



**MINUTES OF THE
HCBF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
Friday, May 28th, 2021, 10:00 A.M.

The HCBF Board of Directors will participate in the meeting by teleconference.

No physical location will be accessible for public meeting or public comments pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 10:03 AM

BOARD ROLL CALL

Present: Gisele Fong, Chair; Ed Avol, Vice Chair; Jayme Wilson, CFO/Treasurer; Cristin Mondy, Secretary; Richard Havenick, Director; Angelo Logan, Director

Absent: Gabriela Medina, Director

ITEM A. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- No public comments

ITEM B. STAFF REMARKS

- Staff updates will be provided during Item 5 presentation

ITEM C. BOARD MEMBER REMARKS

- Ed Avol shared updates and discussed recent opinions related to the 710-freeway expansion issue from the LA Times and its impact on communities.
- Richard Havenick mentioned previous work on developing a report on the recommended mitigations for the 710 freeway expansion project, which concluded that the only way to proceed was with the alternative that included zero-emission dedicated lane and reduce the impact of the physical expansion of the freeway on nearby communities.
- Angelo Logan added that the USEPA intervened and Metro Board have responded to the 710 freeway expansion project issue and hopes for a good project that brings improvements to the community. Another update was related to SCIG, which is again under consideration. POLA has released a revised Draft EIR, which includes full articulates of air quality and cumulative impacts and related mitigations. Comments on the [Revised Draft EIR is due by July 9th](#)
- Jayme Wilson shared updates related to his engagement with partner agency and potential collaborative effort for HCBF's Air Quality Mitigation Fund program. Discussions are still in progress and further updates will be provided in the future.
- Ed Avol also announced Angelo Logan joining the White House's Council for Environmental Equality, which provides recommendations to all federal administrative agencies and will be collaborating with the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council.

CONSENT ITEM(S)

ITEM 1: REVIEW & APPROVAL OF HCBF BOARD MEETING MINUTES DATED MARCH 26, 2021 (ATTACHMENT 1)

Board voted to the HCBF Board Meeting Minutes dated March 26th, 2021. Motion by Richard Havenick. Seconded by Angelo Logan. Ed Avol abstains. Following roll call vote, motion carried.

REGULAR ITEM(S)

ITEM 2. FINANCIALS UPDATE

Mary Silverstein from RMG LLC presented an overview of the Q1 2021 financial reports through March 31, 2021 and the DRAFT IRS 990 Form. Following Board clarifying questions related to interest from PCMTF and AQMF, Board voted to approve the Q1 2021 financial reports, Draft IRS 990 Form and tax filings for FY 2020.

Motion by Ed Avol. Seconded by Cristin Mondy. Roll call vote. Carried unanimously.

ITEM 3. BOARD SEAT UPDATE AND CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING THE FOUNDATION BYLAWS TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF DIRECTORS FROM A MAXIMUM OF THREE TERMS TO FOUR TERMS

Meghan Reese provided update on the Board Seat process. Charlene Contreras is the vetted candidate and the Board will vote at the Annual meeting in June. Staff also presented the HCBF Bylaws amendment resolution which recommends extending board member terms from three to four. Given the critical time for the organization, the entire Board agreed to the bylaws amendment. Board and Staff also recognized the invaluable contributions of Cristin Mondy to HCBF and LA County and who will be terming out of the HCBF Board.

Board voted to approve the resolution extending board member terms from three terms to four and authorized the Executive Director to submit a memo to the Board of Harbor Commissioners for approval of the Bylaws amendment.

Motion by Jayme Wilson. Seconded by Ed Avol. Carried unanimously.

ITEM 4. HEALTHY HARBOR COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE GRANT ROUND – TRAPAC APPELLANTS DIRECTED PROJECTS

Staff presented the Draft Request for Proposals, which was developed in collaboration with TraPac Appellants, and who approved the draft presented at the meeting. Following review and discussion, Board voted to approve the Draft Request for Proposals for the Healthy Harbor Communities Initiative Grant Round for TraPac Appellants Directed Projects or provide revisions. Board recommended that Staff document the collaborative process that led to this current round of the HHCI program so that it can replicated in the future. At the June meeting, we will revisit the topic and select the ad hoc committee.

Motion by Richard Havenick. Seconded by Ed Avol. Carried unanimously.

ITEM 5. STAFF UPDATE PRESENTATION

Staff provided updates on HCBF’s communications and outreach activities, grant programs, current status of the website update, and a recap of financials. Staff also shared key takeaways from HCBF’s Strategic Plan and resource generation discussions, including strategies to pursue settlement funds and port partnerships. Following discussion, Board requested that Staff plan a workshop with dedicated time to discuss and establish strategy for resource generation. Board requested that consultant facilitate workshop with expertise in finance development and strategic plan development. Staff will report back at upcoming meeting.

ITEM 6. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM

I have reviewed the above minutes for accuracy and approve them:


Gisele L. Fong (Jul 9, 2021 19:46 PDT)

Gisele Fong, Chair

Jul 9, 2021

Date