MCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES[1]
Thursday, June 18, 2026
6:30 P.M.

Present:

Liz Alessio, County of Napa and Four Napa Cities/Town (American Canyon, Calistoga, St. Helena, and Yountville)
Stephanie Andre, City of Larkspur
Dion Bailey, City of Hercules
Eli Beckman, Town of Corte Madera
Mark Belotz, Town of Danville
Kari Birdseye, City of Benicia
Monica Brown, County of Solano
Barbara Coler, Town of Fairfax
Jill Hoffman, City of Sausalito
Arlene Kobata, City of Pittsburg
Maika Llorens Gulati, City of San Rafael
Eduardo Martinez, City of Richmond
John McCormick, City of Lafayette
Aaron Meadows, City of Oakley
Laura Nakamura, City of Concord
Beth Painter, City of Napa
Charles Palmares, City of Vallejo, joined at 6:55 p.m.
Max Perrey, City of Mill Valley
Patricia Ponce, City of San Pablo
Mary Sackett, County of Marin
Mathew Salter, Alternate, Town of Ross
Manveer Sandhu, City of Fairfield
Shanelle Scales-Preston, County of Contra Costa, Chair
Sridhar Verose, City of San Ramon
Chantel Walker, Town of San Anselmo
Sally Wilkinson, City of Belvedere
Brianne Zorn, City of Martinez

Absent:

Cindy Darling, City of Walnut Creek
Kevin Jacobs, City of Novato
Devin Murphy, City of Pinole
Amanda Szakats, City of Pleasant Hill
Graham Thiel, Town of Moraga
Holli Thier, Town of Tiburon
Carolyn Wysinger, City of El Cerrito

[1] Approval of the minutes is a general administrative matter. Action requires a majority vote of board members present for a motion to carry.

Staff & Others:

Jared Blanton, VP of Public Affairs
Jesica Brooks, Lead Board Clerk and Executive Assistant
Alcides Hernandez, Director of Rates
Vicken Kasarjian, Acting CEO and Chief Operating Officer
Tanya Lomas, Board Clerk
Linda Lye, Senior Legal Counsel
Ashley Muth, Internal Operations Associate
Catalina Murphy, General Counsel
Justine Parmelee, VP of Internal Operations
Mike Rodriguez-Vargas, Internal Operations Assistant
Enyonam Senyo-Mensah, Manager of Internal Operations
Jamie Tuckey, Chief Customer Office

1. **Roll Call**
   Chair Scales-Preston called the regular meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. with quorum established by roll call.

2. **Board Announcements (Discussion)**
   There were comments from Directors Bailey, Nakamura, Zorn, Alessio, and Coler.

3. **Public Open Time (Discussion)**
   Chair Scales-Preston opened the public comment period and there were comments from members of the public Alicia Minyen, Robert Miller, Ron Arlas, and Jody Timms.

4. **Report from Chief Executive Officer (Discussion)**
   Vicken Kasarjian, Acting CEO and Chief Operating Officer, introduced this item and addressed questions from Board members.

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

5. **Consent Calendar (Discussion/Action)**
   C.1 Approval of 5.21.26 Meeting Minutes
   C.2 Proposed Resolution 2026-04 Amending Resolution 2023-09 Accepting Congressionally Directed Spending Project from the Golden Fields Office of the U.S. Department of Energy and Proposed Agreements with Serious Controls, LLC

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

Action: It was M/S/C (Brown/Alessio) to **Approve the Consent Calendar.** Motion carried by roll call vote. 29-Yays 1-Abstain (Abstention: Ponce. Absent: Darling, Jacobs, Murphy, Sandhu, Szakats, Thiel, Thier, and Wysinger).

Chair Scales-Preston moved item 7 to go before item 6.

7. Proposed First Agreement with Leading Resources, Inc for Governance Assessment Services (Discussion/Action)

Chair Scales-Preston, Directors Sackett, Alessio, and Birdseye, introduced this item.

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

Action: It was M/S/C (Llorens Gulati/Perrey) to **Approve the proposed First Agreement with Leading Resources, Inc. for Governance Assessment Services for an amount not to exceed $103,905 and authorize the acting CEO to execute the Agreement.** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Darling, Jacobs, Murphy, Szakats, Thiel, Thier, and Wysinger).

6. Proposed Resolution 2026-05 Authorizing Remote Participation at Meetings of the MCE Board and MCE Finance Committee (Discussion/Action)

Justine Parmelee, VP of Internal Operations, 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 (Coler/Nakamura) to **Approve Resolution 2026-05 Authorizing Remote Participation at meetings of the MCE Board and MCE Finance Committee, as permitted by law.** Motion carried by roll call vote. 30-Yays 1-No (No: Brown. Absent: Darling, Jacobs, Murphy, Szakats, Thiel, Thier, and Wysinger).

8. Board & Staff Matters (Discussion)

Director Salter made comments.

9. Adjournment

Chair Scales-Preston adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m. to the next scheduled Board Meeting on July 16, 2026.

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Shanelle Scales-Preston, Chair

Attest:

Signed by:

Justine Parmelee

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Justine Parmelee, Secretary