

APPROVED

March 13, 2025

**MAYORS' AND COUNCILMEMBERS' ASSOCIATION OF SONOMA
COUNTY**

Cloverdale, Cotati, Healdsburg, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Sonoma &
Windsor

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Paradise Ridge Winery
4545 Thomas Lake Harris Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95403
Thursday, February 13, 2025
6:15 P.M.

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Association Chair, Mayor Gerard Giudice at 6:15 PM.
2. **ROLL CALL:** In attendance were the cities of Cloverdale, Cotati, Healdsburg, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Sonoma, and Windsor.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Chair Giudice introduced the approval of the January 9, 2025 meeting minutes. Healdsburg Mayor Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes, Petaluma Mayor McDonnell seconded; unanimous vote to approve the minutes.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
5. **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

A. Board of Directors Appointments

North Bay Division LOCC, Executive Board – 1 Seat (to fill expiring term of Jackie Elward of Rohnert Park). 2-year term starting in February

One Letter Received: Jackie Elward, Rohnert Park

There was a unanimous vote by all members to appoint Jackie Elward of Rohnert Park

Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District Citizens

Advisory Committee – 1 Seat (to fill expiring term of Mark Stapp of Santa Rosa). 2-year term starting in February

**Four letters Received: Karen Nau, Petaluma
Marjorie Morgenstern, Cloverdale
Frank Quint, Petaluma
Alex DeCarli, Petaluma**

Mayor Kevin McDonnell of Petaluma announced that Councilmembers Karen Nau and Frank Quint of Petaluma had both withdrawn their names from consideration for the appointment.

Votes:

Mayor Lands – Morgenstern
Mayor Ford – Morgenstern
Mayor Stapp – Morgenstern
Vice Mayor Potter – DeCarli
Mayor McDonnell – DeCarli
Mayor Farrar Rivas – DeCarli
Mayor Zollman – DeCarli
Mayor Mitchell – DeCarli
Mayor Giudice – Morgenstern

DeCarli 5 votes; Morgenstern 4 votes

Alex DeCarli is appointed to the Ag and Open Space Advisory Committee

Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) Commission – 3 Seats. 4-year fixed term:

2 – SCTA appointments (members appointed must also be a city/town representative for the Sonoma County Transportation Authority) to fill the vacancies by Melanie Bagby of Cloverdale and Chris Rogers of Santa Rosa. These appointments will finish out the current terms of Bagby and Rogers that end in February 2027

**Four Letters Received: Gerard Giudice, Rohnert Park
Janice Cader Thompson, Petaluma
Todd Lands, Cloverdale
Ariel Kelley, Healdsburg**

Votes:

Mayor Lands – Lands/Kelley
Mayor Ford – Cader Thompson/Kelley
Mayor Mitchell – Kelley/Cader Thompson
Mayor McDonnell – Cader Thompson/Kelley
Mayor Giudice – Giudice/ Kelley
Mayor Stapp – Giudice/Kelley
Mayor Zollman – Kelley/Cader Thompson
Mayor Farrar Rivas – Kelley/Cader Thompson
Vice Mayor Potter – Cader Thompson/Kelley

Kelley 9 votes; Cader Thompson 6 votes; Giudice 2 votes; Lands 1 vote

Ariel Kelley and Janice Cader Thompson are appointed as the SMART Commissioners affiliated with SCTA

1 – Non-SCTA appointment (must be from a city/town on the rail line) to fill the expiring term of Debora Fudge of Windsor. This appointment will start a new 4-year fixed term beginning in February

Four Letters Received: **Victoria Fleming, Santa Rosa**
Chris Herrod, Healdsburg
Alex DeCarli, Petaluma
Sylvia Lemus, Cotati

Chair Giudice announces that Chris Herrod of Healdsburg and Alex DeCarli of Petaluma are removed from consideration for the non-SCTA appointment (*Per Public Utilities Code Section 105020)

Mayor Lands – Fleming
Mayor Ford – Lemus
Mayor Mitchell – Fleming
Mayor Giudice – Fleming
Mayor Stapp – Fleming
Mayor Zollman – Lemus
Mayor Farrar Rivas – Fleming
Vice Mayor Potter – Lemus

Fleming 6 votes; Lemus 3 votes

Victoria Fleming is appointed to the SMART Commission as the non-SCTA representative.

B. California Coastal Commission Recap

Chair Giudice provided comments on the California Coastal Commission process that occurred at the City Selection Committee meeting on February 3, 2025.

Mayor Zollman commented and expressed inquiries on how the process was handled and will be handled in the future.

Association Clerk Berges commented. The MCA will be advised directly by the Senate Rules Committee when there becomes a vacancy on the Committee.

C. Association Clerk Services Update

Association Clerk Berges provided comments on accomplishments and requested feedback. Chair Giudice and Board members responded.

Mayor Lands of Cloverdale motioned to approve the requested additional website maintenance funds of \$1,635; seconded by Vice Mayor Potter of Windsor; unanimously approved by all Board Members.

D. Future Agenda Items Discussion

The Board discussed the following topics:

SCOE Update on Federal and State Funding for Unhoused and Fostered youth

SCOE Update on K-12 Education initiatives/SSU update

Measure W Update including Library JPA Discussion

Sonoma County Senior Master Plan

Climate Risk Update (Flood and Fire Disaster)/State Climate Bond Approval Impact

Potter Valley Project

County-wide Crisis Response

*Note: Topics are subject to change based on availability

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Giudice called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor McDonnell of Petaluma made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mayor Farrar Rivas of Sonoma; unanimous vote. Chair Giudice adjourned the meeting at 6:46 PM

/s/ Lauren Berges, Association Clerk