

**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
August 1, 2007**

President Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: President Larry R. Nelson, City of Artesia
First Vice President Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park
Immediate Past President Greg Nordbak, City of Whittier
Member Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower
Member Laura Lee, City of Cerritos
Member Joe Aguilar, City of Commerce
Member Frank Gurule, City of Cudahy
Member Anne Bayer, City of Downey
Member John Heckerman, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights
Member Pete Dames, City of La Mirada
Member Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Member Gordon Stefenhagen, City of Norwalk
Member Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
Member Ron Beilke, City of Pico Rivera
Member Betty Putnam, City of Santa Fe Springs
Member Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate

ABSENT: Member Bob Kennedy, City of Avalon
Member Oscar Hernandez, City of Bell
Member Mario Beltran, City of Bell Gardens
Member Lillie Dobson, City of Compton
Member Bonnie Lowenthal, City of Long Beach
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach
Member Fernando Pedroza, City of Lynwood
Member Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood
Member Jeff Siccama, City of Montebello
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Member William Davis, City of Vernon
Member Don Knabe, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Ex Officio Member Kerry Cartwright, Port of Long Beach

ALSO PRESENT: Artesia Mayor Pro Tem Sally Flowers, President of the California Contract Cities Association; Signal Hill City Manager Ken Farfsing; La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster; Lakewood Assistant Director of Community Development Sonia Southwell; Downey Assistant to the City Manager Scott Pomrehn; Long Beach Government Affairs Manager Tom Modica; Commerce Senior Administrative Analyst Fernando Mendoza; Field Representative for Senator Barbara Boxer Corey Jackson; David Madsen, Senior Public Information Specialist, SCAQMD; Darin Chidsey, Member Relations Officer, SCAG; Kristine Guerrero, Public Affairs Manager, League of California Cities; Ernest Morales, Deputy Executive Officer, Metro; Frank Osgood, Author, Region Aroused; GCCOG General Counsel Richard D. Jones; GCCOG Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG Director of Program Development Deborah Chankin.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Member Heckerman led the pledge of allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

President Nelson introduced California Contract Cities Association President Sally Flowers, who addressed the Board on the goals and activities of the Association. She said that she had a new, strong Board of Directors and that they want to create synergy with other organizations. She said that she would like to have joint meetings with other organizations such as the Gateway Cities COG.

No one wished to speak during public comments.

There were no matters from staff.

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

Darin Chidsey, SCAG Member Relations Officer, presented a report on the activities of SCAG. He said that the next day's meetings of the Regional Council and policy committees had been cancelled, but that there would be a special workshop on Goods Movement Control Measures. He said the next meetings of the SCAG Regional Council and policy committees would be held on August 30th in order to avoid a conflict with the Annual Conference of the League of California Cities. He referred the Board to flyers promoting the August 8th Earthquake Preparedness Conference to be held in Ontario. It was moved by Member Gurule, seconded by President Nelson, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

Kristine Guerrero, League of California Cities, distributed a legislative update. She said that the State Budget is still not resolved, but that it still looks positive for the cities to receive their Proposition 1B money. She said that the League is looking for letters regarding ACA 8 (Eminent Domain Reform Act) from individual councilmembers located within Assemblyman De La Torre's district. She said that Senate Bill 375 regarding the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions was in the Assembly. She said that the League is concerned that it is very loosely written and raises land use control issues. The League is asking that it become a two year bill. She said that SB 303 had become a two year bill.

Ms. Guerrero said that the Los Angeles County Division of the League had elected new officers, including Whittier Mayor Owen Newcomer, who was elected Secretary. She said that there are very few hotel room left in Sacramento for the Annual Conference, so reservations should be made as soon as possible.

President Nelson acknowledged that the report from the California Contract Cities Association had already been given by President Sally Flowers.

The Deputy Executive Director presented a report from the I-5 Consortium Cities Joint Powers Authority. He said that a new Authority Engineer had been hired. He said that the Carmenita Road interchange plans are 95% complete and are being reviewed by the cities. The FHWA has signed the EIR/EIS for the I-5 between I-605 and the county line to the south and work on the design of that project is planned to be started. He said Caltrans continues to work on the EIR/EIS for the I-5 between I-605 and I-710.

There was no report from the Orangeline Development Authority.

David Madsen, Senior Public Information Specialist, presented a report from the South Coast Air Quality Management District. He said that CARB has scheduled a public hearing on September 27th and 28th in Diamond Bar to consider the State Air Quality Management Plan. He said that on August 9th Senator Boxer would be holding a hearing at the Port of Los Angeles on her proposed Emission Reduction Act, which would require ships to use lower emission fuels. Member DuBois asked where is the follow-up from last month's discussion regarding SB 1028. Mr. Madsen said he would be providing the information. It was moved by Member Daniels, seconded by President Nelson, to receive and file the report.

The Director of Program Development presented a report from the Conservancy Committee. She said that former Long Beach Councilmember Frank Colonna was now back on the Conservancy Board as an appointee of the Governor. She referred the Board to the agenda report which detailed a variety of grant amendments made by the Conservancy and to a flyer announcing workshops on new Proposition 84 grant funding. It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Daniels, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved

unanimously.

The Deputy Executive Director presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He said that the EIR/EIS and community participation contracts were awarded by the MTA Board in late July. Work by the consultants is planned to be started in August or September. It was moved by Member Gurule, seconded by Member Daniels, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Deputy Executive Director presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said that meetings have been held with city managers to discuss the community participation format and process. He said freeway improvement analysis is about 50% complete and traffic modeling should be completed in August. It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Stefenhagen, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There were no matters from the Board of Directors.

President Nelson announced that the next scheduled meeting of the Board conflicted with the Annual Conference of the League of California Cities. He asked the Board members to consider an alternate date for the September meeting. It was the consensus of the Board to meet on Wednesday, September 19th.

President Nelson thanked the Board for a great year and said that his aim over the past year was to increase the outreach to member cities. He thanked Immediate Past President Nordbak for his past statements in support of one year terms for presidents of the Board and said that he honors the system on one year terms and is not willing to serve another year as President.

The General Counsel announced that now was the time to conduct the annual election of officers of the Board of Directors.

Member Putnam nominated Member Bayer for President. Immediate Past President Nordbak nominated First Vice President Guerrero for President. Member Bayer declined the nomination for President. There were no other nominations. It was moved by President Nelson, seconded by Member DuBois, to close nominations and elect First Vice President Guerrero as President. The motion was approved unanimously.

Immediate Past President Nordbak nominated Member Bayer for First Vice President. There were no other nominations. It was moved by Immediate Past President Nordbak, seconded by President Nelson, to close nominations and elect Member Bayer as First Vice President. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Nelson nominated Member Stefenhagen for Second Vice President. There were no other nominations. It was moved by Immediate Past President Nordbak, seconded by Member Daniels, to close nominations and elect Member Stefenhagen as Second Vice President. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was moved by Immediate Past President Nordbak, seconded by Member Hurtado, to elect President Nelson as Immediate Past President. The motion was approved unanimously.

The General Counsel asked for self nominations for the available eight seats on the Executive Committee. The following nine cities were nominated: Whittier, Lakewood, Santa Fe Springs, Paramount, South Gate, Cerritos, Bellflower, Cudahy, and Pico Rivera. Member Beilke withdrew the nomination of Pico Rivera. It was moved by Member DuBois, seconded by Member Heckerman, to elect the cities of Whittier, Lakewood, Santa Fe Springs, Paramount, South Gate, Cerritos, Bellflower, and Cudahy to the Executive Committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by President Guerrero at 6:31 p.m.