



AGENDA ITEM 1

MINUTES

Southern California Association of Governments
September 2, 2026

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC)
WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 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

Hon. Ray Marquez, President	Chino Hills	District 10
Hon. Jenny Crosswhite, 1st Vice President	Santa Paula	District 47
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, 2nd Vice President	Riverside	District 68
Hon. Cindy Allen, Imm. Past President	Long Beach	District 30
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 EEC	<i>Yucca Valley</i>	District 11
Hon. Daniel Ramos, Vice Chair EEC	<i>Adelanto</i>	District 65
Hon. Mike Judge, Chair, TC		VCTC
Hon. Steven Ly, Vice Chair, TC	<i>Rosemead</i>	District 32
Hon. Jan Harnik, Vice Chair LCMC		RCTC
Hon. Wendy Bucknum, President's Appt.	<i>Mission Viejo</i>	District 13
Hon. Mike Goodsell, President's Appt.		ICTC
Hon. John Gabbard, President's Appt.	<i>Dana Point</i>	District 12
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. Margaret Finlay, Chair LCMC	<i>Duarte</i>	District 35

Staff Present

Kome Ajise, Executive Director
Darin Chidsey, Chief Operating Officer
Erika Bustamante, Deputy Director Finance
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 3:02 p.m. and asked Regional Council Member Jan Harnik, RCTC, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Marquez opened the Public Comment Period.

Board Counsel Ruben Duran acknowledged there were no written public comments received.

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

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no prioritization of agenda items.

ACTION ITEM

1. FY26 FTA Olympic & Paralympic Formula Funding

There were no public comments on Item 1.

Executive Director Kome Ajise requested that the EAC recommend Regional Council approval of staff's recommendation to submit the required split letter to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) allocating approximately \$89.47 million in FY 2026 Olympic and Paralympic Formula Funding for the Los Angeles–Long Beach–Anaheim Urbanized Area (UZA). Executive Director Ajise explained that as the designated recipient for the UZA, SCAG must submit a split letter identifying fund allocation and that staff recommended allocating the full apportionment to LA Metro, which has eligible, ready-to-advance projects capable of fully utilizing the funds. He noted that this approach would maximize federal funding, preserve local funding flexibility for partner agencies, support the required local match, and not reduce funding available to regional partners. He further highlighted ongoing regional coordination through the Games Mobility Executive Partnership (GMEP), outlined SCAG's coordination and planning responsibilities, and stated that approval would authorize submission of the split letter and enable Metro to advance grant development and project implementation planning. He concluded that the action supports SCAG Strategic Priority 5 and was a necessary administrative step to access the first tranche of federal transit funding for the LA28 Games.



A MOTION was made (Ramos) to recommend that the Regional Council (RC) approve staff's recommendation to submit a split letter to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) allocating the Los Angeles – Long Beach – Anaheim Urbanized Area FY 2026 Olympic and Paralympic Formula Funding Apportionment of \$89,466,188 to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro). Motion was SECONDED (Denison) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Allen, Bucknum, Crosswhite, Gabbard, Goodsell, Harnik, Judge, Lock Dawson, Ly, Marquez, Masiel, Ramos, Rhodes, and Wood (15)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting - June 3, 2026
2. Minutes of the Meeting - June 11, 2026 -June 12, 2026
3. Adoption of FY 2026-27 Salary Schedule and Performance Criteria Scale
4. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: 26-052-C01, SCAG Tax Increment Finance Program
5. Contracts \$500,000 or Greater: 26-062-C01, SCAG Regional Safety Action Plan
6. AB 2296 (Papan) – Support if Amended
7. Mid-Cycle Legislative Update Bills - Oppose
8. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

Receive and File

9. 2026-2027 Presidential Priorities

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

11. CFO Monthly Report

A MOTION was made (Gabbard) to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 8 and Receive and File Items 9 through 11. Motion was SECONDED (Denison) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Allen, Bucknum, Crosswhite, Gabbard, Goodsell, Harnik, Judge, Lock Dawson, Ly, Marquez, Masiel, Ramos, Rhodes, and Wood (15)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

CFO REPORT

President Marquez reported Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer, was not at the meeting as she was at a conference. He stated the full CFO report was in the agenda packet.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Marquez provided a recap of the EAC Retreat and thanked members for attending. He stated they had a positive and productive meeting. He also shared his priorities for the year stating his focus would be on clean transportation technology, the LA28 Games preparation, housing production, and infrastructure as a driver of housing and economic development. He stated more detail on these priorities and the work that supports them was in the staff report. Furthermore, he shared the appointments to the Connect SoCal subcommittee and the Regional Housing Needs Allocation subcommittee. Lastly, he reminded members they would not have EAC, Policy Committees, or Regional Council meetings in August as SCAG was traditionally dark that month for summer. He stated the next regular meeting of the EAC was on Wednesday, September 2, at 3 p.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Kome Ajise provided several updates, including planned audiovisual system upgrades throughout SCAG's offices during the summer recess, which would require many meetings to be held remotely until mid-August, with normal operations resuming in September. He reported that SCAG's SB 79 transit-oriented development maps became effective July 1 and were available online, with the mapping methodology scheduled for Regional Council review following CEHD Committee consideration. Mr. Ajise also noted the upcoming public review period for the draft 2027 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 2 from July 6 through August 4, with final action anticipated in September. He highlighted ongoing LA28 Games planning efforts, including development of the Community Hubs Toolkit and a regional

Transportation Demand Management strategy, informed by lessons learned from the FIFA World Cup. Additionally, he reported progress on REAP 2.0 projects, including Metrolink's contactless payment pilot and the Bloomington Sewer Extension Project, and noted upcoming presentations on completed REAP-funded housing projects. Mr. Ajise also highlighted the successful launch of SCAG's Future Leaders Initiative, which selected 24 participants from nearly 200 applicants for a six-month leadership development program.

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

Members of the committee asked the Executive Director for updates on the Road to Housing Act and Assembly Bill 1087. Executive Director Ajise and Legislative Affairs Manager Gilhooly addressed both comments.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hon. Andrew Masiel, Tribal Government Regional Planning Board Representative, shared that the Friends of Jim Thorpe campaign had made significant progress, including securing the endorsement of the Thorpe family and permission to use Jim Thorpe's likeness. The initiative will honor Thorpe's Olympic legacy and contributions to early professional football while highlighting the participation of Native American athletes. He shared the project included collaboration with tribal organizations, two planned powwows, and participation from several Southern California tribal museums. Cultural exhibits and a recreated Native village were being planned for the Olympic period, with efforts underway to connect visitors to tribal cultural sites throughout the region. He explained the initiative aimed to showcase the histories, cultures, and contributions of Southern California tribes to Olympic visitors. He stated tribal nations and community partners had expressed strong support, and organizers were continuing outreach to ensure broad regional participation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Marquez adjourned the Meeting of the Executive/Administration Committee at 3:35 p.m.

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Executive / Administration Committee Attendance Report

2026-27																		Total Mtgs Attended To Date
MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	3-Jun	11-Jun	12-Jun	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY		
Hon. Ray Marquez, President	Chino Hills	District 10	1	1	1	1											4	
Hon. Jenny Crosswhite, 1st Vice Chair	Santa Paula	District 47	1	1	1	1												4
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, 2nd Vice Chair	Riverside	District 68	1	1	1	1												4
Hon. Cindy Allen, Imm. Past President	Long Beach	District 30	1	1	1	1												4
Hon. Rocky Rhodes, Chair, CEHD	Simi Valley	District 46	1	1	1	1												4
Hon. Jeff Wood, Vice Chair, CEHD	Lakewood	District 24	1	1	1	1												4
Hon. Rick Denison, Chair, EEC	Yucca Valley	District 11	1	0	0	1												2
Hon. Daniel Ramos, Vice Chair, EEC	Adelanto	District 65	1	1	1	1												4
Hon. Mike T. Judge, Chair, TC		VCTC	1	1	1	1												4
Hon. Steven Ly, Vice Chair TC	Rosemead	District 32		1	1	1												3
Hon. Margaret Finlay, Chair, LCMC	Duarte	District 35	1	1	1	0												3
Hon. Jan C. Harnik, Vice Chair, LCMC		RCTC	0	1	1	1												3
Hon. Karen Bass, President's Appt.	Los Angeles	Member-At-Large	0	0	0	0												0
Hon. Wendy Bucknum, President's Appt.	Mission Viejo	District 13	0	0	0	1												1
Hon. John Gabbard, President's Appt.	Dana Point	District 12	1	1	1	1												4
Hon. Mike Goodsell, President's Appt.		ICTC	1	1	1	1												4
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	Pechanga Dev. Corporation	Tribal Government Regional Planning Board	1	1	1	1												4
Mr. Paul Garnillo, Ex-Officio Member	President & CEO Inland Empire Economic Partnership	Business Representative	1	1	0	1												3
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