MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS
MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, May 27, 2026
Business Meeting: 6:05pm

Business Agenda will begin at 6:05pm or upon conclusion of the City Selection Committee meeting, whichever is later.

In-person and remote participation:

Homeward Bound of Marin (Gilardi Ctr – Key Room South Annex)
1385 N. Hamilton Pkwy, Novato, CA

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE OPTIONS FOR THIS MEETING: Members of the public had the option to attend the meeting in person, or view and participate in the meeting remotely through the following link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82397688147
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Options for Submitting Public Comment for this meeting:
1. Emailing MCCMCSecretary@mccmc.org prior to 4:00 PM on the day of the meeting, 2. Attending the meeting in-person at the agendized meeting location 3. Selecting the "Raise Hand" icon in the Zoom meeting or dialing *9 if calling in to the meeting.
Full Agenda Packet available here: http://www.mccmc.org
Video of the meeting is available here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7P_3w0b4BeA&t=1940s

Members Present

Belvedere: Councilmembers Pat Carapiet, Jane Cooper
Corte Madera: Mayor Rosa Thomas, Councilmembers: Fred Casissa
Fairfax: Councilmembers Lisel Blash, Barbara Coler (Mayor Stephanie Hellman, virtual)
Larkspur: Vice Mayor Gabe Paulson, Councilmembers Sarah Margulies, Catherine Way
Mill Valley: Mayor Max Perrey, Councilmember Stephen Burke, Caroline Joachim
Novato: Mayor Rachel Farac, Councilmembers Pat Eklund, Kevin Jacobs, Sandeep Karkal
Ross: Mayor Juile McMillan; Councilmembers Teri Dowling,
San Anselmo: Vice Mayor Chantel Walker
San Rafael: Councilmember Eli Hill
Sausalito: Mayor Steven Woodside, Joan Cox (virtual)
Tiburon: Councilmembers Alice Fredericks, Holli Thier

Ex Officio: MCCMC Secretary Rebecca Vaughn; Amy Cunningham, Novato City Manager; Derek Johnson, Marin County Executive; Marin County Board of Supervisors: Brian Colbert, Eric Lucan.

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Vice President Gabe Paulson called the meeting to order at 6:40p.m., and welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers, for May 27, 2026.

A roll call of the Marin towns/cities was taken. There was a quorum of the 11 Marin cities/towns, with representatives from each of the 11 Marin cities/towns in attendance.

2. Public Comment:

No public comment was received from in-person or online attendees, and no emailed public comment was received.

3. **Welcome and Introduction of Guests**

3.a. Introduction of Guests: Vice President Gabe Paulson welcomed guests in attendance.

3.b. Recognition of Outgoing MCCMC Secretary/Treasurer, Rebecca Vaughn: MCCMC recognized outgoing Secretary/Treasurer Rebecca Vaughn for her years of service to the organization. Stephanie Hellman, MCCMC President, read a proclamation recognizing Rebecca's dedicated service, professionalism, institutional knowledge, and contributions to MCCMC and the communities it serves. A gift was also presented on behalf of MCCMC members in appreciation of her service. Several current and former MCCMC officers and members offered comments recognizing Rebecca's commitment, continuity, support of the organization, meeting coordination, work through leadership transitions, and role in supporting the current transition process. Rebecca thanked the organization for the recognition and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve MCCMC, noting that she would remain available to assist with the transition as needed.

Vice President Paulson also acknowledged members of the transition and recruitment committee and introduced incoming Secretary/Treasurer Christine Parini, welcoming her to the organization.

4. **Business Meeting:**

4.a. Action Item: First Reading and Discussion of Recommended Amendments to the By-Laws of the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers

Vice President Paulson guided the Council through a first reading of recommended amendments to the MCCMC By-Laws. He provided an overview of the proposed amendments, including updates related to membership dues, officer roles, the Secretary/Treasurer position, standing committees and representative assignments, use of ad hoc committees, the Mayors Select Committee and proxy voting, meeting procedures, Brown Act compliance, attendance, quorum requirements, and future bylaw amendments.

It was noted that no action would be taken at this meeting and that the proposed amendments would return for further discussion and possible action at the June meeting. Members provided preliminary comments and questions regarding the Secretary/Treasurer appointment process, whether certain operational details should be addressed outside the by-laws, the Mayors Select Committee proxy process, and how to clarify representation when more than one councilmember from a jurisdiction is present. Written comments submitted by members will be reviewed and considered as part of the next draft.

No public comments were received from in-person or online attendees. No emailed comments were received.

4.b. Review of Results of Survey on MCCMC Future Structure and Operations and Discussion of Next Steps

Vice President Paulson reported that 33 survey responses were received. Key themes included the value of MCCMC as a forum for regional coordination, information sharing among elected officials,

education, and relationship-building. Survey responses also identified legislative coordination, policy influence, and regional collaboration as important priorities.

The discussion also addressed operational considerations, including the format and value of dinner meetings, opportunities for networking and informal relationship-building, speaker relevance, use of technology, website improvements, and improved RSVP and meeting logistics. Members provided comments regarding dues and proportional contributions, as well as the importance of preserving opportunities for informal discussion and sharing ideas among jurisdictions.

No public comments were received from in-person or online attendees. No emailed comments were received.

4.c. Action Item: Nominations For Executive Committee – MCCMC President And Vice President For 2026-27 Term:

1. **Nominations for MCCMC President for 2026-27**
2. **Nominations for MCCMC Vice President for 2026-27**

It was noted that Gabe Paulson, Larkspur, current MCCMC Vice President, has indicated interest in appointment as President for 2026-27 and has submitted a letter of interest. Chantel Walker, San Anselmo, has indicated interest in appointment as Vice President for 2026-27, and has submitted a letter of interest.

Vice President Paulson announced that additional nominations would be accepted from the floor at the May 27th meeting, and any additional letters of interest could be sent to the MCCMC Secretary.

No additional nominations were received from the floor. No public comments were received from in-person or online attendees. No emailed comments were received.

A vote to appoint the MCCMC President and Vice President for 2026-27 will be held at the June 24, 2026 regular MCCMC meeting.

4.d. Action item: Review Of Draft Agenda for the June 24, 2026 MCCMC Regular Meeting. The hybrid meeting will be held at College of Marin – Kentfield Campus, Center for Student Success located at 835 College Ave., Kentfield, CA

There were no public comments received from in-person or online attendees regarding the draft agenda for April 22, 2026. No emailed comments were received. It was noted that the meeting will be hybrid, held in person at the College of Marin Kentfield Campus, Center for Student Success, located at 835 College Ave., Kentfield, with remote participation available.

4.e. Action item: Consideration and Approval of the Draft Minutes of the October 25, 2025, MCCMC Regular Meeting (Carried over from the January 28, 2026 meeting)

Secretary Vaughn explained that this is a clean-up item. The draft minutes for the October 25, 2025 meeting were carried over at the January 28, 2026 meeting, and then inadvertently not included for approval on the February 25, 2026 meeting. One correction was received from Barbara Coler, Fairfax, to note that she was listed as attending that meeting, when she did not attend. There were no public

comments received from in-person or online attendees regarding the draft minutes for the October 25, 2025 MCCMC Regular meeting. No emailed comments were received.

There was a motion and second (Eklund / Walker) to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2025 regular meeting as corrected. A vote was called, and the motion was approved unanimously by acclamation, 11-0.

4.f. Action item: Consideration and Approval of the Draft Minutes of the April 22, 2026, MCCMC Regular Meeting

There were no public comments received from in-person or online attendees regarding the draft minutes for the April 22, 2026 MCCMC Regular meeting. No emailed comments were received.

There was a motion and second (Eklund / Perrey) to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2026 regular meeting. A vote was called, and the motion was approved unanimously by acclamation, 11-0.

5. Committee Reports

Vice President Paulson noted that written committee reports were included in the agenda packet and available on the MCCMC website. He thanked those who submitted written reports and encouraged the membership to review the reports.

No action was taken under Committee Reports and no further updates were provided. There were no public comments received from in-person or online attendees regarding Committee Reports, and no emailed comments were received.

The following Committee Reports were included in the agenda packet:

5.a. Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Recruit and Recommend a New MCCMC Secretary/ Treasurer
5.a. Update provided by Subcommittee members

5.b. Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and Bay Conservation Development Commission (BCDC)
5.b. Written reports provided by Pat Eklund, Novato

5.c. Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District
5.c. Written report provided by Holli Thier, Tiburon

5.d. MCCMC Legislative Committee
5.d. Written report provided by Alice Fredericks, Tiburon

5.e. Transportation Authority of Marin
5.e. Written report provided by Alice Fredericks, Tiburon

6. Presentations: MCCMC received the following presentations:

6.a. Corry Kanzenberg – Development Director, Homeward Bound of Marin (Filling in for CEO, Paul Fordham)

Corry Kanzenberg of Homeward Bound of Marin provided an informational update on Homeward Bound's work in the community, including its housing programs, culinary job training program, and supportive employment efforts. She shared that Marin is anticipated to reach "functional zero" for veteran homelessness, noting the significant reduction in veterans experiencing homelessness in the county. She also provided an update on Homeward Bound's planned senior housing project in San

Rafael, which will renovate a former convent gifted by the Dominican Sisters of San Rafael to provide housing for older adults experiencing homelessness.
Video of the presentation can be viewed here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7P_3w0b4BeA&t=3960s

6.b. Panel Discussion on Supporting and Serving our Older Adult Communities: Strategies to Address Older Adult Homelessness

Panelists include:

- Angie Perone, PhD, JD, MSW, MA, Director of the Advanced Study of Aging Services at UC Berkeley
- Meredith Parnell, Chief Program Officer, St. Vincent de Paul Society of Marin
- Caroline Joachim, Member of the Board of Directors, Marin Senior Life Foundation (in place of Luke Barnesmoor, Member of the Board of Directors, Marin Senior Life Foundation)

A panel discussion was held regarding older adult homelessness and housing instability in Marin County. Panelists discussed the growing number of low-income older adults in Marin who are at risk of first-time homelessness, particularly those living on fixed incomes who are unable to keep pace with rising housing and living costs. They noted that older adults may face unique barriers, including difficulty navigating housing applications and waitlists, limited ability to relocate without losing community and support networks, and health or caregiving needs that are not well served by the traditional shelter system.

The discussion highlighted the need for prevention-focused strategies, including shallow rent subsidies, case management, and support navigating housing and social service systems. Panelists also discussed the Marin Older Adult Homelessness Prevention Program, supported by a $3 million, five-year grant from the Marin Senior Life Foundation to St. Vincent de Paul Society of Marin. The program is intended to help older adults remain housed and avoid entering the homelessness system. UC Berkeley's Center for the Advanced Study of Aging Services will provide evaluation support to help assess outcomes, identify needs, and inform future policy and funding discussions.

Video of the presentation can be viewed here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cB-xopsNkVI&t=3597s

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m. to the next regular meeting scheduled for June 24, 2026, to be held as a hybrid meeting in person at the College of Marin Kentfield Campus, Center for Student Success (835 College Ave., Kentfield, CA)