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Meeting Minutes - Draft

MTC ABAG Community Advisory Council

Vacant, Chair
Vacant, Vice Chair

Friday, April 3, 2026

10:00 AM

Board Room – 1st Floor

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

None

Clerk: Fred Castro

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 Saathoff-Harshfield, Marlene Salazar, Joshua Saunders, Tim Sbranti, Sonja Shephard, Gaetano Trachtenberg, Carina Vinh Lieu, Janelle Wong, Gabriela Yamilet Orantes

1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Confirm Quorum / Compensation Announcement

Ky-Nam Miller called the meeting to order at about 11:07 a.m. Quorum was present.

2. Public Comment

3. Council Member Comments

4. Chair's Report

5. Consent Calendar

A corrected minutes was provided; a correction to the minutes was made.

Upon the motion by Baldini and second by Saunders, the MTC ABAG Community Advisory Council approved the Consent Calendar. 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, Tim Sbranti, Sonja Shephard, Carina Vinh Lieu, Janelle Wong and Gabriela Yamilet Orantes

Absent: 1 - Gaetano Trachtenberg

- 5a. [26-0415](#) Approval of MTC ABAG Community Advisory Council minutes of March 6, 2026

6. Election of MTC ABAG Community Advisory Council Chair and Vice Chair

- 6a. [26-0416](#) Council Leadership Elections

The Council will select its chair and vice chair pursuant to the process adopted at the March 6, 2026 meeting.

Ky-Nam miller gave the report.

Upon the motion by Shephard and second by Kallins, the MTC ABAG Community Advisory Council confirmed the election of Carina Vinh Lieu as Char and Diane Benitez as Vice Chair having received 24 votes and 13 votes respectively. 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, Tim Sbranti, Sonja Shephard, Carina Vinh Lieu, Janelle Wong and Gabriela Yamilet Orantes

Absent: 1 - Gaetano Trachtenberg

7. Vital Signs

- 7a. [26-0417](#) Vital Signs Website and Data Updates

Overview of recent updates to MTC-ABAG's Vital Signs performance monitoring initiative and preview of key findings from the latest data refreshes. These updates enhance the accuracy and timeliness of the region's performance monitoring system and provide insights that directly support planning and policy initiatives underway in 2026.

Elliot Huang gave the report.

The following gave public comment: Pat Eklund.

8. MTC CARE

- 8a. [26-0442](#) Update on the implementation of MTC's Community Action Resource and Empowerment (CARE) Program

Judis Santos and Kate Fosburgh gave the report.

9. SB 707

9a. [26-0443](#) Authorizing the Use of Remote Teleconference Meetings

Ky-Nam Miller gave the report.

Upon the motion by Lavery and second by Saunders, the MTC ABAG Community Advisory Council approved allowing for teleconference meetings and made findings that such authorization benefits the public and the Council. The motion passed unanimously by the following vote:

Aye: 23 - 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, Carina Vinh Lieu and Janelle Wong

Absent: 3 - Tim Sbranti, Gaetano Trachtenberg and Gabriela Yamilet Orantes

10. Staff Liaison Report**10a. [26-0420](#) Staff Liaison Report**

Overview of recent MTC and ABAG policy decisions and other activities.

Ky-Nam Miller gave the report.

11. Adjournment / Next Meeting

Chair Vinh Lieu adjourned the meeting at about 1:14 p.m. The next regular meeting of the MTC ABAG Community Advisory Council is on May 1, 2026.