

# **Monterey County**

*Monterey County Government Center  
Board of Supervisors Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901*



## **Meeting Minutes - Draft**

**Friday, July 30, 2021**

**2:30 PM**

**Special Meeting**

## **Board of Supervisors**

*Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew - District 4*

*Vice Chair Supervisor Mary L. Adams - District 5*

*Supervisor Luis A. Alejo - District 1*

*Supervisor John M. Phillips - District 2*

*Supervisor Chris Lopez - District 3*

**2:30 P.M. - Called to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew.

**Roll Called**

Present: 5 - Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, Supervisor Chris Lopez, Supervisor John M. Phillips, Supervisor Mary L. Adams and Supervisor Luis A. Alejo all appeared via video conference

**Staff Present**

Charles McKee, County Administrative Officer, Les Girard, County Counsel and Julian Lorenzana, Board Clerk appeared in person. Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board prepared the minutes.

**Additions and Corrections for Closed Session by County Counsel**

There were no additions and corrections for the agenda.

**Closed Session**

1. Closed Session under Government Code section 54950, relating to the following items:
  - a. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957(a), the Board will confer with County Counsel regarding matters posing a threat to the security of public buildings, essential public services, or the public's right of access to public services or facilities.
  - b. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6, the Board will provide direction to negotiators:
    - (1) Designated representatives: Irma Ramirez-Bough and Kim MooreEmployee Organization(s): All Units

**Public Comments**

Open for public comments; Wes White and Timothy Heaven, in person, and Wildfire and Bella Maddox, via Zoom, commented.

**The Board Recessed for Closed Session Agenda Items****2:45 P.M. - Reconvened on Public Agenda Items****Roll Called**

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**Staff Present**

Charles McKee, County Administrative Officer, Les Girard, County Counsel and Julian Lorenzana, Board Clerk appeared in person. Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board prepared the minutes.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Not called for.

**Additions and Corrections by Clerk**

There were no additions and corrections for the agenda.

**2:45 P.M. - Scheduled Matters**

2.
  - a. Public Health Update on COVID-19;
  - b. Presentation on current State and Federal Guidance and Mandates for COVID-19;
  - c. Consider updates to the Emergency Response Manual & COVID-19 Prevention Program to add provisions regarding COVID-19 vaccinations, verifications, and/or testing for certain categories of County employees or all County employees;
  - d. Consider updates to the Emergency Response Manual & COVID-19 Prevention Program regarding face covering requirements, for employees and non-employees entering County facilities;
  - e. Consider updates to the Emergency Response Manual & COVID-19 Prevention Program to require employees to complete the Self-Certification of COVID-19 Vaccination Status; and,
  - f. Provide other related direction.

**Dr. Edward Moreno, Health Officer, via Zoom, from the Health Department presented via PowerPoint presentation.**

**Ariana Hurtado, Program Manager and Irma Ramirez-Bough, Director from the Human Resources Department, both in person, presented via PowerPoint presentation.**

**Elsa Jimenez, Director from the Health Department, Janine Bouyea and Dr. Chad Harris from Natividad Medical Center, all via Zoom, presented verbally and via PowerPoint presentation.**

Open public comments; no public comments made.

**A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, seconded by Supervisor Mary L. Adams to:**

- a. Receive a Public Health Update on COVID-19;**
- b. Presentation on current State and Federal Guidance and Mandates for COVID-19;**
- c. Update the Emergency Response Manual & COVID-19 Prevention Program to add provisions regarding mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations, verifications, and/or testing for all County employees;**
- d. Update the Emergency Response Manual & COVID-19 Prevention Program regarding face covering requirements, for employees and non-employees entering County facilities;**
- e. Update to the Emergency Response Manual & COVID-19 Prevention Program to require employees to complete the Certification of COVID-19 Vaccination Status on the County App or in paper; and,**
- f. Directed staff to implement the vaccination policy by August 16, 2021, and 30 days from there employees to show proof of vaccination and or exemption.**

**Roll call vote taken pursuant to Government Code 54953:**

**Supervisor Alejo: AYE**

**Supervisor Phillips: AYE**

**Supervisor Lopez: AYE**

Supervisor Adams: AYE  
Chair Supervisor Root Askew: AYE

A motion was made by Supervisor Mary L. Adams, seconded by Supervisor Chris Lopez to: Authorize the Natividad Interim CEO and CAO (or designee) to adopt COVID-19 policies and procedures consistent with those implemented by other health care entities in the County.

Roll call vote taken pursuant to Government Code 54953:  
Supervisor Alejo: AYE  
Supervisor Phillips: AYE  
Supervisor Lopez: AYE  
Supervisor Adams: AYE  
Chair Supervisor Root Askew: AYE

A motion was made by Supervisor Chris Lopez, seconded by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo to: Delegate authority to the County Administrative Officer to proceed with the mask mandate for indoor County buildings on a timeline as deemed appropriate by the County Administrative Officer.

Roll call vote taken pursuant to Government Code 54953:  
Supervisor Alejo: AYE  
Supervisor Phillips: AYE  
Supervisor Lopez: AYE  
Supervisor Adams: AYE  
Chair Supervisor Root Askew: AYE

**Adjourned**

The Board was adjourned by Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew

**APPROVED:**

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**WENDY ROOT ASKEW, CHAIR  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**ATTEST:**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**VALERIE RALPH  
CLERK OF THE BOARD  
APPROVED ON** \_\_\_\_\_