

Bay Area Air District
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Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, July 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 10:01 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 Chair Vicki Veenker; and Directors Dionne Adams, Monica Brown, Ken Carlson, Brian Colbert, Tyrone Jue, Bilal Mahmood, 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: (City of Mountain View City Hall, City Council Conference Room, Third Floor, 500 Castro Street, Mountain View, CA 94040): Director Chris Clark.

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): Directors John Gioia and Juan González III.

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

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

Absent: Directors Brian Barnacle, Otto Lee.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

CLOSED SESSION (10:05 a.m.)

Public Comments

No requests received.

3. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6**

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: Bay Area Air Quality Management District Employees Association

Reportable Action: Chair Hopkins announced that there was nothing to report.

OPEN SESSION (10:56 a.m.)

4. **SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY**

Director Walton honored the late Karen Jean Pierce and read the Air District-prepared proclamation in recognition and appreciation of Ms. Pierce's guidance in improving air quality and public health in the Bay Area. The Board expressed its gratitude for Ms. Pierce's advocacy and her family accepted the proclamation.

Chair Hopkins welcomed the Air District's 2026 Summer Internship Program cohort. The interns introduced themselves and stated which divisions they worked for. Chair Hopkins congratulated the following employees on their recent promotions: Udval Argo, Air Quality Specialist in the Engineering Division; Katie Gong, Senior Quality Engineer in the Regulatory Development Division; Theodore Pak, Senior Air Quality Engineer in the Engineering Division; and Isis Virrueta, Senior Air Quality Engineer in the Engineering Division.

CONSENT CALENDAR (ITEMS 5 – 22)

5. Approval of the Draft Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of June 3, 2026
6. Board Communications Received from June 3, 2026 through June 30, 2026
7. Notices of Violations Issued and Settlements in Excess of \$10,000 in the Month of May 2026
8. Personnel Out-of-State Business Travel Report for May 2026
9. Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Third Quarter Reporting of Payments for Routine and Recurring Goods/Services Expenses and Contracts Executed under Delegated Authority

10. Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Third Quarter Financial Report, from July 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026
11. Authorization to Execute a Contract with Dr. Deborah Jordan for Support Implementing the Air District's *2024-2029 Strategic Plan*
12. Authorization to Accept One Bay Area Grant 3 Funds from the California Department of Transportation
[Click here to view Board Resolution No. 2026-06](#)
13. Authorization to Amend Pick-n-Pull Dismantler Contract for Clean Cars for All Program
14. Authorization to Amend Contract with Aqua Terris Aeris Law Group for Legal Services Related to Enforcement of Air Quality Violations
15. Authorization to Amend Contract with Naviant, Inc. to Support Records Retention Services
16. Authorization to Amend Contract with Oshyn, Inc. for Enterprise Technology Solutions Services
17. Authorization of Hiring Recommendation at Step E of Salary Range 148M for the Limited Term Contract Employee Manager II (Backlog Manager) Position in the Engineering Division
18. Extension of Community Advisory Council Members' Terms Ending in Fall 2026
19. Report of the Stationary Source Committee Meeting of June 10, 2026
20. Report of the Advisory Council Meeting of June 15, 2026
21. Report of the Policy, Grants, and Technology Committee Meeting of June 17, 2026
22. Report of the Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of June 17, 2026

Public Comments

No requests received.

Board Comments

None.

Board Action

Director Salinas made a motion, seconded by Director Tam, to approve Consent Calendar Items 5 through 22, inclusive; and the motion **carried** by the following vote of the Board:

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

ACTION ITEMS

23. POLICY ON ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS RELATING TO RULE DEVELOPMENT OR PLANNING

Victor Douglas, Director of the Regulatory Development Division, gave the staff presentation *Policy on Electronic Submission of Public Comments*, including: abbreviations; activities where public comment is sought; current pathways for comment receipt; considerations for electronic comments; proposed policy for electronic comments; and recommended action.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Bob Brown, Western States Petroleum; Peter Okurowski, California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance; and Kathy Kerridge, Benicia resident.

Board Comments

The Board and staff discussed whether the new policy would include measures to detect and prevent large volumes of fraudulent emails generated and distributed by bots or artificial intelligence systems; whether people who submit comments via the portal will be able to view their submitted comments in a searchable database; whether support will be available for individuals who are not technologically proficient and may have difficulty using the portal successfully; concern about how elected officials should respond when members of the public send them comments on Air District regulations by email, noting the challenge of directing constituents to the comment portal without appearing dismissive or discouraging public participation, and whether the policy forbids the public from reaching out to Board members directly; whether the portal is accessible by smart phones; concerns that the Air District's regulatory record may be incomplete if public comments submitted outside the portal are not captured within the portal; concerns that elected officials' time (and the time of their staff members) could be spent reviewing, forwarding, and reconciling comments received outside the portal to determine whether they have already been submitted through the official process; whether users of the portal need to create user accounts; whether letters that are mailed to Air District staff will be scanned and added manually into the portal; whether an audit trail or retention policy is needed in case comments are somehow deleted or discarded; whether there is an option for people to comment in the portal anonymously; the perceived success of jurisdictions' portal systems; the effective date of the policy's implementation, assuming it was approved by the Board; whether people should use the portal to comment on agenda items of the Board's committees, or only for Board agenda items; and the request that the Air District's Community Advisory Council and Assembly Bill (AB) 617 Community Steering Committees be made aware of this portal and the Air District's expectations of how it should be used.

Board Action

Director Sell made a motion, seconded by Director Tam, to **adopt** a policy requiring electronic comments to be submitted via an online portal only (comments submitted via email will not be considered or retained). Director Mueller made a friendly amendment to the motion,

requesting that the portal not collect meta data or identifying information of users of the portal who opt not to share their information. The motioner and seconder approved the amendment.

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

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

24. **REMOTE TELECONFERENCING MEETING POLICY FOR BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Alexander Crockett, General Counsel, gave the staff presentation, *Remote Teleconferencing Meeting Policy for Board and Committee Meetings*, including: recommended action; recent policy amendments; Finance and Administration Committee discussion (June 17, 2026); proposed further amendments; and recommended action.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Dan Stegink.

Board Comments

The Board and staff discussed the request for a list of remote teleconferencing meeting requirements and responsibilities that Board members who wish to utilize remote teleconferencing may refer to; the Board's desire to remove the requirement that remote meeting locations must be in public buildings within California; the anticipated difficulty in noticing meetings in different languages at non-government locations; the suggestion that the Board's Finance and Administration Committee make decisions on violations of the policy, on the Board's behalf; the request that Board members be made aware of any instances of non-compliance for which they were responsible; and the hope that the State legislature would modernize public-access rules to provide agencies with more flexibility.

Board Action

Vice Chair Veenker made a motion, seconded by Director Carlson, to amend the Remote Teleconferencing Meeting Policy to do the following, effective August 1, 2026:

- (i) Remove the requirements that remote meeting locations must be in public buildings within California;
- (ii) Add a provision for the Board to consider revoking remote meeting hosting provisions for members who fail to adhere to Policy requirements; and
- (iii) Bring violations to be reviewed and addressed by the Finance and Administration Committee.

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

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

25. BAY AREA REGIONAL EVALUATION OF AIR TOXICS AND HEALTH EFFECTS PROGRAM

Dr. Andrea Polidori, Deputy Executive Officer of Science, gave the staff presentation *Bay Area Regional Evaluation of Air Toxics and Health Effects (BREATHE) Study Update*, including: recommended action; outline; criteria pollutants; air toxics pollutants; ambient air monitoring; air toxics efforts in the Bay Area; South Coast Air Quality Management District's Multiple Air Toxics Exposure Study (MATES); MATES V – summary of results; BREATHE Study site selection, continuous monitoring, emission inventory, modeling, and health effects; data visualization – cancer risk (MATES examples); continuous air toxic measurements – present and future; BREATHE Study – timeline and strengths and benefits; and recommended action.

Public Comments

Public comments were given by Patrick Messac; Quanah Parker Brightman, United Native Americans; Kevin Buchan, Western States Petroleum Association; Dan Stegink; Kathy Kerridge, Benicia resident; Jan Warren, Interfaith Climate Action Network of Contra Costa County.

Board Comments

The Board and staff discussed whether the communities of Richmond and Benicia were considered as potential site locations, and whether other jurisdictions may be considered in the future; the manner in which the Technical/Community Advisory Group members will be selected and the level of authority the group will have; whether the Air district has established mechanisms in place to address urgent source hotspots, as they arise; whether there is flexibility to modify monitoring equipment and/or modeling methodologies during the BREATHE study, should the need arise; whether the Air District's Community Advisory Council and/or AB 617 Community Steering Committees will be involved/notified; and the manner in which the Air District will demonstrate to the public that cancer and chronic health risk drivers are being adequately quantified.

Board Action

No action taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

26. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS

Public comments were given by Colleen Fitzgerald, Earthjustice; Patrick Messac; Quanah Parker Brightman, United Native Americans; Diana, Oakland resident; Megan Wachspress, Berkeley resident; MaryAnn Furda; Kat Selm; Nadia Rojas; Katrina Tomas, Earthjustice; Gerard Manning, Burlingame resident; Whitney Francis; Emily Rich, San Leandro resident; Dan Stegink; Julian Mireles; Kathy Kerridge, Benicia resident; Ami Shirriff, Sierra Club; Andrew, Alameda County resident; Mike Volk, Neighbors for Progressive Action; Micah Elan, Berkeley resident; and Tony Fisher, Coalition for Clean Air.

27. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Director Young offered a correction to a public comment given earlier during the meeting, explaining that a statement that he (Director Young) had made about Valero's involvement in municipal elections had been misquoted. Director Young also thanked the Air District for sponsoring the City of Benicia's Torchlight Parade, which launches the City's Independence Day festivities on July 3rd.

Director Quinto announced that he recently toured the Diablo Canyon Power Plant, located in San Luis Obispo County. He said that the Power Plant welcomes other elected officials to visit and that this can be arranged by Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E).

Vice Chair Veenker announced that on August 31, 2026, the Cities Association of Santa Clara County will co-sponsor an event with Silicon Valley Clean Energy, offering elected officials an opportunity to learn more about upcoming changes to the Bay Area Air District's appliance rules. This workshop for elected officials will feature a briefing from Air District staff on the rules, proposed exemptions, and other key details, along with insights from contractors on the realities of heat pump installation.

Director González expressed appreciation to Chair Hopkins for consistently facilitating open communication and ensuring an inclusive and accommodating process for public comment.

28. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER / AIR POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICER (APCO)

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

- **Items of Stationary Source Committee Agenda – Wednesday, 7/8**
 - *Action:* Policy for Socioeconomic Impact Analysis of Regulatory Actions
 - *Informational:* Update on Rule Development to Modernize the Air District's Refinery Fenceline Air Monitoring and Emissions Tracking Programs
- **Items of Community Equity, Health, and Justice Committee Agenda – Wednesday, 7/8**
 - *Informational:* Local Community Benefits Fund – Round 1 Benicia Catalyst Grant Applications

- **Permitting Efficiency Taskforce** – The Permitting Efficiency Taskforce has continued to meet regularly since its January launch, moving from early sessions that built a shared understanding of how permits are reviewed and where applications encounter delay into a series of focused, member-driven conversations on specific, concrete permitting topics. These conversations turned most recently to routine permit actions and will continue through the summer, with members offering direct input on how permitting can be made more efficient and consistent.
- In April 2026, the Community Advisory Council submitted a list of recommendations, developed by its Compliance and Enforcement Ad Hoc Committee, for the Board’s consideration. The recommendations are closely aligned with staff’s priorities. Staff committed to come back in 90 days but needs additional time and will bring staff’s responses to the recommendations and commitments to the Board sometime in the Fall of 2026.
- A video was played, summarizing the Air District's participation in this past weekend's San Francisco Pride Parade. More than 80 walkers joined the Air District on Sunday, and the event gave the Air District an opportunity to connect with Bay Area residents, promote the Spare the Air program, and celebrate our commitment to clean air for everyone. Thank you to the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority for generously lending us their electric vehicle bus for the parade.

29. **CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT**

Chair Hopkins announced that on June 4, 2026, the Contra Costa Mayors Conference reappointed El Cerrito Mayor Gabe Quinto to another two-year term on the Air District's Board, from June 15, 2026, to June 15, 2028.

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

Wednesday, September 2, 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.

31. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

/s/ Marcy Hiratzka
 Marcy Hiratzka
 Clerk of the Boards