

**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 3, 2008**

First Vice President Stefenhagen called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

PRESENT: First Vice President Gordon Stefenhagen, City of Norwalk
Second Vice President Diane DuBois, City of Lakewood
Immediate Past President Elba Guerrero, City of Huntington Park
Member Larry R. Nelson, City of Artesia
Member George Mirabal, City of Bell
Member Raymond Dunton, City of Bellflower
Member Jim Edwards, City of Cerritos
Member Joe Aguilar, City of Commerce
Member Lillie Dobson, City of Compton
Member Frank Gurule, City of Cudahy
Member Victor Farfan, City of Hawaiian Gardens
Member Stan Carroll, City of La Habra Heights
Member Pete Dames, City of La Mirada
Member Patrick O'Donnell, City of Long Beach
Member Gracie Gallegos-Smith, City of Pico Rivera
Member Betty Putnam, City of Santa Fe Springs
Member William Davis, City of Vernon
Member Greg Nordbak, City of Whittier

ABSENT: President Anne M. Bayer, City of Downey
Member Bob Kennedy, City of Avalon
Member Mario Beltran, City of Bell Gardens
Member from the City of Long Beach
Member Maria Teresa Santillan, City of Lynwood
Member Felipe Aguirre, City of Maywood
Member Kathy Salazar, City of Montebello
Member Gene Daniels, City of Paramount
Member Edward H. J. Wilson, City of Signal Hill
Member Gil Hurtado, City of South Gate
Member Kurt Pederson, Office of Supervisor Don Knabe
Member Erica Jacquez-Santos, Office of Supervisor Gloria Molina
Member Ronald Fisher, Office of Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
Member Richard Steinke, Ex Officio Member, Port of Long Beach
ALSO PRESENT: La Mirada Director of Public Works Steve Forster;

Lakewood Assistant Director of Community Development Sonia Southwell; Metro Deputy Executive Officer Ernest Morales; Alex Kenefick, Watershed Coordinator, Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council; Derek Alatorre, South Coast AQMD; Frank Osgood, Author, Region Aroused; GCCCOG Executive Director Richard Powers; Deputy Executive Director Jack Joseph; GCCOG Transportation Deputy Karen Heit; GCCCOG Director of Regional Planning Nancy Pfeffer; GCCOG Consultant Engineer Jerry Wood.

Roll was taken through self-introductions.

Member Farfan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

There were no public comments.

The Executive Director thanked SCAQMD Board Member Tonia Reyes-Uranga for sponsoring the Air Quality Forum held on November 21 at the COG offices. He said that he and President Bayer had met recently with the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation and were looking forward to re-partnering with the LAEDC to address the subregion's industry clusters.

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

There was no report from SCAG.

There was no report from the League of California Cities.

There was no report from the California Contract Cities Association.

There was no report from the I-5 JPA.

There was no report from the Orangeline Development Authority.

Derek Alatorre presented a report from the South Coast Air Quality Management District. He said that about 28 members had attended the November 20 Air Quality Institute briefing. It was moved by Second Vice President DuBois, seconded by Member Gurule, to receive and file the report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was no report from the Metro Gateway Cities Service Sector.

There was no report from the Conservancy Committee.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the I-710 EIR/EIS Project Committee. He said that the Project Committee had met last month and that the Technical Advisory Committee had established a regular meeting schedule.

Jerry Wood presented a report from the SR-91/I-605/I-405 Corridor Cities Committee. He said the passage of Measure R will provide substantial funding for the project. He reported that the Technical Advisory Committee would begin meeting monthly.

It was moved by Member Davis, seconded by Member Dobson, to receive and file the I-710 and SR-91/I-605/I-405 reports. The motion was approved unanimously.

Second Vice President DuBois said that it was very important that cities attend the December 8 meeting of the MTA Southeast/Long Beach Sector Subcommittee meeting in Norwalk in order to nominate the sector's member of the MTA Board of Directors. First Vice President Stefenhagen urged people to attend that meeting. He discussed the issues that would be coming before the MTA Board and stressed the importance that the subregion be represented.

Adjournment: It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.