

**Fresno COG Policy Board
MINUTES
Thursday, February 29, 2024, 5:30 PM**

Members Attending:

Mayor Lynne Ashbeck, City of Clovis
Mayor James Horn, City of Coalinga
Mayor Elsa Lopez, City of Firebaugh
Mayor Pro Tem Juan Mejia, City of Fowler
Councilmember Mike Karbassi, City of Fresno
Mayor Rey Leon, City of Huron
Councilmember Laura North, City of Kingsburg
Mayor Diana Guerra-Silva, City of Orange Cove
Mayor Alma Beltran, City of Parlier
Councilmember Mary Fast, City of Reedley
Mayor Frank Gonzalez, City of Sanger
Mayor Julia Hernandez, City of San Joaquin
Mayor Scott Robertson, City of Selma
Michael Navarro, Caltrans
Robert Phipps, Interim Executive Director
Bryan Rome, Legal Counsel

Absent:

Mayor Maria Pacheco, City of Kerman
Mayor Victor Martinez, City of Mendota
Supervisor Sal Quintero, County of Fresno

Quorum: At the start of the meeting, there were 13 members representing 81.30% of the population. There was a quorum to conduct business. (Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno City, Huron, Kingsburg, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, San Joaquin, Selma). Members Kerman, Mendota, and Fresno County absent.

The meeting was called to order at 5:44 p.m. by Mayor Beltran (Parlier), Chair.

SITTING AS THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION MITIGATION FEE AGENCY

I. Election of New Chair and Vice Chair [ACTION]

Appoint a Chair and Vice Chair to the Fresno COG Policy Board. Term is February 2024-March 2025

Current Chair, Mayor David Cardenas, City of Fowler.
Current Vice Chair, Michelle Roman, City of Kingsburg

- Mayor Leon (Huron) nominated Mayor Alma Beltran (Parlier) for Chair and Mayor Scott Robertson (Selma) for Vice Chair.
- After an opportunity for public comment, Mayor Leon (Huron) motioned, Mayor Horn (Coalinga) seconded to approve the motion.

Vote: Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno City, Huron, Kingsburg, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, San Joaquin, Selma.

Absent: Kerman, Mendota, Fresno County.

Motion passed 13 @ 81.30%.

II. Executive Minutes for July 29, 2021 [ACTION]

- After an opportunity for public comment, Councilmember Karbassi (Fresno City) motioned, Councilmember Fast (Reedley) seconded to approve the motion.

Vote: All in favor. No opposed.

Absent: Kerman, Mendota, Fresno County.

Motion passed by acclamation.

III. Regional Transportation Mitigation Update (Les Beshears) [APPROVE]

Action: Receive and file the Financial Statements for the Year Ended June 30, 2023.

- After an opportunity for public comment, Mayor Horn (Coalinga) motioned, Mayor Guerra-Silva (Orange Cove) seconded to approve the motion.

Vote: All in favor. No opposed.

Absent: Kerman, Mendota, Fresno County.

Motion passed by acclamation.

IV. Other Business

A. Items from Staff

Les Beshears (FCOG) – As an additional note, there has been 53.5 million dollars collected over the 13 years the RTMF fee has been collected.

B. Items from Members

None

V. Presentations

A. Public Presentations –

None

VI. Adjournment

At 6:01pm