

**MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS
MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023
VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE
6:00pm**

Members Present

Belvedere: Mayor James Lynch, Councilmembers Kemnitzer, Wilkinson
Corte Madera: Mayor Charles Lee, Councilmembers Casissa, Ravasio, Thomas
Fairfax: Mayor Chance Cutrano, Councilmembers Ackerman, Coler, Blash
Larkspur: Mayor Gabe Paulson, Councilmembers Carroll, Harroff, Way
Mill Valley: -
Novato: Mayor Susan Wernick, Councilmembers Eklund, Millberg, O'Connor
Ross: Mayor Beach Kuhl, Councilmembers Kircher, McMillan
San Anselmo: Vice Mayor Eileen Burke, Councilmember Kullaway
San Rafael: Mayor Kate Colin, Councilmembers Llorens-Gulati, Kertz
Sausalito: Mayor Melissa Blaustein, Councilmember Cox, Hoffman
Tiburon: Mayor Jack Ryan, Councilmembers Fredericks, Thier

Ex Officio: MCCMC Secretary Rebecca Vaughn; City/Town Managers: Christa Johnson (Ross), Jim Schutz (San Rafael), Adam Wolff (Corte Madera)
Guests in attendance: Supervisors Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Eric Lucan; Nancy Hall-Bennett, CalCities North Bay Division

1. Call to Order

Vice President Melissa Blaustein called the meeting to order at 6:02p.m., and welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers, for February 22, 2023.

A roll call of the Marin towns/cities was taken. There was a quorum of the 11 Marin cities/towns present, with representatives from 10 cities/towns in attendance (Mill Valley not present for business meeting).

President Colbert then called for Public Comment.

2. Public Comment:

Public Comment was received from:

1. Rachel Kertz, San Rafael – stated that she has joined with Catherine Way, Larkspur, to co-chair the Marin Women's Political Action Committee (MWPAC) Membership Committee, membership is \$50. She also encouraged people to attend or sponsor the Annual Elected Women's Luncheon, to be held on March 24th. More information on how to attend the Luncheon, or how to join MWPAC, is available on their website: <https://mwpac.org/>

3. Welcome and Introduction of Guests: Vice President Melissa Blaustein.

Vice President Blaustein welcomed the guests in attendance: Members of the Board of Supervisors: Stephanie Moulton-Peters and Eric Lucan; and Nancy Hall-Bennett, CalCities North Bay Division

4. Presentations: (Presentations were called on out of sequence)

- 4.c. Update from John Carroll, Marin County Superintendent of Schools
John Carroll, Marin County Superintendent of Schools, introduced himself and provided an update regarding his priorities for his new term as Superintendent of

Schools and responded to questions from the audience. He spoke about the transition process moving into the role, and his three big areas of focus for the next four years, which include:

- Strengthening and growing early childhood education
- Strengthening and growing career technical education
- Strengthening reading instruction programs and making sure they are following the science

More information on Superintendent Carroll and the Marin County Office of Education can be found here:

<https://www.marinschools.org/Page/8486>

Note: while waiting to see if the first speaker was able to join the Zoom meeting, Vice Mayor Blaustein called to briefly turn to the business items in the interim.

4.b. Update from Kelsey Fernandez, MA, Executive Director, Marin Healthy Youth Partnerships: Local Cannabis Policy and Youth

Presenters representing Marin Healthy Youth Partnerships (John Wright, Executive Director Kelsey Fernandez, and Dr. Lynn Silver) provided an update regarding “Getting It Right From the Start” and support for policies that protect local youth, including a model ordinance regulating local cannabis retail sales in California.

Suggested steps for cities to consider include:

- Requiring a health warning and safer use flier for all consumers (SB 1097)
- Prohibit intoxicating hemp products
- Don’t allow products that are attractive to kids
- Hold firm on smoke-free air and don’t allow temporary events or onsite consumption
- If allowing retail, consider a public utility model with public or contracted nonprofit access
- Don’t allow billboards and limit other marketing

More information on Marin Healthy Youth Partnerships can be found here:

<https://www.marinhealthyouthpartnerships.org/>

And the MHYP presentation slides can be viewed here:

http://www.mccmc.org/wp-content/uploads/MCCMC-Presentation_MHYP-compressed.pdf

4.a. Update from Assemblymember Damon Connolly

Assemblymember Damon Connolly provided an update on the currently legislative session, legislation he has introduced since being sworn in to his new term on December 5, 2022, and his goals and objectives for his term as Assemblymember representing District 12.

Assemblymember Connolly stated that he has been assigned to the Budget Committee and a budget subcommittee that deals with the environment, climate, energy and transportation issues. Other committee assignments include Utilities and Energy; Environment, Safety and Toxic Materials; Judiciary; Agriculture; and is the Assembly

Lead on the Joint Legislative Committee on Climate Change Policy, working with Senator Henry Stern. He has also been assigned to Chair the Assembly's new Select Committee on Wildfire Prevention.

He put forward 21 bill ideas as of last Friday's deadline for new bill submittals. He spoke about some of the bill proposals, including:

- AB404, AB405 and AB406 an Organic Farming package;
- AB99 to stop pesticide spraying along North Bay highways;
- AB838 California Water Affordability and Infrastructure Transparency Act;
- AB935 phased ban of all tobacco products in California;
- AB478 protects adults 65 and older from losing their home insurance policy due to risk of wildfire;
- AB92 restricting sale and use of body armor to specific categories of professions;
- He has also co-authored bills on gun safety, early dyslexia screening for kids, marriage equality, teen suicide; and sale and closure of RV park in San Rafael

More information on Assemblymember Connolly, his current legislation and other news, can be found here: <https://a12.asmdc.org/>

5. Committee Reports: All Committee reports were submitted in writing and are available in the [agenda packet on the MCCMC website](#). Vice President Blaustein thanked those who submitted written reports and encouraged the membership to review the reports.

- ~~5.a. Metropolitan Transportation Commission~~
~~5a. Written report from Supervisor Stephanie Moulton Peters~~
- 5.b. Association of Bay Area Governments
5b. Written report from Pat Eklund, Novato
- ~~5.c. Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District~~
~~5c. Written report from Holli Thier, Tiburon~~
- ~~5.d. MCCMC Homeless Committee~~
~~5.d. Written report from Rachel Kertz, San Rafael~~
- 5.e. MCCMC Legislative Committee
5.e. Written report from Alice Fredericks, Tiburon
- ~~5.f. Marin Transit Board of Directors~~
~~5f. Written report provided by Maribeth Bushey, San Rafael~~
- ~~5.g. Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit District (SMART)~~
~~5g. Written report provided by Gabe Paulson, Larkspur~~
- 5.h. Transportation Authority of Marin
5.h. Written report from Alice Fredericks, Tiburon

6. BUSINESS MEETING

(The business items were discussed and voted on in between the first and second presentations)

- 6.a. Informational Item: Draft Minutes of the January 25, 2023 City Selection Committee

Meeting Via Zoom (For review only, minutes will be approved at the next City Selection Committee meeting, date to be determined)

There were no comments on the draft minutes of the January 25, 2023 City Selection Committee meeting. The minutes will be brought back for approval at the next City Selection Committee meeting, date to be determined.

6.b. Review of Draft Agenda for the March 22, 2023 MCCMC Meeting Via Zoom

There were no comments on the draft agenda, which will be held virtually via Zoom.

6.c. Consideration and Possible Approval of the Draft Minutes of the January 25, 2023 MCCMC Meeting

Vice President Blaustein called for a vote to approve the draft minutes for January 25, 2023. There was a motion and second (Colin / Eklund) to approve the draft minutes for January 25, 2023. The motion was approved by roll call vote of the cities/towns present, 10-0-1 (Mill Valley absent)

Following approval of business item 6c, Vice President Blaustein returned to the presentations and called on 4.b., Update from Marin Healthy Youth Partnerships.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm to the next regular meeting scheduled for March 22, 2023 to be held virtually, via zoom webinar.