

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
WESTSIDE CITIES COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

MEETING NOTES

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2016
12:00 NOON

CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
MUNICIPAL GALLERY, 2ND FLOOR
455 NORTH REXFORD DRIVE
BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Beverly Hills:*** Mayor John Mirisch. Staff: Cheryl Friedling, Aaron Kunz.
- Culver City:*** Vice Mayor Jeffrey Cooper, Mayor Jim B. Clarke, Councilmember Meghan Sahli-Wells. Staff: John Nachbar
- Santa Monica:*** Councilmember Kevin McKeown, Councilmember Gleam Davis. Staff: Danielle Noble, Francie Stefan
- West Hollywood:*** Mayor Lauren Meister. Staff: Paul Arevalo, David Wilson, Hernan Molina, Christof Schroeder, Bianca Siegl
- City of LA:*** District 11 Staff: Debbie Dyner Harris. District 5 Staff: Jay Greenstein. Chief Legislative Analyst Office: Chris Concepción, Deborah Choi
- WSCCOG:*** Executive Director: Cecilia Estolano. Staff: Winnie Fong. Counsel: Lauren Langer
- Other Attendees:*** Eric Geier (Metro); Scott Malsin (54th Assembly District); Josh Kurpies (50th Assembly District); Javiera Cartagena (SCAG); Jeff Kiernan (League of CA Cities); Norman Emerson (Emerson & Associates); Josephine Gutierrez (LA County Department of Public Works); Robert Wong (Caltrans District 7); Blair Schlecter (Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Jeffrey Cooper (WSCCOG Chair) called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. and welcomed the board to the meeting then initiated self-introductions by the attendees.

2. CLOSED SESSION

Vice Mayor Cooper called for public comment on the closed session before entering into closed session. No public comment was made.

3. OPEN SESSION

The WSCCOG Board opened session at 12:57 p.m. WSCCOG Counsel Lauren Langer reported that the Board convened the closed session at 12:15 p.m. to discuss ELP Advisor's contract and that no reportable action was taken during the closed session.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

WSSCOG Executive Director Cecilia Estolano updated the WSSCOG Board regarding the recent changes with the WSSCOG Governing Board and the WSSCOG staff changes. Ms. Estolano also updated the board that beginning July 1, 2016, Councilmember Meghan Sahli-Wells will become the delegate voting member representing the City of Culver City and Mayor Jim B. Clarke will remain as the alternative voting member.

5. ACTION ITEMS

(A) APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 10, 2016 DRAFT MEETING NOTES

A motion was made by Mayor Lauren Meister and seconded by Councilmember Kevin McKeown to approve the March 10, 2016 draft meeting notes. The motion passed unanimously.

(B) FISCAL ACTIONS FOR FY 2016-17

I. Adoption of the Annual Budget and Determination of Dues to be Assessed for FY 2016-17

Ms. Estolano provided a brief overview of the two alternatives for the annual budget and the determination of dues. Ms. Estolano emphasized that Alternative #1 contains a reduced scope of work to focus on the Transportation/Mobility initiative and another area of interest as the Tourism/Economic Development initiative is based on an outdated strategic action plan from 2013. Mayor Jim B. Clarke raised a question about the continued deficit for the next three years in Alternative #1 and inquired if the COG could move forward to adopting the dues at \$23,000 beginning this fiscal year. Councilmember McKeown and Mayor Mirisch also agreed that a deficit should be avoided and to adopt the dues at \$23,000 beginning this fiscal year. A motion was made by Mayor Meister and seconded by Councilmember McKeown to adopt the member dues at \$23,000 beginning FY 2016-17 and to adopt the annual budget, as amended to reflect the approved member dues. The motion passed with the following roll-call votes. *Aye: Cooper, McKeown, Meister, Mirisch*

II. WSSCOG FY 2016-17 Work Plan

Ms. Estolano announced that she will be meeting with each city individually as part of the visioning process to establish new goals for the COG's future efforts in the work plan. Mayor Meister suggested that the COG consider the homelessness issue, and Mayor Mirisch added aging in place to be incorporated to the homelessness issue. Councilmember McKeown suggested adding the issue of housing as part of the discussion and strategy to addressing homelessness and aging in place. Ms. Estolano recommended that the Board take action on the work plan at the next COG Board meeting.

III. ELP Advisors Contract Extension for WSSCOG Executive Director Services

WSSCOG Counsel Lauren Langer advised the COG Board that the proposed compensation in the contract proposal is \$10,000 per month to reflect the Board approved annual budget. A motion was made by Councilmember McKeown and seconded by Mayor Meister to approve ELP Advisor's one-year contract extension for WSSCOG Executive Director Services. The motion passed with the following roll-call votes. *Aye: Cooper, McKeown, Meister, Mirisch*

(C) Election of Board Officers for FY 2016-17

Mayor Meister nominated Councilmember McKeown as the COG's incoming Chair for FY 2016-17. A motion was made by Mayor Meister and seconded by Mayor Mirisch to elect Councilmember McKeown as the COG's Chair for FY 2016-17. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Meister nominated Mayor Mirisch as the COG's incoming Vice Chair. Mayor Mirisch expressed his gratitude, but nominated Mayor Meister as the incoming Vice Chair. Mayor Meister accepted the nomination. A motion was made by Mayor Mirisch and seconded by Councilmember McKeown to elect Mayor Meister as the COG's Vice Chair for FY 2016-17. Mayor Mirisch was nominated as the COG's incoming Secretary. A motion was made by Councilmember McKeown and seconded by Vice Mayor Cooper to elect Mayor Mirisch as the COG's Secretary for FY 2016-17.

(D) APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT

I. Appointment of WSCCOG Representative to SCAG Transportation Committee

Vice Mayor Cooper conducted a roll-call vote. Mayor Meister voted for Mayor Mirisch and Councilmember McKeown voted for Mayor Clarke. Upon realizing that the roll-call vote would result in another tie, Mayor Mirisch proposes if the COG Board would consider nominating each nominee to a 6-month term each. SCAG representative Javiera Cartegena responded that the SCAG by-laws does not allow for that arrangement. The COG Board will consider another vote to occur at the next COG Regular Board meeting.

II. Reappointment of Honorable Meghan Sahli-Wells as WSCCOG Representative to SCAG Energy Environment Committee (EEC)

A motion was made by Councilmember McKeown and seconded by Mayor Meister to reappoint Councilmember Meghan Sahli-Wells to the SCAG Energy Environment Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Reappointment of Perri Sloane Goodman as WSCCOG Representative to Metro Westside/Central Service Council

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Cooper and seconded by Mayor Meister to reappoint Perri Sloane Goodman as the WSCCOG Representative to the Metro Westside/Central Service Council. The motion passed unanimously.

6. STRATEGIC INITIATIVES UPDATE

(A) Draft Expenditure Plan for Potential Ballot Measure

Ms. Estolano presented the agenda item and updated the board that other subregional COGs are advocating for Metro to redistribute the funds to raise the local return allocation from 16% to 25%, and have suggested reallocating the 2% allocated for Active Transportation Program (ATP) to increase the local return allocation. Ms. Estolano stated that she expressed opposition to this proposal in a conference call meeting with the other subregional COGs on this issue. Mayor Mirisch advocated increasing the ATP allocation from 2% to 5%. Mayor Meister requested to provide additional updates and information regarding the proposed allocation redistribution. Mayor Mirisch and Councilmember McKeown suggested framing a position letter directing Metro to focus the potential ballot measure to reflect the vision of mobility for the future, with an emphasis in advance technology and modern trends. Ms. Estolano added that the WSCCOG Executive Director team will meet with the WSCCOG Transportation Committee members to help draft the position letter for the COG Board to discuss further and take action for submittal to Metro. Ms. Estolano recommended that the COG Board convene a special board meeting in June to

discuss this issue further. Vice Mayor Cooper offered to host the special meeting in Culver City.

7. LEGISLATION

(A) Senate Bill 1742 (Mendoza) – Expansion of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board

Mayor Mirisch provided a brief background on the legislation and the City of Beverly Hills' support, if amended, letter to the Senate Appropriations Committee if the bill was amended to include the LA County City Selection Committee members from underrepresented areas to take part in the selection process. Councilmember McKeown added that the Santa Monica City Council focuses on a platform for local control. Mayor Meister requested that the COG Board hold off on voting on this issue because the West Hollywood City Council would need to discuss this issue. Ms. Estolano added that the staff from the offices of Supervisor Kuehl requested to share the opposition letter presented to Senator Mendoza from the Metro Board. Ms. Estolano added that the City of Los Angeles recently passed a resolution to oppose the legislation.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(A) Call for Nominations for WSCCOG Regional Director to the League of California Cities – LA County Division

Ms. Estolano announced to the Board that all elected-officials who are interested in the position to send a letter of interest to the WSCCOG Executive Director by June 30, 2016 and that the election will occur at the July COG Board meeting.

9. FUTURE MEETING LOCATION AND AGENDA ITEMS

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilmember McKeown requests to agendize at the next COG Board meeting a discussion to amend the COG's Joint Powers Authority (JPA) agreement to allow member cities' representatives to designate a non-elected official member as an alternate voting member. Mayor Meister suggested designating the non-elected official member as an ex-officio member. Mayor Clarke suggested adding teleconferencing as another option for voting members to participate at the COG Board meetings. Ms. Estolano responded that the COG Board will evaluate and discuss these three options at the next COG Regular Board meeting for further discussion. Councilmember McKeown also added that he will not be available to chair the upcoming scheduled COG Board meeting on July 14, 2016 and requested that the COG Board meeting be rescheduled to the last week of July.

Jeff Kiernan (League of California Cities) provided a brief update to the Board that the League opposes AB 2501 (Bloom) Housing: Density Bonuses and AB 2586 (Gatto) Parking. Mr. Kiernan also distributed materials for the upcoming League's Mayors & Council Members Executive Forum (June 22-24).

Councilmember McKeown and Councilmember Sahli-Wells announced upcoming events in Santa Monica and Culver City for the opening of the Metro Expo Line extension.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember McKeown requested to adjourn the meeting in memory of former Los Angeles City Councilmember Bill Rosendahl. The meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m.