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Board of Directors Meeting - [Minutes](#) - Thursday, December 14, 2023 - Noon at Donato Enoteca

CALL TO ORDER by Vice Chair Aaron Akin for Chair of the Board Lennies Gutierrez at 12:21pm.

Present: Akin, Bautista, Beals, Boyd, Buckmaster, Chan, Cecil, Cowan, Fong, Foust, Gasparini, Gee, Graham, Greenway, Harris, Hartnett, A. Jones, Kamei, Korlipara, Lind, Lopez, Lunny, Martinez, Mincey, Mosley, Morrissey-Parden, North, Paul, Pierry, Rendon, Sacher, Stone, Tsai, Wagner

Absent: Aikins, Bailey, Bartaldo, Elliott, Friesz, Gutierrez, Jenkins, C. Jones, Moore, Murphy, Murray, Parmer-Lohan, Sager, Weber

Other: Arnold, Basques, Gallosa, Ta

INTRODUCTIONS: All in attendance introduced themselves for the benefit of new Board members.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of 2024 Officers - Akin: MSC (Hartnett - Stone) to approve the election of the 2024 Officers:

- Chair of the Board - Lennies Gutierrez
- Vice Chair, Economic Development - Aaron Akin
- Vice Chair, Membership Services & Funding - Manuel Martinez
- Vice Chair, Community Development - Jamillah Moore
- Vice Chair, Governmental Relations - Don Cecil
- CFO - Bill Graham
- Past Chair - Peter Tsai
- Deputy Chair - Rosanne Foust
- President & CEO - Amy Buckmaster

Approval of New Board of Directors - Akin: MSC (Foust - Lind) to approve the election of the new Board of Directors as follows: Two-Year Board of Directors Term Expiring December 2025: Rich Sacher; and Three-Year Board of Directors Term Expiring December 2026: April Chan, Dawn Jenkins, Greg Greenway, Kate Mosley, Leah Cowan, Mark Murray, Seamus Murphy and Tara Korlipara

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Akin: MSC (Foust - Lind) to approve the October meeting minutes from October 26, 2023.

MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY REPORT- Akin: MSC (Foust - Lind) to approve the September - December membership activity report as emailed.

Lane Partners - 1900 Broadway - Akin: MSC (Beals - Mincey) with three abstentions (Akin, Kamei, Lind) to support a full endorsement of the 1900 Broadway project. This project previously received both conceptual and conditional endorsements from the Chamber. The mixed-use with office & retail will have 238,300 SF of office, 10,060 SF of retail, 1,000 SF community art room and 715 SF city storage room. 847 Woodside Road is the off-site affordable housing component of 1900 Broadway. At 847 Woodside Road, there will be 86 100% affordable housing units. Lind asked about the \$9 million commitment to union labor. Akin confirmed it is a commitment but to clarify with Murray, who was not present.

Beam Reach Partners - 405 Harbor Blvd - Akin: MSC (Morrissey Parden - Stone) with three abstentions (Akin, Kamei, North) to support a conceptual endorsement of the 405 Harbor Blvd. project. The project is in the early stages of a new life science office/R&D complex in two buildings, totaling approximately 831,630 square feet. Akin expressed Belmont City Manager, Kathy Kleinbaum was appreciative of the Chamber endorsement process and how the organization looks at projects and whats best for all.

PRESIDENT & CEO REPORT - Buckmaster

Chamber San Mateo County – 2023 Year in Review: Presented the 2023 Chamber Year in Review highlighting the Chamber’s key monthly, quarterly, and annual programs. She thanked Mary for her support during the Belmont Transition, acknowledged North for stepping up and helping the Chamber relocate to our new office and thanked Greenway for all his help on the Transportation and Housing Committee. She thanked Fran Dehn for her help and support during the Menlo Park transition, and shared Dehn is now working with the City of Menlo Park as their interim Economic Development Manager. Buckmaster shared moving forward, all committees will aim to have co-chairs. She thanked Akin for his involvement and support with the Economic Development Committee and for his involvement in Leadership Housing Day. She also shared that K. Parmer-Lohan will have Elmer Martinez as her co-chair for the Education committee. Buckmaster acknowledged Foust and Lind, for always stepping up as our Progress Seminar Co-chairs, and for all their support. Thanked all co-chairs for their support on the Leadership program, shared we had to turn a few participants away as we had 70 applications, and that the program continues to grow. She acknowledged and thanked Basques for all her work on the Redwood City Improvement Association. Shared the Annual Awards and Recognition luncheon Cornerstone recipient is Congresswoman Anna Eshoo and it will be held Thursday, February 29, 2024 at the San Mateo County Event Center.

New 2024 Board Roster: Shared the 2024 Board Roster.

January 25th Board of Directors Retreat: Announced she is excited for the board retreat, and to take the Chamber to the next level. She thanked the entire board and executive committee for all of their help and support this year. She welcomed Alex Arnold, who came from Meta, and thanked intern Maddie Ta, for her help during the summer. Akin thanked Buckmaster and team on behalf of Gutierrez for a great year and for all of the growth of the Chamber.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Economic Development Committee – Akin: Shared all of the upcoming committee dates for 2024.

Redwood City Improvement Association – Basques: Shared the management agreement and amendments made, secured a higher management fee as the RCIA Board believes the Chamber goes above and beyond their duties. Basques explained the project management and how to best work through it, they adjusted the cap of 500 hours, but the rate has increased \$100 an hour. Shared that the RCIA committees now meet once a month, every other month.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Leadership Redwood City/Belmont/Menlo Park/San Carlos – Gallosa/Buckmaster: Gallosa presented on the last two Leadership Days, Transportation and Housing. She thanked new board members Korlipara and Chan for their assistance on Transportation Day. She also thanked board members Akin and Cecil, for their help in making Housing a productive and engaging day. Buckmaster shared that the class got to tour the Port of Redwood City on a Samtrans electric bus, and thanked Chan for allowing us to use and see the busses. Buckmaster acknowledge the amazing work Gallosa has done stepping into the role of program planning the Leadership classes with her and the day chairs.

2024 Progress Seminar – April 19-21, 2024 at Hyatt Regency Sonoma – Lind: Shared information on the upcoming Progress Seminar and encouraged the Board to attend. Morrissey Parden thanked the Chamber for welcoming Belmont into the fold and for all of their support this last year.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES, FUNDING AND COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

Off the Clock Networking Events – Martinez: Announced the upcoming “Off the Clock” Networking Events, The Refuge on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 in San Mateo and Hotel Nia on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 in Menlo Park.

126th Annual Awards Luncheon – Buckmaster/Martinez: N/A

BUSINESS-GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

Governmental Relations Committee - Cecil: Shared with the Board the special meeting held with Congressman Kevin Mullin. Cecil spoke about the possible gross receipts and business license taxes, and recommended board members check in with their respective businesses/buildings. Cecil emphasized the importance of showing up and speaking with your city council.

CHAIR OF THE BOARD TIME - Aknin: N/A

NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Buckmaster thanked outgoing Board members, Mincey, Harris and A. Jones. She thanked them individually for all of their dedication and support during their tenure on the board. Mincey thanked the Board for their support and shared he went through the leadership program and is appreciative of his time on the Board. Harris shared the glowing recommendation letter Buckmaster wrote for her during her Master's program. She thanked the Board for welcoming her and shared she won't go far. A. Jones shared she will miss being on the Board but is grateful for the continued partnership. Gasparini announced Foust is the newest member of the San Mateo County Woman's Hall of Fame. Wagner shared she submitted Foust, Gasparini and Buckmaster's names for the nominations. The Board congratulated Foust.

ADJOURN at 1:14 PM

Submitted by Amy Buckmaster, President and CEO