REPORT

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. A VIDEO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE ON THE SCAG WEBSITE AT: http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/.

The Regional Council (RC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held a regular meeting both in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically). A quorum was present.

Members Present

Hon. Cindy Allen, President	***Long Beach***	**District 30**
Hon. Ray Marquez, 1st Vice President	***Chino Hills***	**District 10**
Hon. Jenny Crosswhite, 2nd Vice President	***Santa Paula***	**District 47**
Sup. Curt Hagman, Imm. Past President		**San Bernardino County**
Sup. Martha Cardenas-Singh		Imperial County
Sup. Don Wagner		Orange County
Sup. Karen Spiegel		Riverside County
Sup. Vianey Lopez		Ventura County
Hon. Michael Goodsell		ICTC
Hon. Jan Harnik		RCTC
Hon. Alan Wapner		SBCTA
Hon. Trish Kelley		TCA
Hon. Mike T. Judge		VCTC
Hon. Gil Rebollar	*Brawley*	District 1
Hon. Gary Gardner	*Desert Hot Springs*	District 2
Hon. Linda Krupa	*Hemet*	District 3
Hon. Clint Lorimore	*Eastvale*	District 4
Hon. Frank Navarro	*Colton*	District 6
Hon. Helen Tran	*San Bernardino*	District 7
Hon. Acquanetta Warren	*Fontana*	District 8
Hon. John Dutrey	*Montclair*	District 9
Hon. Rick Denison	*Yucca Valley*	District 11

Hon. John Gabbard	*Dana Point*	District 12
Hon. William Go	*Irvine*	District 14
Hon. Debbie Baker	*La Palma*	District 18
Hon. Joe Kalmick	*Seal Beach*	District 20
Hon. Marty Simonoff	*Brea*	District 22
Hon. Jeff Wood	*Lakewood*	District 24
Hon. Emma Sharif	*Compton*	District 26
Hon. Mark E. Henderson	*Gardena*	District 28
Hon. Margaret Clark	*Rosemead*	District 32
Hon. Shaunna Elias	*Glendora*	District 33
Hon. Thomas Wong	*Monterey Park*	District 34
Hon. Margaret E. Finlay	*Duarte*	District 35
Hon. Keith Eich	*La Cañada Flintridge*	District 36
Hon. Steve Tye	*Diamond Bar*	District 37
Hon. Tim Sandoval	*Pomona*	District 38
Hon. Mark Waronek	*Lomita*	District 39
Hon. Drew Boyles	*El Segundo*	District 40
Hon. Nikki Perez	*Burbank*	District 42
Hon. David J. Shapiro	*Calabasas*	District 44
Hon. Laura Hernandez	*Port Hueneme*	District 45
Hon. Rocky Rhodes	*Simi Valley*	District 46
Hon. Steve Manos	*Lake Elsinore*	District 63
Hon. Butch Twining	*Huntington Beach*	District 64
Hon. Daniel Ramos	*Adelanto*	District 65
Hon. Steve Sanchez	*La Quinta*	District 66
Hon. Marsha McLean	*Santa Clarita*	District 67
Hon. Ulises Cabrera	*Moreno Valley*	District 69
Hon. Larry McCallon		Air District Representative
Ms. Lucy Dunn		Business Representative

Members Not Present	**Members Not Present**	**Members Not Present**
Sup. Kathryn Barger		Los Angeles County
Sup. Hilda Solis		Los Angeles County
Hon. Carlos Leon		OCTA
Hon. Zak Schwank	*Temecula*	District 5
Hon. Wendy Bucknum	*Mission Viejo*	District 13
Hon. Lauren Kleiman	*Newport Beach*	District 15
Hon. Valerie Amezcua	*Santa Ana*	District 16
Hon. Jon Dumitru	*Orange*	District 17
Hon. Ryan Balius	*Anaheim*	District 19

Hon. Fred Jung	*Fullerton*	District 21
Hon. Frank Yokoyama	*Cerritos*	District 23
Hon. Claudia Frometa	*Downey*	District 25
Hon. Ali Saleh	*Bell*	District 27
Hon. Suely Saro	*Long Beach*	District 29
Hon. Andrew Lara	*Pico Rivera*	District 31
Hon. Jesse Zwick	*Santa Monica*	District 41
Hon. Austin Bishop	*Palmdale*	District 43
Hon. Eunisses Hernandez	*Los Angeles*	District 48
Hon. Adrin Nazarian	*Los Angeles*	District 49
Hon. Bob Blumenfield	*Los Angeles*	District 50
Hon. Nithya Raman	*Los Angeles*	District 51
Hon. Katy Young Yaroslavsky	*Los Angeles*	District 52
Hon. Imelda Padilla	*Los Angeles*	District 53
Hon. Monica Rodriguez	*Los Angeles*	District 54
Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson	*Los Angeles*	District 55
Hon. Curren D. Price, Jr.	*Los Angeles*	District 56
Hon. Heather Hutt	*Los Angeles*	District 57
Hon. Traci Park	*Los Angeles*	District 58
Hon. John Lee	*Los Angeles*	District 59
Hon. Hugo Soto-Martinez	*Los Angeles*	District 60
Hon. Ysabel Jurado	*Los Angeles*	District 61
Hon. Tim McOsker	*Los Angeles*	District 62
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson	*Riverside*	District 68
Hon. Karen Bass	*Los Angeles*	Member-at-Large
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	*Pechanga Dev. Corp.*	Tribal Gov't Reg'l Planning Brd.

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
Carmen Flores, Chief Human Resources Officer
Julie Shroyer, Chief Information Officer
Jeffery Elder, Chief Counsel
Mike Maurer, Board Counsel
Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board
Jonna Hart, Sr. Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Allen called the meeting to order at 11:51 p.m. and asked Regional Council Gary Gardner, Desert Hot Springs, District 2, to lead the pledge of allegiance.

President Allen reported that due to a glitch with the handheld voting devices, they would be doing roll call votes for the meeting.

Board Counsel Mike Maurer noted that Mayor Frank Navarro from the City of Colton and Councilmember Nikki Perez from the City of Burbank would be participating through an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act. He asked both members to keep their video active during the duration of the meeting. He also noted that there was a request for an AB 2449 accommodation from Regional Council member Lucy Dunn. He noted she would be participating under the Just Cause exemption due to an illness. He also asked her to keep her video active and to confirm if there was anyone under the age of 18 or older. Regional Council member Dunn stated there was no one under the age of 18 or older in the room with her.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Allen opened the Public Comment Period for persons to comment on any matter pertinent to SCAG's jurisdiction that were not listed on the agenda.

The Clerk of the Board acknowledged there were no public comments.

Seeing no public comment speakers for items not listed on the agenda, President Allen closed the Public Comment Period.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no prioritization of agenda items.

CHAIR'S REPORT

David J. Shapiro, Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee (CEHD) Chair, reported that the Committee heard two informational items. He stated that first the Committee heard from a panel on shared equity homeownership models, innovative strategies included within the Connect SoCal 2024 that create a means for individuals and families with qualifying incomes to become homeowners at below market prices. He indicated that for this panel they received presentations from two speakers, Margie Brown, Executive Director of the Urban Homesteading Assistance Board, and Devin Culbertson, Vice President of Innovative Finance at Grounded Solutions

Network. He shared that they spoke about co-op and rent-to-own options for their communities. He noted the second presentation was a demographic data update from Dr. Kevin Kane, SCAG's Planning Supervisor of Forecasting and Spatial Analytics. He explained that the information from this presentation was vital to completing the work of their committee, which requires an up-to-date understanding of the region's people, housing, and jobs for where they were heading in the future. Lastly, he welcomed new committee members, Victoria Garcia from San Fernando, Sharona Nazarian from Beverly Hills, Sheila Rossi from South Pasadena, Valerie Vandever from San Jacinto, Betty Martinez-Franco from Irvine, and Megan Kerr from Long Beach.

There were no comments on the CEHD Chair report.

Rick Denison, Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) Chair, reported they had one action item and five informational items. He noted that they started off with the committee approving the sub-regional Sustainable Community Strategy Framework and guidelines for use in development of the 2028 through 2050 Regional Transportation Plan and the Sustainable Community Strategy. He indicated that the first information item was review of the EEC agenda items through June 2026. He shared that they received an overview of the Innovative Clean Transit Study, including the process, timeline, and desired outcomes for that study. He also noted that they received an overview of the Natural and Agriculture Lands Economic and Resilience Benefit Study and indicated that technical work was underway for this study and engagement would begin in the fall. He indicated the next presentation was a panel on ecosystem services with an economist and staff member from a regional conservation district that gave them an overview of the ecosystem services from natural and agricultural lands, such as carbon sequestration and water storage. Lastly, they welcomed Daniel Brotman from Glendale and Martha Cardenas-Singh from Imperial County.

There were no comments on the EEC Chair report.

Mike T. Judge, Transportation Committee (TC) Chair, reported they received two informational presentations from staff and approved three action items. He noted that two of the action items approved would come before the Regional Council and emphasized they were critical to the ongoing progress and support of SCAG's regional planning efforts and member support. He reported that Annie Nam provided an update on the Transportation Committee Outlook and future agenda items, which gives the committee an opportunity to understand future priorities for SCAG and the Committee's ongoing efforts to support the Regional Council. He also reported that Rachel Om provided an update on planning for the Main Street's program and noted this project was designed to support ongoing multimodal transportation efforts along with community events and activities throughout the region. He indicated it would facilitate collaboration between Caltrans, local agencies, and SCAG, as these studies areas encompass state routes located within city borders. He also reported that the Committee took action to approve 1) the 2024 Solutions for Congested Corridors program grant for the Metrolink Sustainable Locomotive Replacement Project; 2) the

2027 Federal Transportation Improvement Program; and 3) the Invest in Clean LMFP Rebate Program.

There were no comments on the TC Chair report.

President Allen stated that they had a total of three items to vote on in addition to several presentations. She explained that to maximize their time, they would be doing one roll call vote for Items 1, 2, and the Consent Calendar since they would not be using the handheld voting devices. She asked members to hold off from making a motion until they had gone through all the items.

ACTION ITEM

1. Program Development Framework to Support the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games

Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer, presented on the program development framework. She noted that they would have a panel discussion, which Kome Ajise, Executive Director, would facilitate. She indicated that the panel consisted of LA28 members and leaders from some of their non-venue cities who would talk about ways that they have been actively working to ensure that the games benefit their local communities and local economies. She shared that they had updated the website to include a dedicated games webpage which would provide information on SCAG's work in support of the games. She reported that the framework aimed to optimize legacy infrastructure investment, accelerate innovation through pilot projects, align policies and programs across jurisdictions, and showcase communities through placemaking opportunities.

There were no Public Comments on Item 1.

Kome Ajise, Executive Director, moderated the panel discussion and noted that they wanted to have a conversation about the LA Games and the non-venue cities. He introduced the panel members as follows: Vic Nol, Director of Venue Cities Relations at LA28, Olympian and Council Member from the City of Mission Viejo Brian Goodell, and Mayor Dan O'Brien from the Culver City. He indicated that the games were going to be regional and not only in Los Angeles. He further emphasized that they wanted to take this opportunity to have a conversation about how some non-venue cities were acting in terms of taking advantage of the potential of the games in their communities.

Mr. Nol shared he was responsible for the venue cities outside of the host city of LA that would be hosting events during the games, as well as LA County. He noted that his colleague, Rachel Xu was on their government relations team and was responsible for the non-venue cities. He discussed the upcoming 2028 Los Angeles Olympic and Paralympic Games, highlighting its significance as the third city globally to host three Olympic Games and the first to host Paralympics. He shared that the event was expected to draw 15 million spectators, 11,000 Olympic athletes, 4,000 Paralympic athletes, and 150 heads of state, with an economic output of $18 billion. He also noted that they had recently near-finalized their Olympic and Paralympic plan and stated that they would be utilizing existing venues across Southern California and Oklahoma City, with temporary builds only. He shared information on opportunities for municipalities to host live sites, training venues, and national houses, with LA28 providing support and resources without charging fees. He also explained that LA28 had been working across the region to acquire hotel room blocks for their stakeholders. He also noted that the games were set to open on July 14, 2028, for the Olympics and August 15 for the Paralympics, with volunteer recruitment expected to begin in 2026.

Council Member Goodell discussed Mission Viejo's Olympic hosting efforts. He indicated that Mission Viejo had been actively preparing to host events related to the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics for the last eight years, leveraging its sports facilities and diplomatic efforts to attract National Olympic Committees. He shared that the city had secured deals with several countries, including the Netherlands, which would use Mission Viejo as their home base, and had agreements with the U.S., Japanese, and French Olympic diving teams to train at their facilities. He indicated that the city's approach had been diplomatic, with representatives traveling globally to market their capabilities and invite nations to use their facilities.

Mayor O'Brien discussed Culver City's hosting efforts and noted that they had also been pursuing opportunities related to the Olympics, including hosting the Los Angeles Consular Corps and potentially becoming home to the New Zealand house. He focused on strategies for hosting Olympic-related events in cities, with a particular emphasis on Culver City's efforts to secure hospitality houses and event spaces. He highlighted Culver City's strategic advantages, including its proximity to major transportation hubs and the Olympic Village, and described ongoing negotiations with property owners and national Olympic committees. He emphasized the need to be flexible and nimble in considering all opportunities.

Executive Director Ajise asked the panelist how they balanced this short-term excitement to go after the games with what was going to be left when the games were done.

Council Member Goodell indicated they had a long-standing Olympic legacy at Mission Viejo and were committed to excellence in their facilities, training, and support for their community. He noted that this was a long-term commitment for them that enhances their city. He discussed their approach to hosting athletes, including transportation logistics and economic benefits, while emphasizing collaboration between neighboring cities to share facilities and resources.

Mayor O'Brian addressed the short-term economic projections for the New Zealand house, estimating a $2-4 million direct impact during the 16 to 18 days of the event and up to $5-8 million in indirect effects. He discussed long-term plans including establishing a business incubator hub two years before the games to mitigate costs for participating nations. He also discussed infrastructure improvements, community engagement, and legacy initiatives.

The Regional Council Members engaged in discussions with the panelists regarding the economic impact and legacy of hosting the Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

Regional Council Member Steve Sanchez asked how they were measuring the success of the Olympics and ensuring infrastructure remains in place after the Olympics.

Mr. Nol indicated they had made $160 million commitment to youth sports programs. Success metrics for the games were discussed, emphasizing financial responsibility, and inspiring the next generation of athletes and leaders.

Mayor O'Brian highlighted the need to balance housing development with business growth, including attracting international businesses, and improving infrastructure.

Regional Council Member Alan Wapner expressed frustration about the lack of consideration for Southern California's broader transportation needs, particularly for Metrolink, which may not be able to provide service due to funding constraints.

Executive Director Ajise stated that the Games Mobility Executive Team was working on addressing mobility concerns, with plans to provide a briefing on their progress in the future.

Regional Council Member Tim Sandoval shared the City of Pomona would be hosting cricket for the Olympic Games. He shared that the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments had established a committee to coordinate regional efforts, leveraging the diversity, and resources of nearby cities.

Regional Council Member Kelley asked the panel to share what the resources required were, such as staff time, police, fire, the associated costs for return on investment, and selling it to the community.

Council Member Goodell shared insights from Mission Viejo's experience, highlighting the importance of early planning, data collection, and demonstrating economic benefits through visitor tracking studies.

Regional Council Member Margaret Finlay asked what they could do to get involved in small cities.

Mr. Nol's suggested that cities familiarize themselves with the LA28 website, sign up for newsletters, and participate in quarterly "88 for 28" convenings to stay informed.

President Allen thanked the panelist for the work that they do and asked what the cities and LA28 are doing to collect volunteers.

Mr. Nol's discussed volunteer opportunities, noting that a volunteer portal would likely open in early 2026.

Executive Director Ajise highlighted the importance of travel demand management for both people and freight during the games. He thanked the panelist for taking the time to join them.

2. Resolution No. 25-675-1 Approving Amendment 1 to the FY 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget, including the Overall Work Program (OWP)

Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer, reported that staff recommended approving the resolution of the first amendment to the fiscal year 25-26 comprehensive budget. She stated that the amendment incorporated an additional $7 million of federal funding, increasing the overall work program budget from $408.5 million to $415.5 million. She reported that on July 30, Caltrans awarded SCAG $7 million in federal highway planning funds to support two key initiatives: 1) $1 million dollars for a resiliency and readiness planning study; and 2) another $6 million for a regionally coordinated marketing and communications campaign to promote transportation demand management strategies in support of the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games. She noted that with this approval, they would move forward to amend the budget to leverage this new federal funding and enhance SCAG's planning efforts and regional coordination, in particular around the 2028 games.

Regional Council Member Alan Wapner, SBCTA, asked if they could incorporate the World Cup Games as he thought it was another important event that they needed to immobilize as a region.

Ms. Giraldo indicated they could add the World Cup Games to it.

There were no Public Comments on Item 2.

CONSENT CALENDAR

President Allen stated that before they took action on Item 1, 2, and the Consent Calendar, she wanted to note a correction to the fiscal impacts section for Agenda Item 10. For the record, she stated that the correct SCCP grant amount was $52.606 million not $25.606 million."

The Clerk of the Board also reported that Regional Council Member Keith Eith had indicated that he attended the June Regional Council meeting. The Clerk noted that the minutes would be corrected.

Approval Items

3. Minutes of the Meeting – June 5, 2025

4. 2025 California Clean Air Day Proclamation

5. Amendment to Regional Council Policy Manual

6. Contracts $500,000 or Greater: 25-026-C01, State Advocacy Services

7. Contracts $500,000 or Greater: 26-001-C01, Environmental Systems Research Institute (Esri), Inc. Enterprise License Agreement

8. Contracts $500,000 or Greater: 26-006-C01, Southern California Airport Passenger Surface Transportation Study

9. Contract Amendment: 19-065-C01, 457 (b) Deferred Compensation Plan Services

10. Acceptance of the 2024 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP) Grant Award and Next Steps for the Metrolink Sustainable Locomotive Replacement Project

11. INVEST CLEAN (Measure 2.2) LMFP Rebate Program Announcement

12. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

Receive and File

13. September 2025 State and Federal Legislative Update

14. 2025 Executive/Administration Committee (EAC) Retreat Update

15. Status Update on Transportation Conformity Challenges in SCAG Region

16. 2025 Transportation Safety Regional Existing Conditions Report

17. 2027 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Guidelines

18. Purchase Orders, Contracts and Contract Amendments below Regional Council Approval Threshold

19. CFO Monthly Report

There were no Public Comments on the Consent Calendar.

A MOTION was made (Shapiro) to 1) approve the Games Mobility Program Development Framework; 2) adopt Resolution No. 25-675-1 approving a first amendment (Budget Amendment 1) to the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Comprehensive Budget including the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Overall Work Program (FY 2025-26 OWP) Budget in the amount of $7 million, increasing the FY 2025-26 OWP Budget from $408,497,515 to $415,497,515; and 3) Consent Calendar Items 3 through 12 and Receive and File Items 13 through 19. Motion was SECONDED (Finlay) and passed by the following roll call votes.

AYES: Allen, Baker, Boyles, Cabrera, Cardenas-Singh, Clark, Crosswhite, Denison, Dutrey, Eich, Elias, Finlay, Gardner, Go, Goodsell, Harnik, Henderson, L. Hernandez, Judge, Kalmick, Kelley, Krupa, Lopez, Lorimore, Manos, Marquez, McCallon, McLean, Navarro, Perez, Rebollar, Rhodes, Sanchez, Sandoval, Shapiro, Sharif, Simonoff, Spiegel, Twining, Tye, Wagner, Wapner, Waronek, Warren, and Wong (45)

NOES: Gabbard (1)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

INFORMATION ITEM

20. Economic Roundtable Third Quarter Update

Sarah Jepson, Chief Planning Officer, reported that for about 16 years SCAG had convened a team of independent economists to support their long-range planning. She shared that in 2022, their Economic Roundtable started meeting quarterly and provided information through an economic trends tool that was on SCAG's website. She indicated the tool had the latest jobs, unemployment, and housing numbers for the region and the six counties. She also noted that at the request of President Allen they would be bring greater attention to the Economic Roundtable and the report outs at the Regional Council meetings.

Wallace Walrod, Chief Economic Advisor for Orange County Business Council, presented the third quarter update, highlighting modest job growth in the region, primarily driven by healthcare and local government sectors. He reported that tariffs had been mostly absorbed by exporters and companies, with limited impact on consumers. He addressed various economic challenges, including immigration enforcement's impact on construction and food preparation sectors, and the slow recovery in Los Angeles County following the fires. He also touched on federal funding cuts affecting social services and universities, as well as concerns about tourism, particularly in Orange County, which saw a decline in employment during the summer.

Supervisor Karen Spiegel, Riverside County, asked why they didn't keep the reports for both Riverside and San Bernardino separate as she thought it was important to keep the information separate. She also noted that Ventura was not included.

Staff indicated Ventura was included on the website and it was oversight on the report.

BUSINESS REPORT

Regional Council member Lucy Dunn noted that her business report was on page 226. She reported that at the GLUE Council they welcomed President Cindy Allen, who gave them updates on her priorities for the year. She also reported that Chair Jerome Powell at the Federal Reserve indicated that tariffs were probably not leading to permanent higher inflation, and that the market had already baked in some of the extra costs, at least for now. She also noted that they were signaling an interest drop, and this would be good for housing, and maybe spur a little bit more sales. She also reported that she was honored to participate in a panel with Jim Vanderpool, City Manager at the City of Anaheim, and Lisa Kim, City Manager at the City of Buena Park, to provide information to 400 staff members on the topic of public service. She also discussed the business community's opposition to a section of AB 130 that would impose new vehicle miles traveled fees on new housing, which could significantly increase costs.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Allen welcomed the following new Regional Council Member Martha Cardenas-Singh, Imperial County. She reminded members to register for the 2025 Southern California Demographic Workshop on October 1. She reported that this year's topic, "Revisiting the Intergenerational Contract," looked at shifting connections between populations groups in the 21st century. She also noted that the workshop would feature a keynote by event co-founder Professor Dowell Myers who was director of the Population Dynamics Research Group at the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy. She explained that his keynote would address how intergenerational "lifecycle sharing" contributes to future economic success as California responds to the new population growth realities. She shared that the full program and panel line up was available on SCAG's website and that registration would close September 26. She also provided an update on the EAC retreat noting that her Presidential priorities for the term would focus on housing, getting ready for the 2028 Summer Olympics & Paralympic Games, and clean transportation technology. She shared that they also discussed an outlook for this year's meetings, as well as adjustments to the meeting schedules as follows: 1) Meetings of the Executive/Administration Committee had been moved back to Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. and would be conducted in person and online; 2) on Regional Council meeting days, on the first Thursday of every month, policy committee meetings would begin at 9:30 a.m. and would be conducted in person and online; and 3) Regional Council meetings would start at 11:45 a.m. and would be conducted in person. She noted that each Regional Council member would be permitted one instance of remote participation over the next year. She also reminded members of how the holidays would impact their schedule this year and noted that they would be dark again next month in October in observance of the Jewish High Holidays, and January, in observance of the New Year. She reported that to make up for the time lost during these months, they would have a December meeting and would convene a Joint Policy Committee meeting for the annual Economic Update presentation from the Economic Roundtable. She noted that Item 14 of the agenda packet was the EAC Retreat Update which had the Regional Council Outlook of planned topics and actions for the year ahead. She reminded members that there would not be any Policy Committees or Regional Council meetings in October, and meetings of the Policy Committees and Regional Council would resume on Thursday, November 6.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Ajise reported that in the interest of time, he would send his report to members. He took a moment to recognize the Finance Team who recently received the Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association.

There were no public comments on the Business, President's or Executive Director's reports.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Allen adjourned the meeting of the Regional Council at 1:50 p.m. in memory of Deborah Massey Ikhrata, the beloved wife of former CEO Hasan Ikhrata. She reported that not only was she a wonderful wife and mother but also a gracious host who welcomed so many of them into her home. She indicated that her generosity and unwavering support of her family would leave a lasting mark on all who knew her. She expressed their deepest condolences to Hasan and his family.

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