



AGENDA ITEM 2

REPORT

Southern California Association of Governments
June 5, 2025

MINUTES OF THE MEETING EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC) THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 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

Sup. Curt Hagman, President

Hon. Cindy Allen, 1st Vice President

Hon. Ray Marquez, 2nd Vice President

Hon. Jan Harnik, Imm. Past President

Hon. David J. Shapiro, Chair CEHD

Hon. Rocky Rhodes, Vice Chair CEHD

Hon. Jenny Crosswhite, Chair EEC

Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, Chair, LCMC

Hon. Larry McCallon, President's Appt.

Hon. Wendy Bucknum, President's Appt.

Hon. Lucy Dunn

Long Beach

Chino Hills

RCTC

Calabasas

Simi Valley

Santa Paula

Riverside

Mission Viejo

San Bernardino County

District 30

District 10

Riverside

District 44

District 46

District 47

District 68

Air District Representative

District 13

Business Representative

Members Not Present

Hon. Lauren Meister, Vice Chair EEC

Hon. Tim Sandoval, Chair, TC

Hon. Mike Judge, Vice Chair, TC

Hon. Margaret Finlay, Vice Chair LCMC

Hon. Karen Bass, President's Appt.

Hon. Alan Wapner, President's Appt.

Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.

West Hollywood

Pomona

VCTC

Duarte

Los Angeles

SBCTA

Pechanga Dev. Corp.

District 41

District 38

Ventura County

District 35

Member-At-Large

San Bernardino

TGRP Representative

Staff Present

Kome Ajise, Executive Director

Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer
Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer
Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer
Javiera Cartagena, Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer
Julie Shroyer, Chief Information 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 Curt Hagman called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Hagman 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 Hagman closed the Public Comment Period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no prioritization of agenda items.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no public comments on Item 1.

1. Resolution No. 25-673-1 Approving the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Final Comprehensive Budget

Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer, provided a presentation on Item 1. She reported that on March 6, the EAC and the Regional Council respectively approved the comprehensive draft budget which included the Overall Work Program (OWP) and General Fund Budget. She reported staff had been authorized at that time to release the draft OWP for public comment. She stated the public comment period closed on April 8 and no comments had been received. She informed the committee that the draft OWP had been submitted to Caltrans, FHWA, and FTA and their comments had been received, reviewed, and addressed. She stated that her presentation would be focused on the changes that had been

incorporated as the committee had previously received a full presentation back in March. She explained that since the budget development process begins so early in the fiscal year, there were changes that were incorporated between the draft presented in March and the final budget before them. She stated that in total the budget stood at \$414.9 million which was \$24.1 million more than the draft budget. She stated that the increase was attributable to three factors. The first being \$28.9 million to adjust the projected carryover budget for the multiyear projects that had been approved the previous month in budget Amendment 2. She reminded members this included \$9.3 million in new grants and the related cash and in-kind match and \$19.7 million for the carryover of CRP, CMAQ, and STBG funded projects. She stated there was an offsetting reduction in the budget of \$4.9 million to reflect the updated fiscal year 25 spending estimates included in the draft comprehensive budget presented in March which was almost entirely related to the Last Mile Freight Program. Lastly, she stated there was \$77,500 in new budget items including the corporation of two grants which totaled \$52,500 and \$25,000 budget requests for legal services for CEQA compliance.

A MOTION was made (McCallon) that the Executive Administration Committee recommend that the Regional Council: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 25-673-1 approving the Fiscal Year 2025-26 (FY 2025-26) Final Comprehensive Budget, subject to approval of the General Fund Budget and Membership Dues Assessment by the SCAG General Assembly; 2) Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to submit the FY 2025-26 Overall Work Program (OWP) to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Federal Transit Administration (FTA); and 3) Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to submit the FY 2025-26 Indirect Cost Rate Proposal (ICRP) and the FY 2025-26 Fringe Benefits Cost Rate Proposal to the FTA. The motion was SECONDED (Lock Dawson) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Allen, Bucknum, Crosswhite, Hagman, Harnik, Lock Dawson, Marquez, McCallon, and Rhodes (9)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

There were no public comments on Item 2.

2. Approval of Amendment No. 4 to Executive Director's Employment Agreement

Ruben Duran, Board Counsel, explained Item 2 was brought before the committee pursuant to the direction of the EAC's last regular closed session meeting. He stated the committee had conducted a performance evaluation of the Executive Director and instructed him as to negotiations on adjustments to the Executive Director's employment, including his compensation. He stated that before them that day, there was a proposed amendment [No.] 4 to the current existing employment agreement reflecting the committee's direction that he was given in the last closed

session. He stated this was all pursuant to [the Executive Director's] current existing employment agreement and SCAG Bylaws.

A MOTION was made (Shapiro) to recommend that the Regional Council approve Amendment No. 4 to the Employment Agreement between SCAG and Kome Ajise to adjust the Executive Director's Salary in response to positive performance review, and approve the Annual Work Plan for 2025-26. The motion was SECONDED (Bucknum) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Allen, Bucknum, Crosswhite, Hagman, Harnik, Lock Dawson, Marquez, McCallon, Rhodes, and Shapiro (10)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

Executive Director Kome Ajise expressed his appreciation for the conversations they had last time, and for the confidence they had in him. He stated this was more than an expression of his role there, but mostly an expression of the talented team at SCAG.

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Approval Items

3. Minutes of the Regular Meeting – April 3, 2025
4. Sacramento Summit Follow-Up and Partner Bills - Support
5. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

Receive and File

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

There were no public comments for Items 3 through 7.

A MOTION was made (McCallon) to approve Consent Calendar Items 3 through 5 and Receive and File Items 6 and 7. Motion was SECONDED (Marquez) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Allen, Bucknum, Crosswhite, Hagman, Harnik, Lock Dawson, Marquez, McCallon, Rhodes, and Shapiro (10)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

CFO REPORT

Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer, thanked the EAC for their support of the fiscal year 26 budget. She also added that the Audit Committee met on April 22. She stated Eide Bailey, the auditors, had been present which marked the official launch of their annual financial audit. She reported the auditors would be in the SCAG office the following week to begin the audit field work.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Hagman reported that in April, he joined Chief Operating Officer Darin Chidsey, and a delegation of SCAG Regional Council members for a tour of the Amazon Robotics Fulfillment Center in Ontario. He stated this 4.5 million-square-foot, five-story facility used robotics to automate and streamline the fulfillment process, from storing and moving inventory to picking and packing orders for shipping. He stated that SCAG Regional Council members and staff learned how robots and automation help workers quickly and efficiently process as many as one million daily shipments. Lastly, he stated the next meeting of the EAC was scheduled for Thursday, June 5, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Ajise provided a brief update on the Sustainable Communities Program – Smart Cities and Mobility Innovation Final Report. He shared that in April, SCAG published the final report for the Sustainable Communities Program – Smart Cities and Mobility Innovations funding cycle. He shared this report showcased how SCAGs jurisdictions around the region were innovating toward regional goals. He stated this program funded curb data collection and inventory, technology assessment and adoption, parking management, and permitting process evaluation. He stated the final report reviewed the eight projects awarded, with insights on effectively implementing innovative solutions in a range of contexts. He stated he wanted to share a moment of pride to report that as of the previous day, they were done with REAP 1 funding. He noted REAP 1 funding gave the region \$47 million. He indicated this money had been put to use across the region and the CFO had let them know that it was done, and they had spent every cent. Executive Director Ajise stated they looked forward to seeing all of them at the Presidents Reception that evening. He

stated the reception would begin at 6 p.m. in the Santa Rosa Ballroom. Lastly, he stated this was Supervisor Hagman's last EAC meeting in terms of being Chair and took a moment to thank him for his leadership. He stated it had been an exciting year.

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Patricia Lock Dawson, Riverside, District 68, stated she had been approached by several Mayors in the Inland region who had expressed interest in having SCAG put on some type of housing workshop for the Inland Empire. She stated she was not sure if this was within SCAG's purview or budget. However, having something to discuss such as what the status was for the housing stock, what their forecast was, what their needs were, and where they were going would be good.

Director Ajise acknowledged member Lock Dawson's request and stated they would work on it.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Hagman adjourned the Meeting of the Executive Administration Committee at 3:15 p.m.

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Executive / Administration Committee Attendance Report

2024-25																		Total Mtgs: Attended To Date	
MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	6-Jun	27-Jun	28-Jun	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY			
Hon. Curt Hagman, President, Chair		San Bernardino County	1	1	1	1	D	1	D	1	1	D	1	1	1	1	11		
Hon. Cindy Allen, 1st Vice Chair	Long Beach	District 30	1	1	1	1		0		1	0		1	0	1	1	8		
Hon. Ray Marquez, 2nd Vice Chair	Chino Hills	District 10	1	1	1	1		1		1	1		1	1	1	1	11		
Hon. Jan Harnik, Imm. Past President	Buena Park	RCTC	1	1	1	1		1		D	1		1	1	1	0	1	1	10
Hon. David J. Shapiro, Chair, CEHD	Calabasas	District 44	1	1	1	1		1		1	1		1	1	1	1	0	1	10
Hon. Rocky Rhodes, Vice Chair, CEHD	Simi Valley	District 46	1	1	1	1		1		1	1		0	1	1	1	1	1	10
Hon. Jenny Crosswhite, Chair, EEC	Santa Paula	District 47	1	1	1	1		1		1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	11
Hon. Lauren Mister, Vice Chair, EEC	West Hollywood	District 41					A	A			A	1	1	1	0	3			
Hon. Tim Sandoval, Chair, TC	Pomona	District 38	0	0	1	1		0	0	0		1	1	0	0	4			
Hon. Mike Judge, Vice Chair, TC		VCTC	1	0	0	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	0	8			
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, Chair, LCMC	Riverside	District 68	0	1	1	1		1		1	1		1	0	1	1	9		
Hon. Margaret Finlay, Vice Chair, LCMC	Duarte	District 35						0		0	1		0	1					
Hon. Karen Bass, President's Appt.	Los Angeles	Member-At-Large		0	0	1		0		1	1		0	0	0	0	3		
Hon. Wendy Bucknum, President's Appt.	Mission Viejo	District 13	1	0	1	1	K	1	K	1	1	K	1	1	1	1	10		
Hon. Larry McCallon, President's Appt.		Air District Representative	1		1	1		1		1	1		0	1	1	1	8		
Hon. Alan Wapner, President's Appt.		SBCTA						1		0	0		0	1	1	1			
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	Pechanga Dev. Corporation	Tribal Government Regional Planning Board	0	1	1	1		1		0	1		1	0	0	0	6		
Ms. Lucy Dunn, Ex-Officio Member	Lucy Dunn Strategic Issues Mar	Business Representative	0	1	1	1		1		1	0		0	1	1	7			
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Attachment: EAC Attendance Sheet 2024-25 (Minutes of the Meeting - April 30, 2025)