

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
January 16, 2025 | 9:00am – 1:00pm

Capitol Event Center | 1020 11<sup>th</sup> St. Suite 100, Sacramento

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MINUTES

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**1. Roll Call**

OFFICERS

Jeff Griffiths | *President*  
Susan Ellenberg | *1<sup>st</sup> Vice President*  
Luis Alejo | *2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President*  
Bruce Gibson | *Immediate Past President*

CSAC STAFF

Graham Knaus | *Chief Executive Officer*  
Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez | *Chief Policy Officer*  
Chastity Benson | *Chief Operating Officer*

ADVISORS

Jason Britt | *Tulare County CAO & CACE President*  
Brian E. Washington | *Marin County Counsel, County*  
*Counsels' Association Past President*

SUPERVISORS

Kathryn Barger | *Los Angeles County (absent)*  
Rich Desmond | *Sacramento County*  
John Gioia | *Contra Costa County*  
Kelly Long | *Ventura County*  
V. Manuel Perez | *Riverside County*  
Noelia Corzo | *San Mateo County*  
Bonnie Gore | *Placer County (absent)*  
Manu Koenig | *Santa Cruz County*  
Scott Silveira | *Merced County*  
Lucas Frerichs | *Yolo County*  
Kent Boes | *Colusa County*  
Ned Coe | *Modoc County*  
Ryan Campbell | *Tuolumne County*

Treasurer

Belia Ramos, *Napa County*

**2. CEO's Report**

Graham Knaus, CEO, provided an update on the Association.

**3. 2025 Budget Update**

Erika Li, Chief Deputy Director of Budgets for the California Department of Finance, provided an update on the 2025 State Budget.

**4. Approval of Minutes from October 9-11, 2024, and November 19, 2024**

A motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 9-11, 2024, and November 19, 2024, was made by Supervisor Silveira and seconded by Supervisor Coe. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. Approval of Updated 2024 – 2025 Board of Directors Nominations**

The CSAC Constitution indicates that each county board shall nominate one or more directors to serve on the CSAC Board of Directors for a one-year term commencing with the Annual Meeting. The CSAC Executive Committee appoints one director for each member county from the nominations received and was presented with additional 2024-2025 nominations received to date.

A motion to approve the updated 2024-2025 Board of Directors Nominations was made by Supervisor Silveira and seconded by Supervisor Perez. The motion passed unanimously.

**6. Approval of 2025 CSAC Appointments**

Supervisor Griffiths, CSAC President, presented the Officers 2025 CSAC appointment recommendations to the Executive Committee for consideration.

*A motion to approve the 2025 CSAC Appointments was made by Supervisor Coe and seconded by Supervisor Frerichs. The motion passed unanimously.*

**7. Approval of CSAC Finance Corporation Appointments**

Alan Fernandes, CSAC Finance Corp. CEO, presented the Finance Corp. Board's recommendations to fill the rural county, agency/department head, and public member seats:

- Rural County Supervisor: Ed Valenzuela, Siskiyou County
- Agency/Department Head: Edward Hill, Chief Operating Officer, Fresno County
- Public Members: Vernon Billy, CEO & Executive Director of the California School Boards Association (CSBA) and Miguel Marquez, City Manager for the City of Pasadena

*A motion to approve the CSAC Finance Corporation Board appointments was made by Supervisor Alejo and seconded by Supervisor Gibson. The motion passed unanimously.*

**8. Approval of CSCDA Appointments**

Graham Knaus, CEO, and Alan Fernandes, CSAC Finance Corporation CEO, presented the recommendation appoint retired Solano County Supervisor Erin Andrews to the CSCDA Board.

*A motion to approve the CSCDA appointment was made by Supervisor Silveira and seconded by Supervisor Coe. The motion passed unanimously.*

**9. Discussion of Governor's January Budget Impact**

Graham Knaus, CEO, and Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez, CPO, discussed Governor Newsom's January budget and highlighted that the Los Angeles County wildfires could drastically change the budget.

**10. Legislative Priorities for 2025**

Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez, CPO, presented the 2025 Board Adopted Priorities to the Executive Committee and engaged in discussion.

**11. Operations and Member Services Report**

Chastity Benson, COO, provided an update on the building renovation project and the upcoming Challenge Awards dinner. Rachael Serrao, Public Affairs Manager, highlighted the launch of CSAC's Speakers Bureau.

**12. California Counties Foundation Report**

Supervisor Ellenberg, Foundation President, provided an update on the New Supervisors Institute and the two new Institute Campuses. Paul Danczyk, Foundation COO, highlighted the CSAC Grants Initiative (CGI).

**13. CSAC Finance Corporation Report**

Rob Pierce, CSAC Finance Corp. COO, highlighted that Easy Smart Pay is now in 34 counties. Stacie Frerichs, Director of Business Programs, provided an update on the upcoming Executive Committee Leadership Forum.

**14. California Association of County Executives (CACE) Report**

Jason Britt, CACE President and Tulare County CAO, highlighted several complex issues that County Administrators will be working on in 2025, which include ensuring the continued provision of jail medical services and engagement in the SB 90 mandate process.

**15. Minute Mics: Executive Committee Roundtable**

Each member of the Executive Committee spent one minute discussing pressing issues in their county.

**The meeting was adjourned. The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on April 3, 2025 in San Joaquin County.**