



Southern California Association of Governments  
July 1, 2026

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC)  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2026**

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. Ray Marquez, President</b>	<i>Chino Hills</i>	<b>District 10</b>
<b>Hon. Jenny Crosswhite, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</b>	<i>Santa Paula</i>	<b>District 47</b>
<b>Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</b>	<i>Riverside</i>	<b>District 68</b>
<b>Hon. Cindy Allen, Immediate Past President</b>	<i>Long Beach</i>	<b>District 30</b>
Hon. Rocky Rhodes, Chair CEHD	<i>Simi Valley</i>	District 46
Hon. Jeff Wood, Vice Chair CEHD	<i>Lakewood</i>	District 24
Hon. Rick Denison, Chair EED	<i>Yucca Valley</i>	District 11
Hon. Daniel Ramos, Vice Chair EEC	<i>Adelanto</i>	District 65
Hon. Mike Judge, Chair, TC	<i>VCTC</i>	Ventura County
Hon. Margaret Finlay, Chair LCMC	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35
Hon. John Gabbard President’s Appt.	<i>Dana Point</i>	District 12
Hon. Mike Goodsell, President’s Appt.	<i>ICTC</i>	Holtville
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	<i>Pechanga Dev. Corp.</i>	TGRP Representative
Hon. Paul Granillo		Business Representative

**Members Not Present**

Hon. Karen Bass, President’s Appt.	<i>Los Angeles</i>	Member-At-Large
Hon. Wendy Bucknum, President’s Appt.	<i>Mission Viejo</i>	District 13
Hon. Jan Harnik, Vice Chair LCMC	<i>RCTC</i>	Riverside

**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



Jonathan Holt, Interim Chief Information Officer  
Ruben Duran, Board Counsel  
Jeffery Elder, Chief Counsel/Director of Legal Services  
Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Ray Marquez called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. and asked Regional Council Member Jenny Crosswhite, Santa Paula, District 47, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Remote Participation*

Ray Marquez: A physical or family medical emergency

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

President Marquez opened the Public Comment Period.

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

Ruben Duran, Board Counsel, announced that President Marquez was participating under the Just Cause medical emergency exemption under the Brown Act.

President Marquez had to excuse himself from the meeting and First Vice President Jenny Crosswhite proceeded to Chair the meeting. She asked for confirmation that there were no members of the public wishing to speak.

The Clerk acknowledged there were none.

Seeing no public comment speakers, the Public Comment period was closed.

**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 – May 6, 2026
2. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: 26-048-C01, Connect SoCal 2050 Outreach

3. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: 27-003-C01, Board Counsel Services & As-Needed Legal Services
4. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

Receive and File

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

A MOTION was made (Lock Dawson) to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 and 4 and Receive and File Items 5 and 6. Motion was SECONDED (Finlay) and passed by the following votes:

**AYES:** Crosswhite, Denison, Finlay, Gabbard, Goodsell, Judge, Lock Dawson, and Rhodes (8)\*

**NOES:** None (0)

**ABSTAIN:** None (0)

\*Regional Council Member Wood asked for his vote not to be reflected in support of the Consent Calendar as he was not at his noticed location during the vote. He rejoined the meeting later from his noticed location.

**CFO REPORT**

Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer, reported that the monthly financial update included quarterly financial charts, noting that a formula error had been identified in the original balance sheet and that a corrected version was distributed via addendum. Members were advised to review the updated chart. Under strategic priorities, she reported that they had completed two key planning efforts supporting funding diversification and regional recovery. One was a tax increment financing feasibility study following the January 2025 wildfires and the other was the Warner Center Active Transportation Plan, which advances priority projects and funding strategies for implementation. She also reported that current year membership collections were now complete at a 99.66% rate and noted that invoices for fiscal year 2026–2027 membership dues would be issued on June 27.

First Vice President Crosswhite handed the meeting back to President Marquez to chair.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Marquez expressed appreciation to all who attended the 2026 Regional Conference and General Assembly, which brought together over 900 regional leaders in Palm Desert and featured

Regional Council and General Assembly meetings, as well as panel discussions and keynote speakers. He noted that the City of Riverside received top honors at the 2026 Sustainability Awards, and the next conference was scheduled for May 6–7, 2027, at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort and Spa. He also reported leading a delegation of Regional Council members and SCAG staff to Washington, D.C., where they held 21 meetings advocating for federal priorities including surface transportation reauthorization, funding for the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games, and housing, and concluded with the annual California Congressional Transportation Reception co-hosted with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, attended by over 200 participants. Additionally, he invited members to attend the EAC Retreat on June 11–12 at Lake Arrowhead Resort and Spa, where key policy priorities would be discussed, and noted that the next regular EAC meeting was scheduled for July 1, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Kome Ajise, Executive Director, welcomed new members of the EAC: Paul Granillo, Business Representative; John Gabbard, Dana Point, District 12; and Jeff Wood, Lakewood, District 24. He reported that the CEHD Committee would review the proposed methodology and approach to the SB 79 Transit-Oriented Development Map, with input intended to inform a recommendation for Regional Council action in July. He explained that SB 79 requires each MPO to develop and maintain such maps, and currently only Los Angeles County qualifies as an urban transit county within the SCAG region, though Orange County was expected to qualify upon the opening of the OC Streetcar. He noted that a preliminary SB 79 map had been released for public comment, with corrections due by June 12 and final updates to be completed by the July 1 statutory deadline, followed by adoption of the methodology at the July 2 Regional Council Meeting. He indicated that staff anticipates updating the maps annually or as conditions change. Additionally, he reported that the policy committees would receive a progress update on Connect SoCal implementation. He highlighted the advancement on 84 of 93 strategies since adoption in April 2024, including regional coordination to prepare for increased travel demand tied to the 2026 FIFA World Cup and the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games; Regional Council approval of Surface Transportation Block Grant and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funding recommendations; publication of the 2026 State of the Region Report and Regional Resilience Toolkit; and the launch of the Smart Cities Strategic Plan effort. Finally, he highlighted participation in the ribbon cutting of the Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center, a project supported by SCAG through \$1 million in REAP 2.0 funding, which brings mobility, safety, and sustainability benefits to Imperial County. He indicated that SCAG has been a partner on this project for more than a decade, including funding a 2014 feasibility study with Caltrans, Imperial County Transportation Commission, and the city of Calexico to identify and evaluate the project site.

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

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no future agenda items.



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Marquez adjourned the Meeting of the Executive/Administration Committee at 3:19 p.m.

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Executive / Administration Committee Attendance Report

2026-27																Total Mtgs Attended To Date
MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	3-Jun	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY		
Hon. Ray Marquez, President	Chino Hills	District 10	1												1	
Hon. Jenny Crosswhite, 1st Vice Chair	Santa Paula	District 47	1												1	
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, 2nd Vice Chair	Riverside	District 68	1												1	
Hon. Cindy Allen, Imm. Past President	Long Beach	District 30	1												1	
Hon. Rocky Rhodes, Chair, CEHD	Simi Valley	District 46	1												1	
Hon. Jeff Wood, Vice Chair, CEHD	Lakewood	District 24	1												1	
Hon. Rick Denison, Chair, EEC	Yucca Valley	District 11	1												1	
Hon. Daniel Ramos, Vice Chair, EEC	Adelanto	District 65	1												1	
Hon. Mike T. Judge, Chair, TC		VCTC	1												1	
Hon. Steven Ly, Vice Chair TC	Rosemead	District 32													0	
Hon. Margaret Finlay, Chair, LCMC	Duarte	District 35	1												1	
Hon. Jan C. Harnik, Vice Chair, LCMC		RCTC	0												0	
Hon. Karen Bass, President's Appt.	Los Angeles	Member-At-Large	0												0	
Hon. Wendy Bucknum, President's Appt.	Mission Viejo	District 13	0												0	
Hon. John Gabbard, President's Appt.	Dana Point	District 12	1												1	
Hon. Mike Goodsell, President's Appt.		ICTC	1												1	
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	Pechanga Dev. Corporation	Tribal Government Regional Planning Board	1												1	
Mr. Paul Garnillo, Ex-Officio Member	President & CEO Inland Empire Economic Partnership	Business Representative	1												1	
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