

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 19, 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	–	Tom McGowan
Butte	–	Tom Kimmelshue	Riverside	–	<i>Absent</i>
Calaveras	–	Amanda Folendorf (alternate)	Sacramento	–	Rich Desmond
Colusa	–	Kent Boes	San Benito	–	Bea Gonzales
Contra Costa	–	<i>Absent</i>	San Bernardino	–	Jesse Armendarez
Del Norte	–	Chris Howard	San Diego	–	Nora Vargas
El Dorado	–	<i>Absent</i>	San Francisco	–	Rafael Mandelman
Fresno	–	<i>Absent</i>	San Joaquin	–	<i>Absent</i>
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	–	Leticia Perez	Santa Cruz	–	Manu Koenig
Kings	–	Rusty Robinson	Shasta	–	<i>Absent</i>
Lake	–	Bruno Sabatier	Sierra	–	Lee Adams
Lassen	–	Gary Bridges	Siskiyou	–	Ed Valenzuela
Los Angeles	–	<i>Absent</i>	Solano	–	Erin Hannigan
Madera	–	Leticia Gonzalez	Sonoma	–	James Gore
Marin	–	Mary Sackett	Stanislaus	–	Vito Chiesa
Mariposa	–	Rosemarie Smallcombe	Sutter	–	Dan Flores
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	–	Luis Alejo	Ventura	–	Kelly Long
Napa	–	Ryan Gregory	Yolo	–	Lucas Frerichs
Nevada	–	Heidi Hall	Yuba	–	Don Blaser

**2. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**3. Presentation from the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing (BCSH) Agency**

Melinda Grant, Undersecretary for the Business Consumer Services and Housing Agency, discussed the role of BCSH and what the agency is doing to prevent and end homelessness as well as promote affordable housing.

**4. CEO's Report**

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

**5. Approval of Minutes from March 7, 2024**

A motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 7, 2024, was made by Supervisor Gore and seconded by Supervisor Long. The motion carried unanimously.

**6. Approval of IRS Form 990 – Tax Year 2022**

Treasurer Ramos presented the IRS Form 990 for Tax Year 2022 to the Board for approval.

A motion to approve the IRS Tax Form 990 for Tax Year 2022, was made by Supervisor Perez and seconded by Supervisor Hannigan. The motion carried unanimously.

**7. Approval of CSAC Proposed Budget FY 2024-25**

Treasurer Ramos presented the CSAC Proposed Budget FY 2024-2025 to the Board for approval.

A motion to approve the CSAC Proposed Budget for FY 2024-25 was made by Supervisor Smallcombe and seconded by Supervisor Ellenberg. The motion carried unanimously.

**8. ACA 13 (Ward): "Protect and Retain the Majority Vote Act"**

Eric Lawyer, Legislative Advocate, provided a brief description of ACA 13, presented the Executive Committee's SUPPORT recommendation, and introduced the proponent and opponent speakers.

- Assemblymember Chris Ward, 78<sup>th</sup> District, spoke in support of ACA 13
- Susan Shelley, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, spoke in opposition to ACA 13

A motion to SUPPORT ACA 13 was made by Supervisor Washington and seconded by Supervisor Hannigan. The motion carried.

**9. Operations and Member Services Report**

Chastity Benson, Chief Operating Officer, highlighted the upcoming 2024 Annual Meeting in Pasadena and discussed CSAC's website redesign, which will hopefully be rolled out in January 2025. COO Benson also introduced CSAC's new Director of Public Affairs, Brian Ferguson.

**10. CSAC Finance Corporation Report**

Supervisor Villegas, CSAC Finance Corporation President, referenced the Board's Spring meeting, which will be held on May 1 – 3, 2024, and welcomed the Board's newest member, Jack Pellegrino. CSAC Finance Corporation CEO Alan Fernandes, informed the Board that 28 counties have now onboarded into the Easy Smart Pay platform. Jim Manker, Director of Business Development, introduced CSAC's corporate partner from SiteLogIQ.

### **11. California Counties Foundation Report**

Supervisor Griffiths provided an update on the CSAC Institute and the CSAC Grants Initiative (CGI). Paul Danczyk, Chief Operating Officer for the California Counties Foundation, highlighted upcoming Institute courses and introduced Veronica Smith, Programs and Grants Director for the CSAC Grants Initiative.

### **12. ACA 1 (Aguilar-Curry): “55% Vote for Local Affordable Housing and Public Infrastructure Act”**

Mr. Lawyer provided a brief description of ACA 1, presented the Executive Committee’s SUPPORT position, and introduced the proponent and opponent speakers.

- Assemblymember Cecilia Aguilar-Curry, 4<sup>th</sup> District, spoke in support of ACA 1
- Susan Shelley, Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, spoke in opposition of ACA 13

*A motion to SUPPORT ACA 1 was made by Supervisor Boes and seconded by Supervisor Gore. The motion carried.*

### **13. Legislative Update & Policy Committee Reports**

Jacqueline Wong-Hernandez, Chief Policy Officer, reminded the Board that May Revision is only three weeks away and that CSAC may reach out to Supervisors with calls to action. CPO Wong-Hernandez also noted that CSAC continues to advocate for ongoing homelessness funding and highlighted several bills of concern: AB 2489 and AB 2557.

Each of CSAC’s 5 Policy Committees convened as part of CSAC’s 2024 Legislative Conference. The following Chairs and Vice Chairs provided a report to the board:

- Administration of Justice: Chair Desmond, Sacramento County
- Agriculture, Environment, & Natural Resources: Chair Hall, Nevada County
- Government Finance & Administration: Vice Chair Campbell, Tuolumne County
- Health & Human Services: Vice Chair Smallcombe, Mariposa County
- Housing, Land Use, & Transportation: Vice Chair Frerichs, Yolo County

**The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on August 29, 2024, in Sacramento.**