

Chamber San Mateo County

Board of Directors Meeting - Minutes - Thursday, October 26, 2023 - Noon via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER by Past Chair of the Board Peter Tsai at 12:07pm.

Present: Bailey, Boyd, Buckmaster, Cecil, Cowan, Foust, Friesz, Gasparini, Graham, Greenway, Gutierrez, A. Jones, Kamei, Lind, Lopez, Martinez, Mincey, Moore, Mosley, Murphy, North, Parmer-Lohan, Paul, Rendon, Stone, Tsai, Wagner

Absent: Aikins, Aknin, Bartaldo, Beals, Elliott, Fong, Gee, Harris, Hartnett, C. Jones, Morrissey-Parden, Murray, Pierry, Sager, Weber

Other: Basques, Gallosa, Jedkins

CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS: Tsai welcomed everyone to the meeting and shared Chair Gutierrez was joining the meeting shortly.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Tsai: MSC (Bailey- Lind) to approve the September meeting minutes from September 28, 2023, as emailed.

NEW BUSINESS - Gutierrez: MSC (Stone - Mincey) to approve the appointment of the 2024 Nominating Committee: Gutierrez, Aknin, Martinez, Moore, Cecil, Graham, Foust, Tsai, and Buckmaster.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Economic Development Committee - Buckmaster for Aknin: Shared a summary of the October meeting which featured the City of Redwood City and YMCA Silicon Valley's project, Veteran's Memorial Senior Center. Buckmaster thanked Gasparini for inviting the speakers to the committee. The next meeting is Tuesday, November 7th at 12 PM. On the agenda: San Carlos Economic Development Update by Megan Wooley-Ousdahl, Principal Planner, City of San Carlos and Office & Life Science: Supply & Demand Update by Ben Paul, Vice Chairman, Cushman & Wakefield.

Transportation & Housing Committee - Greenway: Shared an overview of the September meeting that included presentations on the Bay Pass Pilot Program, WETA's 2050 Strategic Plan and Business Plan, and a potential regional housing bond coordinated by the Housing Finance Authority. The next committee meeting will be on November 9th at 12 PM. On the agenda: 101/84 Interchange Improvement Project by Leo Scott with Gray-Bowen-Scott. Greenway shared this has been a #1 transportation priority for the Chamber and still is. Buckmaster asked Greenway for a quick update on the Port's Ferry Tour. Greenway thanked the board members who attended and shared they had two lunch and learns where 20-30 people attended, and that they are looking to do more, as it was a great success. Buckmaster expressed this year's leadership cohort would be receiving a tour of the Port the following month.

Belmont Business Committee - Buckmaster for Morrissey Parden: Provided a summary of the previous meeting which introduced the committee to the City of Belmont's New Assistant City Manager & Economic Development & Housing Manager - Kathy Kleinbaum and Azalea Renfield. The next meeting is on November 2nd at 12 PM and the committee meeting will be held at the Sares Regis' Village Walk Townhomes Project in Belmont for an in-person tour.

Menlo Park Business Committee - Buckmaster: Was happy to report another successful meeting with an update from Kenson Ventures. Adina Levin also presented to the committee, and thanked the Chamber for signing on to their BayPass Letter of support. Buckmaster shared Mayor Jen Wolosin often attends the meetings, along with Interim Economic Manager, Fran Dehn. Their next meeting is on Thursday, December 14th at 12 PM.

Redwood City Improvement Association - Basques/Buckmaster: Buckmaster shared that the Redwood City Improvement Association (RCIA) is an organization managed by Chamber San Mateo County, which is a Non-Profit organization in contract with the City of Redwood City as of January 2015 to administer the annual revenues for the Community Benefit Improvement District that funds special benefits or services over and beyond what is currently provided by the City of Redwood City. Buckmaster expressed the work Basques does daily on behalf of the RCIA and provided an overview of their month-to-month duties. Wagner commented the lights on trees and carolers you may see in Downtown Redwood City is all courtesy of the RCIA in order to make the holidays more festive.

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES, FUNDING AND COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

Off the Clock Networking Events - Martinez: Announced the upcoming December “Off the Clock” Networking Event being held by the future Monterra Credit Union, currently San Mateo Credit Union on Wednesday, December 13th from 5 - 7 PM. Buckmaster shared two possible dates for the 2024 Annual Awards and Recognition Luncheon.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Leadership Redwood City/Belmont/Menlo Park/San Carlos - Gallosa/Buckmaster: Gallosa presented on the recent Leadership Government Day, chaired by Julie Lind and Nicole Fernandez. She thanked Julie Lind for all her work in making it a productive and engaging Government Day. Gallosa announced the upcoming Leadership Transportation Day will be held on November 3rd along with a tour of the Port of Redwood City. Buckmaster thanked Gallosa for her work on the Leadership Program.

2024 Progress Seminar - April 19-21, 2024 at Hyatt Regency Sonoma: Gutierrez shared what a wonderful opportunity Progress Seminar is and encouraged the Board to attend.

Education Committee - Buckmaster: Provided a summary of the October meeting which included an update from the California School Board Association. The next meeting is on Wednesday, October 4th at 12 PM and there will be a Notre Dame de Namur University (NDNU) Update by Beth Martin, President of NDNU.

BUSINESS-GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

Governmental Relations Committee - Cecil: Shared with the Board the local, state and federal elected officials who participate at every meeting and how appreciative he was for their support. The next meeting does not have a date, but it will take place in early December. Cecil announced Congressman Kevin Mullin has been invited to attend and provide a Congressional update.

PRESIDENT & CEO REPORT - Buckmaster: Announced the Chamber San Mateo County Board of Directors Retreat is scheduled for January 25, 2024 at 8:30 - 11 AM and shared Bailey is facilitating the Retreat. She shared a letter from the Year Up Program and expressed her gratitude to the Board members who assisted in placing Year Up students at their organizations. She recommended to cancel the November Board meeting, as it has been canceled the last few years. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 12 PM at Donato's

CHAIR OF THE BOARD TIME - Gutierrez: Shared how the Chamber is helping the community in various ways and questioned how we can make this information more readily available to those who may not be aware. Buckmaster mentioned Op-ed's and that she is excited to look more into this at the retreat. Gutierrez wished the Board a Happy Halloween and Breast Cancer Awareness month.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Buckmaster congratulated Foust on a wonderful SAMCEDA event, “Recreating the Narrative” held October 18 at Google. Buckmaster looks forward to future SAMCEDA series similar to this.

ADJOURN at 12:52 PM

Submitted by Amy Buckmaster, President and CEO