

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 7, 2024

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MINUTES

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**1. Roll Call**

OFFICERS

Bruce Gibson | President  
Jeff Griffiths | 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Susan Ellenberg | 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Chuck Washington | Immediate Past President

ADVISORS

Sarah Carillo | County Counsel, Tuolumne County  
Jeff Van Wagenen | CEO, Riverside County

CSAC STAFF

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

EX OFFICIO MEMBER

Belia Ramos | Treasurer, Napa County

Alameda	–	Keith Carson	Orange	–	<i>Absent</i>
Alpine	–	Terry Woodrow	Placer	–	Bonnie Gore
Amador	–	Richard Forster	Plumas	–	<i>Absent</i>
Butte	–	Tom Kimmelshue	Riverside	–	V. Manuel Perez
Calaveras	–	<i>Absent</i>	Sacramento	–	Rich Desmond
Colusa	–	Kent Boes	San Benito	–	Bea Gonzales
Contra Costa	–	John Gioia	San Bernardino	–	Jesse Armendarez
Del Norte	–	Chris Howard	San Diego	–	Nora Vargas
El Dorado	–	John Hidahl	San Francisco	–	<i>Absent</i>
Fresno	–	<i>Absent</i>	San Joaquin	–	Robert Rickman
Glenn	–	Grant Carmon	San Luis Obispo	–	Bruce Gibson
Humboldt	–	Michelle Bushnell	San Mateo	–	Noelia Corzo
Imperial	–	<i>Absent</i>	Santa Barbara	–	Das Williams
Inyo	–	Trina Orrill	Santa Clara	–	Susan Ellenberg
Kern	–	<i>Absent</i>	Santa Cruz	–	Manu Koenig
Kings	–	<i>Absent</i>	Shasta	–	<i>Absent</i>
Lake	–	Bruno Sabatier	Sierra	–	Lee Adams
Lassen	–	Gary Bridges	Siskiyou	–	Brandon Criss
Los Angeles	–	Kathryn Barger	Solano	–	Erin Hannigan
Madera	–	<i>Absent</i>	Sonoma	–	James Gore
Marin	–	Mary Sackett	Stanislaus	–	Vito Chiesa
Mariposa	–	Rosemarie Smallcombe	Sutter	–	Karm Bains
Mendocino	–	John Haschak	Tehama	–	Candy Carlson
Merced	–	Scott Silveira	Trinity	–	Ric Leutwyler
Modoc	–	Ned Coe	Tulare	–	Amy Shuklian
Mono	–	John Peters	Tuolumne	–	Ryan Campbell
Monterey	–	<i>Absent</i>	Ventura	–	Jeff Gorell
Napa	–	Ryan Gregory	Yolo	–	Lucas Frerichs
Nevada	–	Heidi Hall	Yuba	–	Don Blaser

**2. CEO's Report**

Graham Knaus, Chief Executive Officer, provided an update on the Association.

**3. Approval of Minutes from November 16, 2023**

A motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from November 16, 2023, was made by Supervisor Ellenberg and was seconded by Supervisor Adams. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Approval of 2027 Annual Meeting Site Selection**

The Executive Committee recommended that the Association hold its 2027 Annual Meeting in San Francisco City and County November 28 – December 3, 2027.

A motion to approve the 2027 Annual Meeting venue was made by Supervisor Hannigan and seconded by Supervisor Adams. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. Legislative and Elections Update**

Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez, Chief Policy Officer, highlighted several new bills, next steps on CSAC's AT HOME efforts and several key elections.

**6. National Association of Counties (NACo) Update**

Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez and Justin Garrett, Senior Legislative Advocate & Federal Affairs Manager, provided a NACo policy resolutions update. Supervisor Jeff Griffiths thanked the Supervisors who attended the recent ACP Press Conference in Washington DC. Supervisor James Gore announced that the application period for NACo Presidential Appointments has opened and highlighted several upcoming NACo events.

**7. Litigation Coordination Program Update**

Jennifer Henning, Litigation Counsel, provided an update on the Grants Pass v Johnson case, which is scheduled to be heard by the Supreme Court on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. A decision is anticipated in late June or early July.

**8. CSAC Finance Corporation Report**

Alan Fernandes, CSAC Finance Corp CEO briefed the board on the Executive Committee's re-appointment several new Board members: Supervisor Oscar Villegas, County Administrative Officer Susan Muranishi, Retired Supervisor Leonard Moty, and Treasurer/Tax Collector Matt Jennings.

CSAC corporate partner Rick Brush, PRISM Chief Member Services Officer, addressed the Board.

**9. Operations & Member Services Report**

Chastity Benson, Chief Operating Officer, provided an update on CSAC's upcoming Legislative Conference and Regional Meeting.

**10. California Counties Foundation Report**

Paul Danczyk, California Counties Foundation Chief Operating Officer, highlighted the Foundation Board's recent strategic planning and the upcoming New Supervisors Institute.

**11. Minute Mics: Board of Directors Roundtable**

Each member of the Board of Directors spent one-minute discussing pressing issues in their County.

**The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on April 19, 2024, in Sacramento**