



Southern California Association of Governments
June 3, 2026

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (EAC)
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 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 a special meeting at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort and Spa, Springs Salons C, D, and E, 74-855 Country Club Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92260. A quorum was present.

Members Present

Hon. Cindy Allen, President

Hon. Ray Marquez, 1st Vice President

Hon. Jenny Crosswhite, 2nd Vice President

Hon. David J. Shapiro, Chair CEHD

Hon. Rocky Rhodes, Vice Chair CEHD

Hon. Daniel Ramos, Vice Chair EEC

Hon. Mike Judge, Chair, TC

Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, Chair, LCMC

Hon. Margaret Finlay, Vice Chair LCMC

Hon. Wendy Bucknum, President’s Appt.

Hon. Mike Goodsell, President’s Appt.

Hon. Jan Harnik, President’s Appt.

Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.

Hon. Lucy Dunn

Long Beach

Chino Hills

Santa Paula

Calabasas

Simi Valley

Adelanto

VCTC

Riverside

Duarte

Mission Viejo

ICTC

RCTC

Pechanga Dev. Corp.

District 30

District 10

District 47

District 44

District 46

District 65

Ventura County

District 68

District 35

District 13

Holtville

Riverside

TGRP Representative

Business Representative

Members Not Present

Sup. Curt Hagman, Imm. Past President

Hon. Rick Denison, Chair EED

Hon. Thomas Wong, Vice Chair, TC

Hon. Karen Bass, President’s Appt.

Yucca Valley

Monterey Park

Los Angeles

San Bernardino County

District 11

District 34

Member-At-Large

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
Mike Maurer, Board Counsel
Jeffery Elder, Chief Counsel/Director of Legal Services
Maggie Aguilar, Clerk of the Board

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Cindy Allen called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. and asked Regional Council Member Patricia Lock Dawson, Riverside, District 68, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

President Allen opened the Public Comment Period.

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

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

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

There was no prioritization of agenda items.

ACTION ITEM

1. Resolution No. 26-681-1 Approving the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Final Comprehensive Budget

Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer, reported that on March 4, the Executive Administration Committee approved the draft Fiscal Year 2026–27 budget totaling \$269.2 million, and that the following day, on March 5, the Regional Council also approved the draft budget and authorized release of the Overall Work Program (OWP) for the required 30-day public comment period. She noted that during this period, one public comment was received, along with comments from Caltrans, FHWA, and FTA. She stated that all comments were reviewed and addressed, and none resulted in changes to the previously presented budget. She emphasized that the final Fiscal Year 2026–27 Comprehensive Budget remained unchanged at \$269.2 million, and the final OWP remained at \$263.5 million. She stated that approval of this item would enable SCAG to submit the final OWP to Caltrans by the May 8 deadline and secure federal and state planning funds for the upcoming fiscal year. She recommended that the Executive Administration Committee forward a recommendation to the Regional Council to approve the final comprehensive budget.

There were no public comments on Item 1.

A MOTION was made (Ramos) to recommend that the that the Regional Council: 1) Adopt Resolution No. 26-681-1 approving the Fiscal Year 2026-27 (FY 2026-27) Final Comprehensive Budget, subject to

approval of the General Fund Budget and Membership Dues Assessment by the SCAG General Assembly; 2) Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to submit the FY 2026-27 Overall Work Program (OWP) to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Federal Transit Administration (FTA); and 3) Authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to submit the FY 2026-27 Indirect Cost Rate Proposal (ICRP) and the FY 2026-27 Fringe Benefits Cost Rate Proposal to the FTA. Motion was SECONDED (Shapiro) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Allen, Bucknum, Crosswhite, Finlay, Goodsell, Harnik, Judge, Lock Dawson, Marquez, Masiel, Ramos, Rhodes, and Shapiro (13)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Approval Items

2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting – April 8, 2026
3. Sacramento Summit Follow-Up Bills
4. Bridges and Safety Infrastructure for Community Success (BASICS) Act
5. SCAG Memberships and Sponsorships

Receive and File

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

A MOTION was made (Finlay) to approve Consent Calendar Items 2-5 and Receive and File Items 6 and 7. Motion was SECONDED (Marquez) and passed by the following votes:

AYES: Allen, Bucknum, Crosswhite, Finlay, Goodsell, Harnik, Judge, Lock Dawson, Marquez, Masiel, Ramos, Rhodes, and Shapiro (13)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

CFO REPORT

Cindy Giraldo, Chief Financial Officer, recognized Kana Sato-Nguyen, Budget and Grants Manager, for her significant contributions and oversight of the extensive budget preparation work. She also expressed appreciation to members for timely payment of dues over the past year. She noted that invoices for the upcoming cycle would be distributed at the end of the next month. She stated that current collections were reported at 99.66 percent, with encouragement to maintain this high level of participation.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Allen reported on several SCAG-hosted mobile tours designed to highlight key regional initiatives. She shared that the first tour featured the Port of Los Angeles, where participants learned about ongoing efforts related to infrastructure, trade, and sustainability, including presentations from port staff and the Deputy Chief of the Los Angeles Port Police. The second tour was the OC Vibe project in Anaheim, a major mixed-use development that will include over 2,000 residential units with 300 designated as affordable housing, extensive park and trail amenities, and significant office space. She shared that the third tour consisted of members touring the CV Link multi-use path in the Coachella Valley, a 40-mile corridor enhancing safety and regional connectivity for non-automobile travel. She stated that members also visited agricultural operations focused on sustainability. She expressed appreciation to staff for organizing the tours and to SunLine Transit for providing transportation and sharing insights on clean transportation technologies. President Allen concluded by reminding members that the next Executive Administration Committee meeting was scheduled for June 3, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at SCAG's main office in downtown Los Angeles.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kome Ajise, Executive Director, acknowledged that this meeting marked President Allen's final Executive Administration Committee meeting and expressed appreciation for her dedicated leadership over the past year, noting her accessibility and genuine commitment to staff. He then provided several updates, including SCAG's ongoing role in planning for the 2028 Olympic Games, highlighting the forthcoming Regional Council consideration of a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) approach aimed at reducing background travel demand by 20–30 percent through coordinated regional strategies. He also reported on SCAG's upcoming federal recertification process with the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration, including a public comment period running from May 1 to June 15, 2026. Additional announcements included details about the evening reception and recognition of Chief Information Officer Julie Shroyer, who would be departing SCAG May 15 after years of impactful service leading the agency's technology modernization and enabling successful remote operations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms. Shroyer expressed appreciation for the recognition and emphasized that SCAG's success in technology modernization was the result of a collective team effort, highlighting the importance of both technical and project management expertise. She acknowledged leadership's prioritization of system modernization, which enabled seamless and reliable operations, and credited team members for their contributions to maintaining effective technology systems. She noted that it had been a privilege to serve SCAG, shared her gratitude for the opportunity to contribute to the agency's mission, and thanked colleagues for their kind remarks and support.

Executive Director Ajise recognized Ms. Lucy Dunn for her longstanding service and mentorship, noting her prior support during his tenure at Caltrans and her valuable guidance on complex projects. He expressed appreciation for her contributions as a business representative on the Executive Administration Committee (EAC), highlighting her continued commitment and willingness to extend her service. As this marked Ms. Dunn's final EAC meeting, he thanked her for her leadership and dedication, acknowledging her lasting impact and expressing confidence that she will remain engaged in regional efforts.

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Regional Council Member Wendy Bucknum, Mission Viejo, District 13, briefly raised awareness regarding SB 1087, noting that the California Building Industry Association (CBIA) currently holds an opposed position and was reviewing and proposing revisions to certain language. She emphasized the importance of coordination, and for SCAG staff working on this.

Executive Director Ajise stated they were aware and had been talking to the CBIA. He indicated they would be having meetings with them in the next week or so.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regional Council Member Daniel Ramos, Adelanto, District 65, expressed appreciation to staff for organizing the morning's educational tours and activities, specifically acknowledging the efforts of Regional Council Member Jan Harnik. He highlighted the success of the event logistics, noting the team's efficiency in quickly transitioning from the tour to this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Allen adjourned the Meeting of the Executive/Administration Committee at 4:27 p.m.

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Executive / Administration Committee Attendance Report

2025-26																	Total Mtgs Attended To Date
MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	5-Jun	19-Jun	20-Jun	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
Hon. Cindy Allen, President, Chair	Long Beach	District 30	1	1	1	1		1	0	1	1		1	1	0	1	10
Hon. Ray Marquez, 1st Vice Chair	Chino Hills	District 10	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	12
Hon. Jenny Crosswhite, 2nd Vice Chair	Santa Paula	District 47	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	12
Hon. Curt Hagman, Imm. Past President		San Bernardino County	1	0	0	1		1	1	1	1		1	1	1	0	9
Hon. David J. Shapiro, Chair, CEHD	Calabasas	District 44	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	12
Hon. Rocky Rhodes, Vice Chair, CEHD	Simi Valley	District 46	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	12
Hon. Rick Denison, Chair, EEC	Yucca Valley	District 11	1	1	0	0		0	1	1	0		1	1	0	0	6
Hon. Daniel Ramos, Vice Chair, EEC	Adelanto	District 65	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	12
Hon. Mike T. Judge, Chair, TC		VCTC	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	12
Hon. Thomas Wong, Vice Chair, TC	Monterey Park	District 34	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1		1	1	1	0	11
Hon. Patricia Lock Dawson, Chair, LCMC	Riverside	District 68	1	0	0	1		1	1	0	1		0	1	1	1	8
Hon. Margaret Finlay, Vice Chair, LCMC	Duarte	District 35	0	1	1	1		1	1	1	1		1	0	1	1	10
Hon. Karen Bass, President's Appt.	Los Angeles	Member-At-Large	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Hon. Wendy Bucknum, President's Appt.	Mission Viejo	District 13	1	1	0	1		1	1	0	1		1	1	0	1	9
Hon. Mike Goodsell, President's Appt.		ICTC	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	12
Hon. Jan Harnik, President's Appt.		RCTC	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	0		1	1	1	1	11
Hon. Andrew Masiel, Sr.	Pechanga Dev. Corporation	Tribal Government Regional Planning Board	1	0	0	0		0	1	1	0		1	1	0	1	6
Ms. Lucy Dunn, Ex-Officio Member	Lucy Dunn Strategic Issues Mar	Business Representative	1	1	1	0		0	1	0	1		1	1	1	1	9
			16	14	12	14	0	14	16	14	14	0	16	16	13	14	173