

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026

Business Meeting: 6:00pm

College of Marin Kentfield Campus: Coon Center for Student Success
835 College Avenue. Kentfield, CA 94904

Members Present

Belvedere: -
Corte Madera: Mayor Rosa Thomas, Councilmembers Fred Casissa and Pat Ravasio
Fairfax: Mayor Stephanie Hellman, Councilmembers Lisel Blash, Barbara Coler, Frank Egger
Larkspur: Mayor Stephanie Andre, Councilmember Gabe Paulson
Mill Valley: Mayor Max Perrey, Councilmembers Urban Carmel, Stephen Burke
Novato: Mayor Rachel Farac; Councilmembers Pat Eklund, Kevin Jacobs
Ross: Mayor Juile McMillan; Councilmembers Teri Dowling, Elizabeth Robbins
San Anselmo: Vice Mayor Chantel Walker
San Rafael: Mayor Kate Colin, Councilmembers Eli Hill, Rachel Kertz
Sausalito: Councilmember Jill Hoffman
Tiburon: Councilmembers Alice Fredericks, Holli Thier

Ex Officio: MCCMC Secretary Rebecca Vaughn; Marin County Board of Supervisors Brian Colbert and Eric Lucan; Derek Johnson, Marin County Executive; Veronica Hurd, Asst. to Marin County Executive; Nancy Hall Bennett, CalCities North Bay Division; Assemblymember Damon Connolly; Johana Jaimes, Field Representative to Asm. Connolly; Omar Carrera, Canal Alliance.

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

President Stephanie Hellman called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m., and welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers, for February 25, 2026.

A roll call of the Marin towns/cities was taken. There was a quorum of the 11 Marin cities/towns, with representatives from 10 of the 11 Marin cities/towns in attendance.

2. Public Comment: None

3. Welcome and Introduction of Guests

President Hellman welcomed guests in attendance. She introduced College of Marin President/ Superintendent, Jonathan Eldridge, Ed.D., to welcome attendees to the campus, and he spoke about the history of College of Marin, which is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year, and the campus's new Center for Student Success.

4. Business Meeting:

4.a. Discussion and Possible Approval to Establish an Ad Hoc Governance Committee to Review and Provide Recommendations Regarding Revisions to MCCMC Bylaws, and to Provide Guidance on Other Issues Related to MCCMC Governance and Operations for Future Consideration

President Hellman introduced the item and spoke about the need for formation of the Ad Hoc Committee. It was anticipated that the Ad Hoc Committee members would work quickly and return with updated bylaws and other governance and operations options within 90 days. She asked for any

interested council members to join her in volunteering to serve on the Ad Hoc Subcommittee. Offers to volunteer were received from: Pat Eklund, Novato; Rachel Kertz, San Rafael; Gabe Paulson, Larkspur; Max Perrey, Mill Valley; and Chantel Walker, San Anselmo; along with President Stephanie Hellman, Fairfax.

There was a motion and second (Pat Eklund, Novato / Max Perrey, Mill Valley) to approve formation of an Ad Hoc Governance Committee to review and provide recommendations regarding revisions to MCCMC Bylaws, and to provide guidance on other issues related to MCCMC governance and operations for future consideration. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion was approved 10-0-1 (Belvedere absent).

Public Comment was received from:

1. Brook Schrier Ganz
2. Pat Ravasio, Corte Madera

Note: Following the February 25, 2026 meeting, Max Perrey confirmed via email received on Friday, February 27, 2026, that he would be unable to participate in the Ad Hoc Committee. Further, it was determined that an Ad Hoc Committee cannot be comprised of a quorum of member cities, and the Subcommittee will be comprised of five councilmembers going forward.

4.c. Review Of Draft Agenda For The March 25, 2026 MCCMC Meeting to Be Held In the Town of Corte Madera Town Council Chambers, 300 Tamalpais Drive, Corte Madera

There were no public comments received from in-person or online attendees regarding the draft agenda for March 25, 2026. It was noted that the meeting will be hybrid, held in person in the Corte Madera Town Council Chambers, with remote participation available.

4.d. Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Draft Minutes of the January 28, 2026, MCCMC Regular Meeting

There were no public comments received from in-person or online attendees regarding the draft minutes for the January 28, 2026 MCCMC Regular meeting.

There was a motion and second (Holli Thier / Pat Eklund) to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2026 regular meeting. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion was approved 10-0-1 (Belvedere absent).

5. Committee Reports

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

Regarding the ABAG report, Pat Eklund highlighted, that they are going to be starting to work on the next RHNA cycle, and ABAG is starting to ramp up for that. They will also be making sure that cities and counties have their information from the state as to what each has achieved to date. Pat will be setting up a RHNA subcommittee and will be asking cities and towns to designate one person to be their continuous representative to the ABAG Committee for the next two year process while ABAG works on their next formulas. There will be options that the cities and towns will need to look at.

Related to her BCDC report, Pat highlighted that there is an interesting State of Our Estuary to look at. She encouraged everyone to go online and look at the link to that site: <https://www.bcdc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/354/2025/12/Agenda-Item10-Our-Estuary-Presentation.pdf>

Regarding the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District report, Holli Thier highlighted that, at the last Board meeting, they got to see Bert Hill, who is Eli Hill's father, sworn in as President of the Golden Gate Bridge board. She added that she has worked with him for several years, and he is a great leader, and will lead the board very well. She also reported that the Board was notified that the San Rafael transit center is getting a \$25.6 million grant from the FTA, the Federal Transit Administration, and it's one of 34 projects in 19 states that received funding. She thanked Mayor Kate Colin and the whole team at Golden Gate Bridge Board for their work to advocate for this funding, which is a major accomplishment.

The following Committee Reports were included in the agenda packet:

- 5.a. Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)
5a. Written report provided by Pat Eklund, Novato

- 5.b. Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC)
5b. Written report provided by Pat Eklund, Novato

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

- ~~5.d. Transportation Authority of Marin (No report)
5d. Written report provided by Alice Fredericks, Tiburon~~

6. Presentations: MCCMC received the following presentations:

- 1. Assemblymember Damon Connolly
- 2. Omar Carrera, CEO of Canal Alliance. Mr. Carrera's slide deck can be viewed [here](#).

Video of the presentations can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/9ChrPivvrlw> (Asm. Connolly's presentation begins at approximately the 00:27:00 mark, and Mr. Carrera's presentation begins at approximately the 00:59:00 mark.)

3. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm to the next regular meeting scheduled for March 25, 2026 to be held as a hybrid meeting in person at the Corte Madera Town Hall Council Chambers.