



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC)**  
~~THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025~~ **WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, 2025**

**Administrative Correction/Minutes Approved on September 3, 2025**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES IS A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC). AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>.

The Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting both in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically). A quorum was present.

**Members Present**

<b>Hon. Cindy Allen, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</b>	<b><i>Long Beach</i></b>	<b>District 30</b>
<b>Hon. Ray Marquez, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</b>	<b><i>Chino Hills</i></b>	<b>District 10</b>
<b>Hon. Jenny Crosswhite, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</b>	<b><i>Santa Paula</i></b>	<b>District 47</b>
<b>Sup. Curt Hagman, Imm. Past President</b>		<b>San Bernardino County</b>
Hon. David J. Shapiro, Chair CEHD	<i>Calabasas</i>	District 44
Hon. Rocky Rhodes, Vice Chair CEHD	<i>Simi Valley</i>	District 46
Hon. Daniel Ramos, Vice Chair EEC	<i>Adelanto</i>	District 65
Hon. Mike Judge, Chair, TC	<i>VCTC</i>	Ventura County
Hon. Thomas Wong, Vice Chair, TC	<i>Monterey Park</i>	District 34
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, Chair, LCMC	<i>Riverside</i>	District 68
Hon. Margaret Finlay, Vice Chair LCMC	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. Jan Harnik, President's Appt.	<i>RCTC</i>	Riverside
Hon. Mike Goodsell, President's Appt.	<i>ICTC</i>	Holtville
Hon. Wendy Bucknum, President's Appt.	<i>Mission Viejo</i>	District 13
Hon. Lucy Dunn		Business Representative

**Members Not Present**

Hon. Rick Denison, Chair EED	<i>Yucca Valley</i>	District 11
Hon. Karen Bass, President's Appt.	<i>Los Angeles</i>	Member-At-Large
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Pechanga Dev. Corp.</i>	TGRPB Representative

**Staff Present**

Kome Ajise, Executive Director

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Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer  
Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer  
Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer  
Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer  
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel  
Jeffery Elder, Chief Counsel/Director of Legal Services  
Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board  
Cecilia Pulido, Deputy Clerk of the Board

### **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Cindy Allen called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. and asked Hon. Margaret Finlay, Duarte, District 35, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

President Allen opened the Public Comment Period.

Ruben Duran, Board Counsel, acknowledged there were no written public comments received before or after the deadline.

Seeing no public comment speakers, President Allen closed the Public Comment Period.

### **REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no prioritization of agenda items.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

### **Approval Items**

1. Minutes of the Meeting – June 5, 2025
  2. Minutes of the Meeting – June 19, 2025 - June 20, 2025
  3. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: 25-030-C01, 2028 Games Transportation Demand Management Support Plan
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4. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: 25-031-C01, 2028 Games Freight Transportation Demand Management Plan
5. S. 1218 (Cantwell & Moran) – Transportation Assistance for Olympic and World Cup Cities Act of 2025
6. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

### Receive and File

7. Purchase Orders, Contracts and Contract Amendments below Regional Council Approval Threshold
8. CFO Monthly Report

A MOTION was made (Finlay) to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 6 and Receive and File Items 7 and 8. Motion was SECONDED (Hagman) and passed by the following votes:

**AYES:** Allen, Bucknum, Crosswhite, Finlay, Goodsell, Hagman, Harnik, Judge, Lock Dawson, Marquez, Ramos, Rhodes, Shapiro, and Wong (13)

**NOES:** None (0)

**ABSTAIN:** None (0)

### CFO REPORT

Erika Bustamante, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, reported the accounting team was preparing the fiscal year 26 membership dues letters to member agencies, and those would be sent out by the end of the month. She also reported SCAG had received approval for their Overall Work Program for fiscal year 26 from their funding partners, FHWA, FTA, and Caltrans, as well as the approval of their indirect cost rate from FTA. Additionally, she shared that while they were only two days into the new fiscal year, work had already begun on the development of the fiscal year 27 budget. She stated their budget team was compiling budget requests from SCAG divisions, and those were expected to be submitted in the months of July and August. Finally, she reported the contracts team was managing 191 active professional services contracts and the previous month they had conducted 18 formal procurements, including the two TDM projects that received the EAC's approval that day.

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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Allen thanked everyone for attending the annual Executive/Administration Committee retreat the previous month. She stated she was happy to have shared the priorities for her term as Regional Council President, which were: housing, getting ready for the 2028 Summer Olympics & Paralympic Games, and clean transportation technology. She expressed her appreciation for presentations from staff on emerging issues, economic analysis, and state climate policy, along with the outlook for the Regional Council and Policy Committee meetings this year. Furthermore, she stated that after much discussion and consideration, they would be making some adjustments to the meeting schedules moving forward. She stated they hoped these adjustments would better align with [member] travel considerations and make it easier for them to participate more fully. She stated they wanted to continue the spirit of collaboration and lively discussions they had over the past year while meeting in person. She explained they were moving the EAC meetings back to Wednesday afternoons before Regional Council meeting days. She stated these meetings would be at 3pm and conducted in a hybrid in-person and online format. She stated that for Regional Council meeting days, Policy Committees would move up to 9:30am and be held in a hybrid format. She stated that Regional Council meetings would start at 11:45am and be in-person. She explained that each member would be permitted one instance of remote participation over the next year. She also directed members to Chief Operating Officer and Chief Counsel for any questions. President Allen also congratulated Executive Director Kome Ajise as he had received the California Transportation Foundation's Lifetime Achievement Award at the 36th Annual Transportation Awards Gala. She stated they were pleased to see Kome recognized for his long and impressive career in transportation and public service at Caltrans and SCAG. Lastly, President Allen stated the next meeting of the Executive/Administration Committee was scheduled for Wednesday, September 3 at 3:00 p.m.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Ajise expressed his appreciation for the recognition of his lifetime achievement award. He stated he wanted to acknowledge how Items 3 and 4 on the Consent Calendar were a big deal for SCAG. He stated those were the two TDM studies they were conducting with respect to the Olympics and Paralympics, and he wanted to take a moment to thank [the members] for their approval. Furthermore, he shared the Governor had signed the 2025-26 state budget, which included housing production reforms and extended the REAP 2.0 expenditure deadline to December 2026. He noted that most of SCAG projects would make the June date, and they wanted to keep it that way otherwise they would have too many projects to try and close out in December. He also stated SCAG would continue to work with HCD to figure out the nuances of the statutory extension they got. He stated he thought there was some fine print they needed to work through with them, and they would work through that with them and hopefully continue to inform [HCD] how they were doing in delivering the projects. He expressed his intent to ensure every cent of the

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\$231 million dollars in the REAP program was expended just like they had done with the \$47 million in the REAP 1.0 program. He reported the California Transportation Commission adopted several funding programs, including \$35 million for active transportation projects in the SCAG region. However, he stated California had entered a conformity lockdown with the Federal Clean Air Act, preventing new regional transportation conformity determinations until resolution between CARB and EPA on emission estimation models. He stated this could impact the ability to advance schedules for new projects, particularly those related to the 2028 Olympics. Additionally, he reported the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) Conference had taken place in Seattle the previous month, and SCAG had a good representation there. He reported that Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer, was part of a mobility plan panel. He also shared Ma'Ayn Johnson, SCAG Housing Manager, was also on a panel showcasing the REAP program and how to reduce barriers to housing production. Executive Director Ajise also congratulated Regional Council member, Alan Wapner, who had been reelected to the NARC Board of Directors. He shared Regional Council member Wapner would be representing the entire State of California on that board. Additionally, he shared there had been a delegation trip to Washington, DC, where they advocated for resources for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Lastly, he took a moment to recognize Dr. Ray Wolfe. He shared that Mr. Wolfe had been a colleague and a friend, and he would be missed tremendously in the region. He stated Mr. Wolfe had been a voice of courage and reason in the business and had a distinguished record of leadership and service spanning three decades, not only in San Bernardino County, but also working for State Department of Transportation at Caltrans. He stated Mr. Wolfe spearheaded and accomplished major projects in his term as SBCTA Director since 2012, including the I-10 express lanes, the Redlands Passenger Rail Project, and what they thought was North America's first federally compliant, self-powered zero emission passenger train, the ZEMU San Bernardino. He stated he had done quite a bit to elevate the region and how he always valued Mr. Wolfe's insight when he would call him, because he knew he would get his unvarnished, honest opinion about things. He wished Dr. Wolfe well.

There were no public comments for the CFO report, President's report, or the Executive Director's report.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Hon. Wendy Bucknum, Mission Viejo, District 13, stated they had previously talked about having a presentation on the Olympics, and potentially having some representatives [attend the EAC meetings] that were involved. She asked where [this presentation] might land in timing as they moved into the coming months.

Chief Planning Officer Sarah Jepson addressed member Bucknum's request stating they were working on putting that session together for September.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Hon. Margaret Finlay, Duarte, District 35, addressed President Allen stating she knew it took a lot to put together a good program for the [EAC retreat] meeting and she had hit it out of the park. She stated she wanted to personally thank her as it had been informative.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Allen adjourned the Meeting of the Executive/Administration Committee at 2:28 p.m.

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