

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Gateway Cities Council of Governments
16401 Paramount Boulevard
Paramount, California
December 6, 2006**

In the absence of a quorum of the Board of Directors, President Nelson called a meeting of the Executive Committee to order at 6:31 p.m.

PRESENT: President Larry R. Nelson, City of Artesia
First Vice President Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park
Second Vice President John Pratt, City of Bellflower
Immediate Past President Greg Nordbak, City of Whittier
Member Paul Bowlen, City of Cerritos
Member Lillie Dobson, City of Compton
Member Anne Bayer, City of Downey
Member Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
Member Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate

ABSENT: Member Bonnie Lowenthal, City of Long Beach
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach
Member Fernando Pedroza, City of Lynwood
Member Gordon Stefenhagen, City of Norwalk
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Member Don Knabe, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Ex Officio Member Kerry Cartwright, Port of Long Beach

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Member Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood
Member Jeff Siccama, City of Montebello
Member Ron Beilke, City of Pico Rivera
Member Betty Putnam, City of Santa Fe Springs

ALSO PRESENT: Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing; Downey Assistant to the City Manager Scott Pomrehn; La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster; Lakewood Associate Planner Paul Kuykendall; Long Beach Manager of Government Affairs Tom Modica; Ernest T. Morales, MTA Gateway Cities Director; Darin Chidsey, Member Relations Officer, SCAG; Patrician Price, Senior Public Information Specialist, South Coast AQMD; Albert Perdon, Executive Director, Orangeline Development Authority; Raul Romero, R & R Municipal Solutions; Jerry Wood, Executive Director, I-5 Joint Powers Authority; GCCOG Assistant General Counsel Thomas Duarte; GCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG Director of Program Development Deborah Chankin.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Immediate Past President Nordbak led the pledge of allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

No one wished to speak during public comments.

The Executive Director recommended that the Executive Committee consider an alternative date for the January 2007 Board meeting since there were a number of important reports that would suffer from a compressed schedule due to the proximity of the upcoming holidays. He suggested either January 17 or 18 as alternative dates. It was the consensus of the Executive Committee to schedule the January meeting of the Board of Directors for January 18, 2007

Member Bayer asked that the minutes of the meeting of November 1, 2006, be amended to show that she, rather than Councilmember Meredith Perkins, was in attendance at that meeting. It was moved by Member Bowlen, seconded by Member Hurtado, to approve consent calendar as presented with the requested amendment to the minutes of November 1, 2006. The motion was approved unanimously.

Given the absence of a quorum of the full Board of Directors, it was the consensus of the Executive Committee to defer reports A through G to next meeting.

Patrician Price, Senior Public Information Specialist, South Coast Air Quality Management District, spoke to the Executive Committee regarding the upcoming International Conference on Asthma Impacts of Air Pollution, scheduled for April 26-27 at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim. She said that she would be taking a leave of absence as the SCAQMD's regional representative to the Gateway Cities. It was moved by Member Bowlen, seconded by Member Daniels, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was the consensus of the Executive Committee to defer the committee reports to the next meeting of the Board.

President Nelson reported that there are currently two vacancies for COG representation on the SCAG Community, Economic, and Human Development (CEHD) Committee and invited members to nominate themselves for these positions.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Powers, Secretary