

**MCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, February 16, 2023**  
**7:00 P.M.**

This Meeting was conducted pursuant to the requirements of [Assembly Bill No. 361](#) (September 16, 2021) which allows a public agency to use teleconferencing during a Governor-proclaimed state of emergency without meeting usual [Ralph M. Brown Act](#) teleconference requirements. Committee Members, staff and members of the public were able to participate in the Committee Meeting via teleconference.

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**Present:**

Kari Birdseye, City of Benicia  
Edi Birsan, City of Concord  
Eli Beckman, Town of Corte Madera  
Barbara Coler, Town of Fairfax  
Cindy Darling, City of Walnut Creek  
Gina Dawson, City of Lafayette  
David Fong, Town of Danville  
Joelle Gallagher, Alternate, County of Napa and All Four Napa Cities  
John Gioia, Contra Costa County  
Maika Llorens Gulati, City of San Rafael  
Kevin Haroff, City of Larkspur  
Kerry Hillis, Town of Moraga  
Janelle Kellman, City of Sausalito  
C. Williams Kircher, Town of Ross  
Tarrell Kullaway, Alternate, Town of San Anselmo  
Eduardo Martinez, City of Richmond  
Aaron Meadows, City of Oakley  
Devin Murphy, City of Pinole  
Beth Painter, City of Napa  
Charles Palmares, City of Vallejo  
Scott Perkins, City of San Ramon  
Max Perrey, City of Mill Valley  
Patricia Ponce, City of San Pablo  
Gabriel Quinto, City of El Cerrito  
Katie Rice, County of Marin  
Shanelle Scales-Preston, City of Pittsburg  
Holle Thier, Town of Tiburon  
John Vasquez, County of Solano  
Sally Wilkinson, City of Belvedere  
K. Patrice Williams, City of Fairfield  
Brianne Zorn, City of Martinez

**Absent:**

Mark Milberg, Alternate, City of Novato  
Matt Rinn, City of Pleasant Hill

**Staff**

**& Others:** Jessica Brooks, Board Clerk  
Stephanie Chen, Director of Legislative Affairs  
Sebastian Conn, Senior Community Development Manager  
Darlene Jackson, Lead Board Clerk  
Vicken Kasarjian, COO  
Tanya Lomas, Internal Operations Assistant  
Catalina Murphy, Associate General Counsel  
Enyonam Senyo-Mensah, Office Manager  
Sabrinna Soldavini, Policy Analyst II  
Jamie Tuckey, Chief of Staff  
Dawn Weisz, CEO

**1. Roll Call**

Chair Scales-Preston called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with quorum established by roll call.

**2. Board Announcements (Discussion)**

There were no comments.

**3. Public Open Time (Discussion)**

Chair Scales-Preston opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

**4. Board Introductions (Discussion)**

Dawn Weisz, CEO, introduced this item and there were introductions from new Board members.

Chair Scales-Preston opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

**5. Report from Chief Executive Officer (Discussion)**

Dawn Weisz, CEO, introduced this item and addressed questions from Board members.

Chair Scales-Preston opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

**6. Consent Calendar (Discussion/Action)**

- C.1 12.15.22 Meeting Minutes
- C.2 Approved Contract for Energy Update

Chair Scales-Preston opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

Action: It was M/S/C (Perkins/Thier) **to approve Consent Calendar items C.1 and C.2.** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Directors Milberg, Rinn and Wilkinson).

**7. 2022 Charles F. McGlashan Advocacy Award Presentation (Discussion)**

Sebastian Conn, Senior Community Development Manager, introduced this item and addressed questions from Board members.

Chair Scales-Preston opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

Action: No action required.

**8. 2022 MCE Climate Action Leadership Award Presentation (Discussion)**

Stephanie Chen, Director of Legislative Affairs, introduced this item and addressed questions from Board members.

Chair Scales-Preston opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

Action: No action required.

**9. Election of Vice Chair and Addition of Board Members to Committees (Discussion/Action)**

Dawn Weisz, CEO, introduced this item and addressed questions from Board members.

Chair Scales-Preston opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

Action 1: **A vote was conducted for the two nominees for MCE Vice Chair and the tally was reported as: 15 for Director Coler and 19 for Director Quinto.** (Absent: Directors Milberg, Rinn, Vasquez).

Action 2: It was M/S/C (Coler/Gulati) to **approve addition of Board Members to Committees. Director Martinez to the Executive Committee, Directors Martinez and Palmares to the Technical Committee, Directors Martinez and Thier to Ad Hoc Virtual Power Plant Committee.** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Directors Kircher, Milberg, Rinn, Vasquez, and Wilkinson).

**10. In-Person Meetings and Teleconferencing Options Under the Brown Act and AB 2449 (Discussion/Action)**

Catalina Murphy, Associate General Counsel, introduced this item and addressed questions from Board members.

Chair Scales-Preston opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

Action: It was M/S/C (Perkins/Birsan) to **approve Board and Committee meetings to be held in person beginning March 1, 2023, subject to the Default Teleconferencing Rules of the Brown Act, when a state-proclaimed State of Emergency is not in place.** (Absent: Directors Kircher, Rinn, Vasquez, and Wilkinson).

**11. Policy Update (Discussion)**

Stephanie Chen, Director of Legislative Affairs, and Sabrina Soldavini, Policy Analyst II, introduced this item and addressed questions from Board members.

Chair Scales-Preston opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

Action: No action required.

**12. Form 700 – Statements of Economic Interest (Discussion)**

Catalina Murphy, Associate General Counsel, introduced this item and addressed questions from Board members.

Chair Scales-Preston opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

Action: No action required.

**11. Board Matters & Staff Matters (Discussion)**

There were none.

**12. Adjournment**

Chair Scales-Preston adjourned the meeting at 9:58 p.m. to the next scheduled Board Meeting on March 16, 2023.

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**Shanelle Scales-Preston, Chair**

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**Dawn Weisz, Secretary**