



Local Agency Formation Commission
for the County of Los Angeles

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MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

September 13, 2023

Present:

Donald Dear, Chair

John Lee
Robert Lewis
Gerard McCallum
John Mirisch
Holly Mitchell

Anthony Bell, Alternate
Michael Davitt, Alternate

Paul Novak, Executive Officer
Tiffani Shin, Legal Counsel

Absent:

Kathryn Barger
Margaret Finlay
Francine Oschin

Hilda Solis, Alternate

Vacant:

City of Los Angeles, Alternate Member
Alternate General Public Member
Independent Special District, Alternate Member

1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. as both an in-person and virtual meeting.

The following item was called up for consideration:

- a. Commissioners request to participate remotely pursuant to Government Code § 54953(f)(2):

(None).

2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Dear.

3 DISCLOSURE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION(S)

The Executive Officer (EO) read an announcement, asking if any Commissioners had received a campaign contribution that would require disclosure or any other issue requiring recusal from any item on today's agenda (None).

ANNOUNCEMENT

The EO announced that the agenda for today's meeting was posted on the LAFCO website on Thursday, August 31, 2023; and posted at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration on Friday, September 1, 2023; in accordance with State law.

4 SWEARING-IN OF SPEAKER(S)

The EO asked if any members of the audience planned to testify (None).

5 PUBLIC COMMENT

(None).

6 CONSENT ITEM(S)

The Commission took the following actions under Consent Item(s):

- a. Approved Minutes of August 9, 2023.
- b. Approved Operating Account Check Register for the month of August 2023.
- c. Received and filed update on Pending Proposals.

- d. Received and filed the Legislative Update.
- e. Received and filed the Executive Officer's Written Report.
- f. Information Item(s) – Government Code §§ 56751 (city proposal).

(None).
- g. Received and filed Information Item(s) – Government Code §§ 56857 (district proposal).
 - i. Annexation No. 2023-06 to the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley.
- h. Miscellaneous Communications.

(None).

MOTION: Mirisch SECOND: Lewis APPROVED: 7-0-0
AYES: Bell (Alt. for Oschin), Davitt (Alt. for Finlay), Lee, Lewis, McCallum,
Mirisch, Dear
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Barger, Finlay, Mitchell, Oschin

7 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

(None).

8 PROTEST HEARING(S)

(None).

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

- a. Annual Elections of Commission Officers.

The EO summarized the staff report concerning this item.

The Commission took the following actions:

- Nominated and elected Commissioner Dear to serve as LAFCO Chair for a term of one (1) year and until the election of a successor;

- Nominated and elected Commissioner McCallum to serve as LAFCO First Vice-Chair for a term of one (1) year and until the election of a successor; and
- Nominated and elected Commissioner Finlay to serve as LAFCO Second Vice-Chair for a term of one (1) year and until the election of a successor.

MOTION: Mirisch SECOND: Bell (Alt. for Oschin) APPROVED: 7-0-0
AYES: Bell (Alt. for Oschin), Davitt (Alt. for Finlay), Lee, Lewis, McCallum,
 Mirisch, Dear
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Barger, Finlay, Mitchell, Oschin

[Commissioner Mitchell arrived at 9:13 a.m.]

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called up for consideration:

- b. California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO) Annual Conference Voting Delegate.

The EO summarized the staff report on this item.

The Commission took the following actions:

- Designated Commissioner John Mirisch as the Commission's voting delegate; and
- Designated Executive Officer Paul Novak as the Commission's alternate voting delegate.

MOTION: McCallum SECOND: Lewis APPROVED: 8-0-0
AYES: Bell (Alt. for Oschin), Davitt (Alt. for Finlay), Lee, Lewis, McCallum,
 Mirisch, Mitchell, Dear
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Barger, Finlay, Oschin

The Commission took the following action:

- Directed the voting and alternate delegate to support Jo MacKenzie, San Diego LAFCO (Incumbent) as the Southern Region's independent special district representative on the CALAFCO Board of Directors.

MOTION: McCallum SECOND: Mirisch APPROVED: 8-0-0
AYES: Bell (Alt. for Oschin), Davitt (Alt. for Finlay), Lee, Lewis, McCallum,
Mirisch, Mitchell, Dear
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Barger, Finlay, Oschin

10 REQUESTED POSITION(S) ON LEGISLATION

(None).

11 COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Lewis asked when the next Southern Region California Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO) meeting will be held. The EO indicated that the next Southern Region CALAFCO meeting will be held at the 2023 CALAFCO Annual Conference in Monterey.

12 EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The EO indicated that the appointment for Alternate Special District Member has ended, and that staff provided each of the Commissioners the ballot that was recently sent to the independent special districts. The election concludes on October 30th, and a new Alternate Special District Member would sit at the November 8th Meeting.

The EO announced that Carole Suzuki (Legal Counsel) will be retiring from County service this October. Miguel Dager will be her successor.

The EO reported that Assembly Bill 399 was approved by the Assembly (the Commission is on record opposing AB 399). Chair Dear signed an opposition letter which will be sent to the Governor requesting a veto.

The EO noted that the Assembly approved AB 557, which extends certain teleconferencing provisions during a declared state of emergency. This bill is awaiting signature by the Governor.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT

(None).

14 FUTURE MEETINGS

October 11, 2023
November 8, 2023
December 13, 2023

15 ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dear adjourned the in-person and virtual meeting at 9:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Novak, AICP
Executive Officer