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Meeting Minutes - Draft

MTC ABAG Community Advisory Council

Vacant, Chair
Vacant, Vice Chair

Friday, March 6, 2026

10:00 AM

Board Room – 1st Floor

This meeting shall consist of a simultaneous teleconference call at the following location(s):

None

Roster

Victorina Arvelo, Padma Balaji, Michael Baldini, Diana Benitez, Chuck Cantrell, Amanda Chang, Warren Cushman, Ashton Desmangles, Bryant Duong, Julia Gerasimenko, Dwayne Hankerson, Wendi Kallins, Charles Lavery, Alexander Madrid, R. Shay Miles, Louis Mirante, Karen Nemsick, Peter Saathodd-Harshfield, Marlene Salazar, Joshua Saunders, Tim Sbranti, Sonja Shephard, Gaetano Trachtenberg, Carina Vinh Lieu, Janelle Wong, Gabriela Yamilet Orantes

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

Ky-Nam Miller called the meeting to order at about 10:04 a.m. Quorum was present.

The following member participated according to Government Code Section 84593(c): Joshua Saunders.

Present: 25 - Victorina Arvelo, Padma Balaji, Michael Baldini, Diana Benitez, Chuck Cantrell, Amanda Chang, Warren Cushman, Ashton Desmangles, Bryant Duong, Julia Gerasimenko, Dwayne Hankerson, Wendi Kallins, Charley Lavery, Alexander Madrid, R. Shay Miles, Louis Mirante, Karen Nemsick, Peter Saathoff-Harshfield, Marlene Salazar, Joshua Saunders, Sonja Shephard, Gaetano Trachtenberg, Carina Vinh Lieu, Janelle Wong and Gabriela Yamilet Orantes

Absent: 1 - Tim Sbranti

2. Welcome and Councilmember Introductions

[26-0314](#)

Welcome and Councilmember Introductions

Agency leadership will welcome the Council, swear them in as councilmembers, and councilmembers will be asked to briefly introduce themselves.

Andrew Fremier gave opening remarks.

Sue Noack gave opening remarks.

Council members gave introductions.

Council members made the Oath of Office.

Belia Ramos gave opening remarks by video recording.

3. Orientation (Part 1)

[26-0315](#)

Orientation

Staff will provide councilmembers with an overview of MTC and ABAG, describe their roles and responsibilities, and answer councilmember questions.

Matt Maloney gave the report.

4. Overview of the Brown Act

[26-0316](#)

Overview of the Brown Act

Staff will provide an overview of the Ralph M. Brown Act, including recent amendments that took effect in 2026.

John Myers gave the report.

5. Council Calendar

[26-0334](#)

Council Meeting Schedule

Staff recommends that the MTC ABAG Community Advisory Council adopt a meeting schedule with meetings to be held on the first Friday of the month from 10 a.m. to noon unless otherwise noticed due to federally observed holidays.

Ky-Nam Miller gave the report.

Upon the motion by Lavery and second by Shephard, the MTC ABAG Community Advisory Council approved a meeting schedule on the first Friday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Aye: 25 - Victorina Arvelo, Padma Balaji, Michael Baldini, Diana Benitez, Chuck Cantrell, Amanda Chang, Warren Cushman, Ashton Desmangles, Bryant Duong, Julia Gerasimenko, Dwayne Hankerson, Wendi Kallins, Charley Lavery, Alexander Madrid, R. Shay Miles, Louis Mirante, Karen Nemsick, Peter Saathoff-Harshfield, Marlene Salazar, Joshua Saunders, Sonja Shephard, Gaetano Trachtenberg, Carina Vinh Lieu, Janelle Wong and Gabriela Yamilet Orantes

Absent: 1 - Tim Sbranti

6. Council Elections Procedure

[26-0335](#)

Council Elections Procedure

Staff recommends that the Council formally adopt procedures for electing its leadership ahead of the April 2026 leadership election.

Ky-Nam Miller gave the report.

Upon the motion by Lavery and second by Shephard, the MTC ABAG Community Advisory Council approved voting procedures for selecting the Chair and Vice Chair. The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Aye: 25 - Victorina Arvelo, Padma Balaji, Michael Baldini, Diana Benitez, Chuck Cantrell, Amanda Chang, Warren Cushman, Ashton Desmangles, Bryant Duong, Julia Gerasimenko, Dwayne Hankerson, Wendi Kallins, Charley Lavery, Alexander Madrid, R. Shay Miles, Louis Mirante, Karen Nemsick, Peter Saathoff-Harshfield, Marlene Salazar, Joshua Saunders, Sonja Shephard, Gaetano Trachtenberg, Carina Vinh Lieu, Janelle Wong and Gabriela Yamilet Orantes

Absent: 1 - Tim Sbranti

7. Public Comment

8. Adjournment / Next Meeting

Ky-Nam Miller adjourned the meeting at about 12:49 p.m. The next regular meeting of the MTC ABAG Community Advisory Council is on April 3, 2028.