

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Cerritos Senior Center
12340 South Street
Cerritos, California
June 29, 2005**

President Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

PRESENT: President Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Vice President Greg Nordbak, City of Whittier
Board Member Larry R. Nelson, City of Artesia
Board Member Mario Beltran, City of Bell Gardens
Board Member Paul Bowlen, City of Cerritos
Board Member Robert Fierro, City of Commerce
Board Member Lillie Dobson, City of Compton
Board Member Frank Gurule, City of Cudahy
Board Member Anne Bayer, City of Downey
Board Member Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park
Board Member Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights
Board Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Board Member Frank Colonna, City of Long Beach
Board Member Bonnie Lowenthal, City of Long Beach
Board Member Samuel Pena, City of Maywood
Board Member Edward Vasquez, City of Montebello
Board Member Gordon Stefenhagen, City of Norwalk
Board Member Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
Board Member Betty Putnam, City of Santa Fe Springs
Board Member Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate

ABSENT: Board Member Ralph Morrow, City of Avalon
Board Member George Cole, City of Bell
Board Member John Pratt, City of Bellflower
Board Member Leonard Chaidez, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Board Member Bob Chotiner, City of La Mirada
Board Member Fernando Pedroza, City of Lynwood
Board Member David Armenta, City of Pico Rivera
Board Member William Davis, City of Vernon
Board Member Don Knabe, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

ALSO PRESENT: Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing; Lakewood Assistant Director of Community Development Jack Gonsalves; Long Beach Traffic and Transportation Manager Sumire Gant; Kristine Guerrero, Regional Representative, League of California Cities; Patrician Price, Public Affairs Specialist, South Coast AQMD; Sharad Mulchand, LACMTA; Darin Chidsey,

Member Relations Officer, SCAG; Jerry Wood, Acting Executive Director, I-5 Joint Powers Authority; Sarah Siwek, Sarah Siwek & Associates; Jon Leonard, TIAX, LLC; Frank Osgood, Author, Region Aroused; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG Director of Program Development Deborah Chankin; GCCOG General Counsel Richard Jones; Don Camph, GCCOG Transportation Advisor.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Member Bayer led the pledge of allegiance.

The Executive Director announced that no closed session would be needed this evening. He also requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of D A McClain, former Gateway Cities MTA Transportation Deputy, who recently passed away.

There were no comments from the public.

It was moved by Member Colonna, seconded by Member Nelson, to approve the consent calendar as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Executive Director announced that John Barna, State Deputy Director for Business, Transportation, and Housing, had to remain in Sacramento and would not be making a presentation this evening. He said that Mr. Barna said that he would attend the August meeting of the Board instead.

The Deputy Executive Director presented the proposed operating budget for Fiscal Year 2005-06. He reported that the Port of Los Angeles had approved funding of an additional \$11.7 million for the Clean Air Program, with \$4.7 million available for the 2005-06 fiscal year. Together with the previously committed funding from both POLA and the South Coast Air Quality Management District, the Clean Air Program will account for 89% of the COG budget in the coming year. The Deputy Executive Director reported that the budget proposes a change in the relationship of the MTA Board Deputy by having the Deputy employed by a member city reimbursed by the COG rather than as an MTA employee. The MTA has agreed to continue to bear 50% of the cost.

It was moved by Member Colonna, seconded by Member Lowenthal, to waive further reading and adopt the resolution approving the 2005-06 annual budget:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2005-2006 ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

The motion was approved unanimously.

President Wilson introduced a resolution to amend the Bylaws to establish the positions

of Second Vice President and Immediate Past President, as well as various committee chairs, within the Executive Committee. The General Counsel explained that the resolution which was drafted reflected the direction given at the June 1 meeting of the Board.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AMENDING ITS BYLAWS WITH RESPECT TO ESTABLISHING THE POSITIONS OF SECOND VICE PRESIDENT AND IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT, AND WITH RESPECT TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND ELECTION THERETO

Member Colonna suggested that committees be created on an as needed basis rather than to designate specified committees with Executive Committee members as chairs. He said he favored modifying the resolution to eliminate reference to designated committee chairs so as to create opportunities for at-large members to serve as committee chairs.

Member Pena said that it was his understanding that committee chairs would be picked from the at-large members of the Executive Committee rather than directly elected to that position.

Vice President Nordbak said that he liked the new Executive Committee model without the committee chairs. He said that he believed that more small cities would participate if they did not feel that their cities would have to provide staffing for committees.

It was moved by Member Colonna, seconded by Member Daniels, to amend the draft resolution to make all members of the Executive Committee, other than the four officers, at-large positions. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was moved by Member Colonna, seconded by Member Nelson, to adopt the draft amendment to the Bylaws as amended by the previous motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Colonna presented a report from the Conservancy Committee. He referred the Board to his written report which detailed recent grants awarded by the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Board of Directors at its June meeting. It was moved by Member Colonna, seconded by Member Nelson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Jerry Wood, Interim Executive Director of the I-5 Joint Powers Authority, reported that there had been good cooperation among Caltrans, MTA, and the I-5 JPA. He said that the California Transportation Commission had restored funding for the Carmenita bridge widening project. He reported that the I-710/I-5 interchange mini-study was underway and should be concluded in September or October. It was moved by Member Colonna, seconded by Member DuBois, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Jerry Wood presented a report on the SR 91/I-605 Needs Assessment Study. He said that the Corridor Committee had held its first meeting and had elected Member Stefenhagen as Chair and Member Pratt as Co-Chair. He said the Corridor Committee heard a presentation of an overview of the study and that the Corridor Committee would meet again in August. He said that the Technical Advisory Committee would hold its first meeting before then. It was moved by Member Colonna, seconded by Member DuBois, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the Transportation Committee.

The General Counsel announced that now was the time for the Board to conduct the election of officers and Executive Committee members to serve for the 2005-06 Fiscal Year.

Member Nelson nominated Vice President Nordbak for the office of President. There were no other nominations. It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Daniels, to elect Vice President Nordbak as President. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Lowenthal nominated Member Pena for the office of First Vice President. There were no other nominations. It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Vice President Nordbak, to elect Member Pena as First Vice President. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Daniels nominated Member Nelson for the office of Second Vice President. There were no other nominations. It was moved by Member Colonna, seconded by Member Gurule, to elect Member Nelson as Second Vice President. The motion was approved unanimously.

Vice President Nordbak nominated President Wilson for the office of Immediate Past President. There were no other nominations. It was moved by Member Colonna, seconded by Member Pena, to elect President Wilson as Immediate Past President. The motion was approved unanimously.

The General Counsel asked for self-nominations of cities to serve on the Executive Committee. Member Guerrero nominated Huntington Park. Member Beltran nominated Bell Gardens. Member Daniels nominated Paramount. Member DuBois nominated Lakewood. Member Colonna nominated Long Beach. Member Bowlen nominated Cerritos. Member Bayer nominated Downey. Member Putnam nominated Santa Fe Springs. Member Stefenhagen nominated Norwalk.

The General Counsel announced that, since nine cities were nominated for the eight remaining vacancies on the Executive Committee, an election would need to be conducted. Ballots were distributed to each of the Board members, who were asked to indicate their city on the top of the ballot and to vote for no more than eight cities for

membership on the Executive Committee. The completed ballots were then given to the General Counsel, who asked the Deputy Executive Director and the Assistant Director of Community Development for the City of Lakewood to tally the ballots.

President Wilson called for a recess at 7:15 p.m.

President Wilson called the meeting back to order at 7:30 p.m.

The General Counsel announced the following votes for membership on the Executive Committee:

Downey	20 votes
Lakewood	19 votes
Norwalk	19 votes
Santa Fe Springs	18 votes
Long Beach	17 votes
Cerritos	17 votes
Paramount	16 votes
Huntington Park	15 votes
Bell Gardens	15 votes
Maywood	1 vote

The General Counsel announced that the cities of Downey, Lakewood, Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs, Long Beach, Cerritos, and Paramount were elected to the Executive Committee, but that a tie existed for the last seat between the cities of Huntington Park and Bell Gardens. The General Counsel asked if either of those two cities wished to withdraw its nomination; otherwise a runoff election would be required. Member Beltran announced that he was withdrawing the nomination of the City of Bell Gardens. It was the consensus of the Board of Directors to elect the City of Huntington Park to the Executive Committee.

There were no matters from the President.

There were no matters from the Board of Directors.

The Director of Program Development gave a reminder that an election to the Governance Council of the MTA Gateway Cities Service Sector would be on the August agenda of the Board of Directors and that persons interested in serving on the Council needed to submit an application by July 9.

It was moved by Member Nelson, seconded by Member Hurtado, to adjourn the meeting in memory of D A McClain. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.