Comments

None.

19. Upcoming Meetings

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2021, at 9 a.m.

20. Adjournment

Chair Blakespear adjourned the meeting at 12:22 p.m.

Confirmed Attendance at Board of Directors Meeting

Board of Directors	Title	Name	Attend Virtually
City of Carlsbad	Mayor	Matt Hall (Primary)	Yes
City of Chula Vista	Mayor	Mary Salas (Primary)	Yes
City of Coronado	Mayor	Richard Bailey (Primary)	Yes
County of San Diego	Supervisor	Terra Lawson-Remer (Primary)	Yes
County of San Diego	Supervisor	Joel Anderson (Primary)	Yes
City of Del Mar	Mayor	Terry Gaasterland (Primary)	Yes
City of El Cajon	Mayor	Bill Wells (Primary)	Yes
City of Encinitas	Chair	Catherine Blakespear (Primary)	Yes
City of Escondido	Mayor	Paul McNamara (Primary)	Yes
City of Imperial Beach	Mayor	Ed Spriggs (1st Alt)	Yes
City of La Mesa	Councilmember	Jack Shu (Primary)	Yes
City of Lemon Grove	Mayor	Racquel Vasquez (Primary)	Yes
City of National City	Mayor	Alejandra Sotelo-Solis (Primary)	Yes
City of Oceanside	Councilmember	Christopher Rodriguez (Primary)	Yes
City of Poway	Mayor	Steve Vaus (Primary)	Yes
City of San Diego	Mayor	Todd Gloria (Primary)	Yes
City of San Diego	Council President	Jennifer Campbell (Primary)	Yes
City of San Marcos	Mayor	Rebecca Jones (Primary)	Yes
City of Santee	Mayor	John Minto (Primary)	Yes
City of Solana Beach	Mayor	Lesa Heebner (Primary)	Yes
City of Vista	Mayor	Judy Ritter (Primary)	Yes
Caltrans		Gustavo Dallarda (1st Alt.)	Yes
Metropolitan Transit System	Councilmember	Paloma Aguirre (Primary)	No
North County Transit District	NCTD Chair	Tony Kranz (Primary)	Yes
Imperial County	Supervisor	Sup. Jesus Escobar (Primary)	No
U.S. Department of Defense		Joe Stuyvesant (Primary)	Yes
Port of San Diego	Commissioner	Garry Bonelli (Primary)	Yes
San Diego County Water Authority	Councilmember	Mel Katz (Primary)	Yes
San Diego County Regional Airport Authority		Johanna Schiavoni (Primary)	Yes
Mexico	Consul General	Natalia Figueroa (Alternate)	Yes
SCTCA	Chairman	Cody Martinez	Yes