

MINUTES OF MAY 26, 2021

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF EL DORADO

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting of the Local Agency Formation Commission held on May 26, 2021 was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Palmer by video and teleconference, pursuant to California Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, issued on March 17, 2020, with no physical location available. Members of the public were able to access and participate in the meeting by joining the Zoom webinar at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82485076777?pwd=NWVIRIZ3YjJ3bFgrYTBGRDhpUndkZz09> or by telephone at 1-669-900-9128, referencing Webinar ID: 824 8507 6777 and entering passcode 623070.

Regular Members present were: City Members Cody Bass and Jackie Neau, County Members John Hidahl and Wendy Thomas, District Member Tim Palmer and Public Member Michael Powell. Others present were: Alternate City Member Patricia "Patty" Borelli, Alternate District Member Michael Saunders, Alternate Public Member Holly Morrison, Executive Officer José C. Henríquez, Assistant Executive Officer Erica Sanchez, and LAFCO Counsel Malathy Subramanian.

Prior to roll call, pursuant to California Government Code Section 54953, Chair Palmer made clear for the record of the meeting that members of the Commission would be participating in the meeting by teleconference. In accordance with the Brown Act and Executive Order N-29-20, the teleconference phone number for public participation had been identified in the public notice and agenda for the meeting.

Chair Palmer asked staff to briefly go through some special procedures required by the Brown Act, including the following statements regarding changes to the meeting procedures due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff confirmed:

- There was no physical location for this meeting; the meeting was by virtual teleconference only, consistent with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20.
- Commissioners would join the meeting via Zoom video conference and all actions would be taken by roll call vote.
- Members of the public had access to the meeting via Freeconferencecall.com and could listen to the meeting live by phone. The phone number and access to the meeting was provided on the meeting agenda.
- Members of the public wishing to make a comment on an item should notify the Executive Officer, who would take down their name and introduce them at the appropriate time. Once called, the member of the public should identify themselves by their name.

2. ROLL CALL**VOTING MEMBERS:**

Bass, Hidahl, Neau, Powell, Saunders, Thomas, Palmer.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**MOTION**

Commissioner Thomas moved to adopt the Agenda, second by Commissioner Neau.

ACTION

The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Bass, Hidahl, Neau, Powell, Saunders, Thomas, Palmer

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 28, 2021

B. REVIEW OF CLAIMS

MOTION

Commissioner Neau moved to adopt the consent calendar, second by Commissioner Saunders.

ACTION

The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Bass, Hidahl, Neau, Powell, Saunders, Thomas, Palmer

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

5. PUBLIC FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Palmer opened the public forum and asked the Executive Officer if there were any speakers on this item. Staff confirmed no member of the public requested to address the Commission on this item.

6. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AND ADOPT THE FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22

Mr. Henríquez reviewed the staff report with the recommendation that the Commission:

1. Receive the information related to the adopted Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22;
2. Open the Public Hearing on this matter;
3. Adopt LAFCO Resolution L-2021-11 approving the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22, which reflects the Commission's priorities for the coming fiscal year; and
4. Direct staff to transmit the Final Budget to the funding agencies and others as specified in Government Code §56381.

Commissioner Powell stated that he was not in support of the budget and was in favor of increasing the budget to hire an Assistant Policy Analyst sooner than March 2022.

Chair Palmer opened the public forum and asked the Executive Officer if there were any speakers on this item. Staff confirmed no member of the public requested to address the Commission on this item.

MOTION

Commissioner Hidahl moved to adopt Resolution L-2021-11 approving the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22, second by Commissioner Neau.

ACTION

The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Bass, Hidahl, Neau, Saunders, Thomas, Palmer

NOES: Powell

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

7. REVIEW OF LAFCO'S SIGNATURE AUTHORITY POLICIES

Mr. Henríquez reviewed the staff report with the recommendation that the Commission review its current signature authority policies and amend the policies as necessary.

Chair Palmer opened the public forum and asked the Executive Officer if there were any speakers on this item. Staff confirmed no member of the public requested to address the Commission on this item.

Commissioner Morrison arrived at 6:03 PM.

MOTION

Commissioner Thomas moved staff's recommendation to update Section 2.7.2(b)ii to make it consistent with Section 2.9, second by Commissioner Bass.

ACTION

The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Bass, Hidahl, Neau, Powell, Saunders, Thomas, Palmer

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

8. PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO STAFF REGARDING THE RETURN TO IN-PERSON COMMISSION MEETINGS

Mr. Henríquez reviewed the staff report with the recommendation that the Commission provide direction to staff on its preference with resuming in-person Commission meetings.

Chair Palmer opened the public forum and asked the Executive Officer if there were any speakers on this item. Staff confirmed no member of the public requested to address the Commission on this item.

MOTION

Commissioner Thomas moved to continue remote meetings via Zoom for three months until September 2021, second by Commissioner Neau.

ACTION

The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Bass, Hidahl, Neau, Powell, Saunders, Thomas, Palmer

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

9. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. LEGISLATION
- B. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS
- C. COUNSEL REPORT
- D. EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Palmer adjourned the meeting at 6:45 PM.

The next regularly scheduled LAFCO meeting will be June 23, 2021.

**APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION
AUTHENTICATED AND CERTIFIED**


Executive Officer


Chairperson