

Bay Area Air District
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Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, April 1, 2026

APPROVED MINUTES

This meeting was webcast, and a video recording is available on the website of the Bay Area Air District at www.baaqmd.gov/bodagendas

CALL TO ORDER

1. **Opening Comments:** Board of Directors (Board) Chairperson, Lynda Hopkins, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present, In-Person (Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, 1st Floor Board Room, San Francisco, CA, 94105): Chairperson Lynda Hopkins; Vice Chairperson Vicki Veenker; and Directors Dionne Adams, Ken Carlson, Juan González III, Tyrone Jue, Gabe Quinto, Mark Salinas, Linda Sell, Lena Tam, Shamann Walton, and Steve Young.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location (Napa County Administration Building, 1195 Third Street, Suite 310, County Executive's Office, Napa, CA 94559): Director Joelle Gallagher.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location (San Mateo County Board of Supervisors' Office, 5th Floor, 500 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063): Directors Noelia Corzo, Rico E. Medina, and Ray Mueller.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location (Santa Rosa Junior College Campus, Doyle Library, Room 148, 1501 Mendocino Ave., Santa Rosa, CA 95401): Director Brian Barnacle.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location (Office of Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia, Conference Room, 11780 San Pablo Ave., Suite D, El Cerrito, CA 94530): Director John Gioia.

Present, In-Person Satellite Location (Office of Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert, Scott Haggerty House, 4501 Pleasanton Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566): Director David Haubert.

Absent: Directors Margaret Abe-Koga, Monica Brown, Brian Colbert, Otto Lee, Bilal Mahmood.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY (OUT OF ORDER, ITEM 6)**

Chair Hopkins welcomed the following new employees: Taylor Boutelle, Staff Specialist II in the Civil Rights Office; Jerold Brito, Air Quality Specialist II in the Regulatory Development Division; Reilly Carlson, Air Quality Engineer I in the Engineering Division; Kathryn Christopherson, Senior Analyst in the Human Resources Division; Brian LaFranchi, Senior Air Quality Specialist in the Meteorology and Measurement Division; Kimberly Leefatt, Civil Rights Officer; Tim McConiga, Systems Analyst in the Enterprise Technology Solutions Division; Sebrina Neal, Manager in the Information Services Division; Randy Pamphlet, Executive Assistant II in the Executive Office; Seng Saechao, Administrative Assistant II in the Strategic Incentives Division; and Adrian Wong, Environmental Justice Law Fellow in the Legal Division; Jamie Jefferson, Assistant Counsel II in the Legal Division. Chair Hopkins also congratulated Pon Phithaksounthone for his promotion to Supervising Air Quality Engineer in the Source Test Division.

CLOSED SESSION (ITEMS 3 – 5) (10:19 a.m.)

Public Comments

No requests received.

4. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL RE INITIATION OF LITIGATION (GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54956.9(a) AND (d)(4)) (ITEM 3)**

Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(a) and (d)(4), the Board of Directors met in Closed Session with Legal Counsel to consider whether to initiate litigation: Two cases.

Reportable Action: Alexander Crockett, General Counsel, announced that there was no reportable action for this item.

5. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL RE ANTICIPATED LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54956.9(a), (d)(2) AND (E)(3) (ITEM 4)**

Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(a), (d)(2) and (e)(3), the Board of Directors met in Closed Session with Legal Counsel to discuss a significant exposure to litigation regarding the government code claim of Anthony Domingo Bico received by the Air District on February 27, 2026.

Reportable Action: Mr. Crockett announced that there was no reportable action for this item.

6. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6 (ITEM 5)**

Agency Designated Representatives:

Laura A. Izon, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo

Hyacinth Hinojosa, Deputy Executive Officer of Finance and Administration

Lisa Baker, Director of Human Resources

Employee Organization: BAAQMD Employees Association

Reportable Action: Mr. Crockett announced that there was no reportable action for this item.

OPEN SESSION (11:00 a.m.)

At this time, because many members of the public arrived in person in the morning to give Public Comments on Non-Agenda Matters (Item 19), Chair Hopkins allowed members of the public to give their comments immediately, rather than wait for Item 19 later in the agenda. Chair Hopkins also provided a further opportunity at Item 19 later in the agenda for members of the public who came later (see below).

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Public comments were given by Mark Williams, Environmental Justice League; Dr. Jeann McDougald, Fairfield resident; Tyree, San Francisco resident; Rochelle Hall, San Francisco resident; Brittany Bellamy, Oakland resident; Ajanae Young, San Leandro resident; Antonio Silva, Alameda County resident; C. Parker, Oakland resident; Charmaine Robinson; Tina Flores, Contra Costa County resident; Nina Hall, San Francisco resident; Mia, San Leandro resident; Joy Johnson, Hayward resident; Chloe Simon Ward; <male name unintelligible>; Gerald, Hayward resident; Kadeem Cypress, Vallejo resident; Justice Alford, Vallejo resident; Hon. Carolyn Wysinger, El Cerrito City Councilmember; Drew Sage, Berkeley resident; Melanie Davis, Oakland resident; Gina Alexander. El Sobrante resident; Amina, Oakland resident; Sariah, Oakland resident; Evelyn Darnes; Yvonne Eashman, Richmond resident; Kathy Kerridge, Benicia resident; Yassi K, Building Decarbonization Coalition; Marina Munoz, Oakland resident.

CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEMS 7 – 13)

7. Approval of the Draft Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of March 4, 2026
8. Board Communications Received from March 4, 2026, through March 31, 2026
9. Notices of Violations Issued and Settlements in Excess of \$10,000 in the Month of February 2026
10. Personnel Out-of-State Business Travel Report for February 2026
11. Report of the Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Meeting of March 11, 2026
12. Report of the Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee Meeting of March 18, 2026
13. Report of the Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of March 18, 2026

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Sejal Babaria, Community Advisory Council member.

Board Comments

None.

Board Action

Director González made a motion, seconded by Director Young, to approve Consent Calendar Items 7 through 13, inclusive; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Board:

- AYES: Adams, Barnacle, Brown, Carlson, Gallagher, Gioia, González, Haubert, Hopkins, Jue, Medina, Mueller, Quinto, Salinas, Sell, Tam, Veenker, Young.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- NOES: None.
- ABSENT: Abe-Koga, Colbert, Corzo, Lee, Mahmood, Walton.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

14. COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL'S (CAC) COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board of Directors discussed seven recommendations from the Air District’s Community Advisory Council designed to improve coordination, documentation, and communication in compliance and enforcement efforts to increase efficiency and improve emission reduction outcomes. Ther Board considered providing direction to Air District staff regarding the recommendations. The Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee discussed this item at its meeting on March 11, 2026, and recommended it to the Board for discussion.

Community Advisory Council Member Ken Szutu, and Co-Chair, Patrick Messac, gave the presentation *Community Advisory Council's Compliance and Enforcement Recommendations*, including: outline; Crown Hill Materials: community experience; why a case study; case study resources; community perspective: complaint report; complaints without consequences; Recommendation #1 (Customer-Centered Complaint Process); enforcement gap: rules vs results; Recommendation #2 (Enforceable Rules); Recommendation #3 (Modernize Evidence Collection); Recommendation #4 (Transparent Permitting); impact over intention; Recommendation #5 (Protective Permitting Safeguards); Recommendation #6 (Strengthen Learning through Case Studies); beyond Crown Hill Materials: continuous improvement; Recommendation #7 (Top Community Concerns Framework); and recommendations in review.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Ashia Ajani, Sierra Club; Kathy Kerridge, Benicia resident; Jan Warren, Interfaith Climate Action Network of Contra Costa County; Cecilia Cunningham,

Oakland resident; Marina Munoz, Oakland resident; and Arieann Harrison, Marie Harrison Community Foundation.

Board Comments

The Board and Air District staff discussed the desire for the identification of additional contributing factors to air pollution in unhealthy neighborhoods; how to ensure that case studies will be selected in an unbiased manner; whether the Air District has the authority or flexibility to decide whether to charge a fine, how much to charge, or whether to waive it; the desire to see Artificial Intelligence and image technology be utilized by the Air District; whether video evidence (owned by the public) may be used as proof of air pollution violations at permitted facilities; and the perception that air pollution complaints continue to be received by the Air District, but limited enforcement occurs.

Board Action

Vice Chair Veenker made a motion, seconded by Director Gioia, to direct Air District staff to review and analyze the Community Advisory Council's seven Compliance and Enforcement recommendations and evaluate how they align with ongoing policy, assessment, and implementation efforts. To carry this out, staff should summarize how each recommendation is being addressed through actions currently underway, planned actions, or potential actions, and report back within 120 days to the Board with an update.

The motion **carried** by the following vote of the Board:

- AYES: Adams, Barnacle, Carlson, Corzo, Gallagher, Gioia, González, Hopkins, Jue, Medina, Mueller, Quinto, Salinas, Sell, Tam, Veenker, Young.
- ABSTAIN: None.
- NOES: None.
- ABSENT: Abe-Koga, Brown, Colbert, Haubert, Lee, Mahmood, Walton.

ACTION ITEMS

15. FINAL DRAFT COMMUNITY EMISSIONS REDUCTION PLAN FOR EAST OAKLAND

Manuel Oliva, Community Planning Manager, and Anna Lee, Environmental Justice Manager, gave the staff presentation *Final Draft Community Emissions Reduction Plan for East Oakland*, including: recommended action; East Oakland Assembly Bill (AB) 617 Community; East Oakland Community Steering Committee (CSC); Community Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP) development process; East Oakland community engagement; final Draft CERP goals; final Draft CERP strategy development; final Draft CERP focus areas; community concerns and action highlights; CERP public review; CSC approval and Community Equity, Health and Justice (CEHJ) Committee recommendation; California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance; recommended action; and CSC reflections.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Jack Fleck, Keep Coal Out of Oakland Coalition; Bill Crotinger, Argent Materials, Inc.; Marina Munoz, Oakland resident; and Cecilia Cunningham, Oakland resident.

Board Comments

The Board and Air District staff discussed the request to reconcile misinformation about Argent Materials in the final report, as identified and requested by Argent Materials; the belief that industrial activity requires designated areas to operate effectively; whether the Air District interacts with Oakland International Airport, regarding sustainable aviation fuel practices; the suggestion that the Air District formally recognizes or expresses appreciation to permitted facilities that implement sound environmental practices and maintain compliance with regulatory requirements; appreciation for the focus on illegal dumping; and whether polluting industrial operations are typically located within designated AB 617 communities.

Board Action

Director Salinas made a motion, seconded by Director Tam, to **adopt** the Final Draft Community Emissions Reduction Plan for East Oakland, and **approve** the determination that adoption of the Community Emissions Reduction Plan is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Board:

AYES: Adams, Barnacle, Carlson, Corzo, Gallagher, Gioia, González, Hopkins, Jue, Quinto, Salinas, Sell, Tam, Veenker, Young.
ABSTAIN: None.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Abe-Koga, Brown, Colbert, Haubert, Lee, Mahmood, Medina, Mueller, Walton.

16. **ANNUAL REPORT, BUDGET, AND DIRECTOR APPOINTMENTS OF THE BAY AREA CLEAN AIR FOUNDATION**

Due to the shortage of time, this presentation was waived by Chair Hopkins.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Board Comments

None.

Board Action

Director González made a motion, seconded by Director Tam, to (i) **approve** the adoption of the Bay Area Clean Air Foundation's 2027 Budget and (ii) **reappoint** Arsenio Mataka and

appoint Emi Wang to two-year terms as Directors of the Foundation; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Board:

AYES: Barnacle, Carlson, Corzo, Gallagher, Gioia, González, Hopkins, Jue, Quinto, Salinas, Sell, Tam, Veenker, Young.
ABSTAIN: None.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Abe-Koga, Adams, Brown, Colbert, Haubert, Lee, Mahmood, Medina, Mueller, Walton.

17. **CONSIDERATION OF STATE LEGISLATION**

Mr. Crockett announced that Director Adams informed him that she has a financial interest in the subject of AB 2313, one of the bills up for discussion in this item. He explained that Director Adams would need to recuse herself from any discussion or decision regarding AB 2313. Therefore, the Board needed to decide whether to segment Item 17 and consider AB 2313 separately from the other bills under consideration. When Chair Hopkins asked the Board, the consensus of the Board members present was to segment Item 17, allowing Director Adams to participate in the first part of the discussion that excluded AB 2313, and then recuse herself for the discussion and vote regarding AB 2313.

Alan Abbs, Legislative Officer, gave the staff presentation *Consideration of State Legislation*, including: abbreviations; recommended action; bill position recommendations – AB 1791 (Sanchez), AB 2752 (Ávila Farías), Senate Bill (SB) 299 (Cabaldon), SB 954 (Blakespear), SB 1392 (Cortese); additional bills for discussion – SB 1075 (Reyes); and recap of recommended action.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Heidi Taylor, Healthy Martinez.

Board Comments

The Board and staff discussed whether items under AB 2752 (cost of compliance, potential cost to consumers, impacts on state and local tax revenue, refinery employment) are already factored into the Air District's socioeconomic analysis of a given rulemaking.

Board Action

Director González made a motion, seconded by Director Tam, to **adopt** the following positions on the following bills:

- **Support** SB 299 (Cabaldon)
- **Support** SB 954 (Blakespear)
- **Oppose** AB 1791 (Sanchez)
- **Oppose** AB 2752 (Ávila Farías)
- **Oppose** SB 1392 (Cortese)

This motion included accepting the Air District staff recommendation for AB 2752 (Ávila Farías).

The motion carried by the following vote of the Board:

AYES: Adams, Barnacle, Carlson, Corzo, Gallagher, Gioia, González, Hopkins, Jue, Quinto, Salinas, Sell, Tam, Veenker, Young.
ABSTAIN: None.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Abe-Koga, Brown, Colbert, Haubert, Lee, Mahmood, Medina, Mueller, Walton.

Prior to any further discussion, Director Adams explained that she needed to recuse herself from any consideration or action on AB 2313 (Berman), which concerns a potential requirement for gas corporations to provide customers with monetary incentives to opt for gas distribution service line replacement alternatives, due to a financial interest in the matter because she receives income in the form of a salary for her position in Human Resources as the Director of Co-worker Inclusion and Belonging at Pacific Gas & Electric, a gas corporation that could become subject to this legislation.

Chair Hopkins noted for the record that Director Adams recused herself and left the meeting space.

The Board then turned to AB 2313 (Berman). Chair Hopkins waived the presentation by Mr. Abbs on this bill. Vice-Chair Veenker then made a motion, seconded by Director Carlson, to adopt the following position on the following bill:

- **Support** AB 2313 (Berman)

The motion carried by the following vote of the Board:

AYES: Barnacle, Carlson, Corzo, Gallagher, Gioia, González, Hopkins, Jue, Quinto, Salinas, Sell, Tam, Veenker, Young.
ABSTAIN: None.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Abe-Koga, Adams, Brown, Colbert, Haubert, Lee, Mahmood, Medina, Mueller, Walton.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

NOTED PRESENT: Following her recusal from Item 17, Director Adams returned to the Board Room.

18. UPDATE ON BAY AREA REGIONAL CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Due to the shortage of time, this presentation was waived by Chair Hopkins.

Public Comments

No requests received.

Board Comments

The Board and Air District staff discussed the Board's appreciation for staff's dedication to this multi-agency climate planning effort.

Board Action

No action taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

19. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Public comments were given by Jennifer Cohen, Pacific Merchant Shipping Association; Jack Fleck, Keep Coal Out of Oakland Coalition; Aaron Reaven, Keep Coal Out of Oakland Coalition; Jan Warren, Interfaith Climate Action Network of Contra Costa County; and Todd Osterberg, Chevron.

20. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

21. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER / Air Pollution Control Officer (APCO)

Dr. Philip M. Fine, Executive Officer / APCO, made the following announcements:

- The Bay Area Air District has opened the grant application period for the People's Air Grant Program, a funding opportunity designed to support local stakeholders working to improve air quality and public health in communities disproportionately burdened by air pollution. The grant application period opens March 12 and will remain open through May 29, 2026. The People's Air Grant Program invests directly in community-led efforts, providing the resources and support needed to turn local knowledge into real air quality improvements and stronger, more effective partnerships across the Bay Area. To support prospective applicants, the Air District will host two webinars: Tuesday, March 24 (Informational webinar) and Thursday, April 9 (Application preparation webinar). Community-based organizations, local nonprofit organizations, public agencies and California Native American Tribes serving environmental justice communities within the Bay Area are encouraged to apply. Application guidelines and additional information about the People's Air Grant Program are available at www.baaqmd.gov/peoplesairgrant. Questions regarding the application process may be directed to Peoplesairgrant@baaqmd.gov.
- On March 19, 2026, the Air District's Community Advisory Council elected the following three Co-Chairs to lead the Council for a two-year term: William Goodwin, Patrick Messac, and LaTasha Washington.

22. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

None.

23. **TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in-person at the Bay Area Metro Center and at satellite locations as may be specified on the meeting agenda using a remote teleconferencing link. Members of the Board of Directors and the public may attend at any of those in-person locations, and members of the public may also attend virtually via webcast.

24. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
Marcy Hiratzka
Clerk of the Boards