

County of Monterey

*Government Center - Board Chambers
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor
Salinas, CA 93901*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

9:00 AM

Board of Supervisors

*Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez - District 3
Vice Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew - District 4
Supervisor Kate Daniels- District 5
Supervisor Luis A. Alejo - District 1
Supervisor Glenn Church - District 2*

9:00 A.M. - Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez.

Roll Called

Present: 5 - Supervisor Kate Daniels, Supervisor Glenn Church, Supervisor Chris Lopez, Supervisor Luis A. Alejo and Supervisor Wendy Root Askew

Supervisor Luis A. Alejo will join shortly.

Staff Present

Sonia De La Rosa, County Administrative, Susan Blitch, County Counsel and Iracema Lopez, Management Analyst were present.

Additions and Corrections for Closed Session by County Counsel

There were no additions and corrections for closed session.

Closed Session

1. Closed Session under Government Code section 54950, relating to the following items:
 - a. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6, the Board will provide direction to negotiators:
(1) Designated representatives: Andreas Pyper, Kim Moore and Ariana Hurtado
Employee Organization(s): All Units
 - b. Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1), the Board will confer with legal counsel regarding existing litigation:
(1) Alice Valdez (Worker's Compensation Appeals Board No. ADJ9309528)
(2) Alice Valdez (Worker's Compensation Appeals Board No. ADJ16272926)
(3) Monterey County Vacation Rental Alliance v. County of Monterey, et al. (Monterey County Superior Court Case No. 24CV004922)
 - c. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b)(1), the Board will provide a performance evaluation for the County Administrative Officer.

Public Comments for Closed Session

Open for public comments; no comments made.

The Board Recessed for Closed Session Agenda Items**10:30 A.M. - Reconvened on Public Agenda Items**

Roll Called

Present: 5 - Supervisor Kate Daniels, Supervisor Glenn Church, Supervisor Chris Lopez, Supervisor Luis A. Alejo and Supervisor Wendy Root Askew

Staff Present

Sonia De La Rosa, County Administrative, Susan Blitch, County Counsel and Iracema Lopez, Management Analyst were present.

Announcement of Interpreter

Diego Celis, Spanish Interpreter present and announced Spanish interpreter services.

Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was led by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo.

Additions and Corrections by Clerk

Due to the need for immediate consideration by the Board of matters which arose after the posting of today's agenda, as provided in Section 54954.2 of the California Government Code the Board is asked to make the following addition and correction:

Addition to Item 22 - Health - Consent

Received an additional document on this item of Exhibit A3

Revision to Item 24 - Health - Consent

Revised Board Report received

Revision to Item 25 - Health - Consent

Revised Board Report received

Ceremonial Resolutions

Open for public comments; no comments made.

Supervisor Glenn Church made comments on Item No. 3.

A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, seconded by Supervisor Glenn Church to adopt Ceremonial Resolutions Numbers 2 and 3.

ALL AYES

2. Adopt a resolution honoring Natividad Medical Center's Level II Trauma Center on its 10th anniversary of providing lifesaving care for the people of Monterey County. (Supervisor Lopez)

Adopted Resolution No. 25-001

3. Adopt a resolution honoring the life of Ruth Andresen. (Supervisor Askew)

Adopted Resolution No. 25-002

Appointments

Open for public comments; Eloise Shim commented.

A motion was made by Supervisor Glenn Church, seconded by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo to appoint/reappoint Item Numbers 4 through 6.

ALL AYES

4. Reappoint Crystal Libby to the Equal Opportunity and Civil Rights Advisory Commission representing Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual & Transgender Community with a term expiration date on December 31, 2027. (Nominated by Salinas Valley Pride)

Reappointed

5. Reappoint Belinda Taluban to the Historic Resources Review Board representing District 2 as a District 2 with a term end date of December 31, 2027 (District Specific, District 2 - Supervisor Church)

Reappointed

6. Appoint Gilbert Ramos to the Housing Advisory Committee representing District 1 as a Primary Representative filling an unexpired term with a term end date of August 22, 2025 (District Specific, District 1 - Supervisor Alejo.)

Appointed

- 6.1 Appoint Jon Conatser to the Water Resources Agency Board Of Directors representing District 3 with a term end date of December 31, 2028 (District Specific - District 3, Supervisor Lopez) (ADDED VIA ADDENDA)

Removed from agenda via additions and corrections

Approval of Consent Calendar – (See Supplemental Sheet)

7. See Supplemental Sheet

Open for public comments; no comments made.

A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo seconded by Supervisor Wendy Root Askew to approve Consent Calendar Item Numbers 15 through 31.

ALL AYES

General Public Comments

8. General Public Comments

Open for general public comments for items not on the agenda today; Meredith Crowl Pap, Dave Flay, phone number ending in 705, Bryan Rosen commented.

Scheduled Matters**9. Adopt a Resolution to:**

- a. Reestablish the County of Monterey as a **Welcoming County for Immigrants and Refugees, and Declaring the County a Place of Trust and Safety for Immigrants**; and,
- b. Authorize and direct the Auditor-Controller to amend the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Adopted Budget by increasing appropriations by \$25,000 to fund the placement of public service announcements in County Administrative Office- Communications (001-1050-CAO004-8597) financed by a decrease in appropriations in Contingencies, General Fund 001, Appropriation Unit CAO020 (4/5th vote)

Sonia De La Rosa, County Administrative Officer verbally presented along with Supervisor Luis A, Alejo.

Open for public comments; Eloise Shim, Bryan Rosen, Ms. Aguilar, phone number ending in 705, James Martinez, George Villa, phone, Diana Jimenez and Joe Cabbage commented.

A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, seconded by Supervisor Chris Lopez to:

- a. Reestablish the County of Monterey as a Welcoming County for Immigrants and Refugees, and Declaring the County a Place of Trust and Safety for Immigrants; and,
- b. Authorize and direct the Auditor-Controller to amend the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Adopted Budget by increasing appropriations by \$25,000 to fund the placement of public service announcements in the County Administrative Office- Communications (001-1050-CAO004-8597) financed by a decrease in appropriations in Contingencies, General Fund 001, Appropriation Unit CAO020.

ALL AYES

10. Receive notice of adjustment of the annual salary of the members of the Board of Supervisors, in accordance with Section 2.04.370C of the County of Monterey Code consistent with the superior court judge salary adjustment of 0.3226%, effective July 1, 2024, with implementation of the salary adjustments on January 25, 2025.

Andreas Pyper, Director of Human Resources verbally presented.

Open for public comments; no comments made.

Upon the consensus the Board:

Received notice of adjustment of the annual salary of the members of the Board, in accordance with Section 2.04.370C of the County of Monterey Code (Code) consistent with the superior court judge salary adjustment of 0.3226%, effective July 1, 2024, with implementation of the salary adjustments on January 25, 2025.

12:00 P.M. - Recessed to Lunch back into Closed Session

1:30 P.M. - Reconvened**Roll Called**

Present: 5 - Supervisor Kate Daniels, Supervisor Glenn Church, Supervisor Chris Lopez, Supervisor Luis A. Alejo and Supervisor Wendy Root Askew

Staff Present

Sonia De La Rosa, County Administrative, Susan Blitch, County Counsel and Iracema Lopez, Management Analyst were present.

Announcement of Interpreter

Diego Celis, Spanish Interpreter present and announced Spanish interpreter services.

Scheduled Matters

11. Consider proposed Board of Supervisors' appointments to various Standing Committees, Non-County Entities, and Ad Hoc Committees for calendar year 2025.

Nick Chiulos, Chief Assistant County Administrative Officer presented based of the rotational charts.

Open for public comments; Eloise Shim and Joe Cabbage commented.

The Board

a. Ratified the standing committee rotational schedule;

b. Standing Committees & Non-County entities:

A motion was made by Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, seconded by Supervisor Kate Daniels to: Approve the proposed Board of Supervisors' appointments to various Standing Committees, Non-County Entities with an amendment to combine the Homelessness Committee with the Health, Housing and Human Services Committee with District 1 and District 4 being primaries and Local Agency Formation Commission adding District 5 as one of the primaries; District 3 being alternate.

ALL AYES

c. Add Hoc Committees:

A motion was made by Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, seconded by Supervisor Kate Daniels to: Approve the proposed Ad Hoc Committees; with adding District 2 and District 3 as primaries to the AA Measure Oversight Ad Hoc Committee.

ALL AYES

d. Groundwater Sustainability Agency Working Group (County/SVBGSA):

A motion was made by Supervisor Chris Lopez, seconded by Supervisor Glenn Church to: Approve to add District 4 and County Administrative Officer or designee to the Groundwater

Sustainability Agency Working Group (County/SVBGSA).

ALL AYES

Amended, for the record, at the Board of Supervisor meeting on Tuesday, August 26, 2025:

A motion was made by Supervisor Chris Lopez, seconded by Supervisor Glenn Church to:
Approve to add District 4 as the Primary member and County Administrative Officer or designee
as the Alternate member to the Groundwater Sustainability Agency Working Group
(County/SVBGSA).

ALL AYES

Other Board Matters

Referral Matrix and New Referrals

12. Referral Matrix and New Referrals

There were no new referrals for this week's agenda.

County Administrative Officer Comments

13. County Administrative Officer Comments

Sonia De La Rosa, County Administrative Officer's comments can be heard by clicking the following link:

https://monterey.granicus.com/player/clip/5670?meta_id=894595

Board Comments

14. Board Comments

Board comments can be heard by clicking the following link:

https://monterey.granicus.com/player/clip/5670?meta_id=894598

Read Out from Closed Session by County Counsel

There was no reportable action for Closed Session.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m. by Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez

APPROVED:

____/s/ Chris Lopez_____
CHRIS LOPEZ, CHAIR

ATTEST:

BY: ____/s/ Valerie Ralph_____

VALERIE RALPH

CLERK OF THE BOARD

APPROVED ON: August 26, 2025

Supplemental Sheet, Consent Calendar**Health Department**

15. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to execute Amendment No. 1 to Standard Agreement A-15814 with Jackson & Coker LocumTenens, LLC to increase the total agreement amount by \$2,500,000 for psychiatry services, with no change to the term, for a revised total Agreement amount not to exceed \$7,500,000.

Approved

16. a. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to execute Amendment No. 2 with Monterey Peninsula Unified School District for the provision of adding Local Oral Health Program Presentations at Del Rey Elementary, Martin Luther King Elementary, Ord Terrace Elementary, and Marina Vista Elementary to existing CalFresh Healthy Living Program Memorandum Of Understanding, for a revised term of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2027; and
b. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to sign up to one amendment where the amended contract does not significantly change the scope.

Approved

17. a. Accept a Grant Award of up to \$2,500,000 from Santa Cruz-Monterey-Merced-San Benito-Mariposa Managed Medical Care Commission, operating as Central California Alliance for Health (CCAH) in support of the "Monterey County Clinic at Marina" (New Construction) project; and
b. Ratify execution by the Director of Health Services of a Medi-Cal Capacity Grant Agreement (Grant Agreement), Grant number 0724-MCHD-CS-Capital between Central California Alliance for Health (CCAH) and the County of Monterey, on behalf of the Health Department, Clinic Services Bureau ("County"), in the amount up to \$2,500,000 for the "Monterey County Clinic at Marina" (New Construction) project, with a Grant Term of 39 months effective on the date of the last signature of the Agreement.

Approved

18. a. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to execute a non-standard Agreement with Hartnell College to provide students with supervised field experience, thus fulfilling the school's internship requirements, effective upon execution to November 30, 2029 with no exchange of funds; and
b. Approve non-standard indemnification provisions as recommended by the Director of Health Services; and
c. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to sign up to three future amendments that do not significantly change the scope.

Approved

19. a. Approve Amendment No. 13 to the Agreement between the County of Monterey and American Medical Response West for the provision of Advanced Life and Basic Life Support Ambulance Services for the County of Monterey (Agreement No. A-110610) to extend the Agreement term to January 31, 2026, implement a 4.4% rate increase, and remove the current Exhibit B (Monterey County Rate Tables) and replace it with a new Exhibit B (Monterey County Rate Tables); and
b. Authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to execute Amendment No. 13 to the Agreement between the County of Monterey and American Medical Response West for the provision of Advanced Life and Basic Life Support Ambulance Services for the County of Monterey.

Approved

20. a. Ratify the execution by the Director of Health Services on December 11, 2024 of the Memorandum of Understanding with Oregon Community Health Information Network, Inc. (OCHIN) for participation in the Community Health Workers SYStematically Assessing and Addressing Social Determinants of Health To IMprove Outcomes in Community-based Health Centers (CHW-SYSTIM) study to measure CHW-led interventions in treating uncontrolled chronic conditions, for a term effective upon execution to June 30, 2026; and
b. Accept a clinic impact fee of either \$12,000 dependent on whether County of Monterey is selected as a Control group, or \$58,175 if selected as an Intervention Group, for County of Monterey's participation in the study; and
c. Authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to act as the agent for the County in processing all documentation in coordination of this project; and
d. Authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to sign up to three (3) future amendments to this Memorandum where the amendments do not significantly change the scope of work.

Approved

21. a. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to execute a Standard Agreement with The Santa Cruz Lesbian and Gay Community Center dba "The Diversity Center" to provide training, consultation, curriculum development, event production, and community outreach services to aid in the fulfillment of the approved "Rainbow Connections" MHSA Innovation Plan in the amount of \$259,387 for FY 2024-25 and \$481,743 for FY 2025-26 for a total Agreement amount not to exceed \$741,130 for a retroactive term beginning January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; and
b. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to execute up to three (3) future amendments to the agreement that do not exceed 10% (\$74,113) of the original agreement amount, do not significantly change the scope of services, and do not increase the total not to exceed amount over \$815,243.

Approved

22. a. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to execute an Amendment No.3 for the purchase of a four-year service agreement extension for the existing GeneXpert 4x4 Public Health Laboratory equipment, for a total Agreement amount not to exceed \$225,409; and
b. Approve a non-standard Agreement as recommended by the Director of Health Services.

Approved

23. a. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Bradley Union School District for reimbursement to the County for the provision of mental health services, for a total maximum amount not to exceed \$10,927 for the term retroactive to January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025; and
- b. Approve non-standard insurance and indemnification provisions in the MOU as recommended by the Director of Health Services; and
- c. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to execute up to three (3) future amendments to the MOU where the combined amendments do not exceed 10% (\$1,092) of the original MOU amount, do not significantly change the scope of services, and do not increase the total not to exceed amount over \$12,019.

Approved

24. a. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to execute a non-standard Professional Agreement with Joseph Herbert, M.D., to provide professional pediatric services to medically fragile children with physician malpractice coverage provided by the County retroactively from May 11, 2011 to June 30, 2028; and
- b. Approve a non-standard Agreement as recommended by the Director of Health Services or designee; and
- c. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to sign up to three future amendments that do not significantly change the scope.

Approved

25. a. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to execute a non-standard Professional Agreement with Dave Godley, M.D., to provide pediatric orthopedic physician services to medically fragile children with physician malpractice coverage provided by the County retroactively from March 1, 2018 to June 30, 2028; and
- b. Approve a non-standard Agreement as recommended by the Director of Health Services or designee; and
- c. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to sign up to three future amendments that do not significantly change the scope.

Approved**Department of Social Services**

26. a. Approve and authorize the Director or designee of the Department of Social Services to sign a non-standard agreement with Binti, Inc. for the provision of licenses and support for Resource Family Approval software for the period of February 1, 2025 to January 31, 2027, in the amount of \$56,936; and
- b. Authorize the Director or designee of the Department of Social Services to sign up to three

amendments to this Agreement where the total amendments do not exceed 10% (\$5,694) of the amended contract amount, do not significantly change the scope of work, and do not exceed the maximum aggregate amount of \$62,630.

Approved

Criminal Justice

- 27.** a. Authorize the Contracts Purchasing Officer or their designee to execute Amendment #2 with Aramark Services Inc., dba Aramark Correctional Services, to provide food operations and commissary services for incarcerated persons within the Monterey County Jail, replacing Exhibit A Scope of Services with Exhibit A-1, with no changes to the contract not to exceed amount of \$10,000,000 or term date ending on June 30, 2028; and
- b. Authorize the Contracts Purchasing Officer or their designee to execute amendments as necessary to implement items in Aramark's response to RFP#10788, where amendments do not significantly change the scope of work.

Approved

General Government

- 28.** Approve the Bingo Permit Application for San Antonio Community Betterment Association pursuant to Chapter 7.08 of the Monterey County Code effective January 14, 2025, through January 13, 2026.

Approved

- 29.** Approve the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors Draft Action Meeting Minutes for the following meeting date: Tuesday, January 7, 2025.

Approved

Housing and Community Development

- 30.** a. Approve and authorize a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), between the County of Monterey, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, the California Department of Parks and Recreation, the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District, and Big Sur Land Trust for the long-term maintenance and management of the Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement (CRFREE) Project (REF 140048); and
- b. Approve and authorize the Director of Housing and Community Development to sign the proposed MOU.

Approved

Public Works, Facilities and Parks

- 31.** Adopt a Resolution to:

- a. Authorize use of General Fund Strategic Reserve to provide advance funding to the Public Works, Facilities and Parks Department's (PWFP) Road Fund to complete the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 January/March and FY 2023-24 February Winter Storm Repair Projects to be repaid with reimbursements from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and other federal and state agencies, and add to the Annual Work Program for Road Fund;
- b. Authorize the County Administrative Office and Auditor-Controller to make fund balance designations and fund balance changes, respectively in FY 2024-25:
 1. Transfer \$9,211,629 from the Strategic Reserve (BSA 001-3111) to the Disaster Assistance Assignment (BSA 001-3126) (4/5ths vote required);
- c. Authorize and direct the Auditor-Controller to amend the FY 2024-25 Adopted Budget and transfer funds as follows:
 1. Increase appropriations by \$9,211,629 in the County Administrative Office (CAO) General Fund 001, Other Financing Uses Appropriation Unit CAO017 financed by a release of \$9,211,629 in Disaster Assistance Assignment (BSA 001-3126) (4/5ths vote required);
 2. Increase appropriations by \$9,211,629 in the Road Fund 002, Appropriation Unit PFP004, financed by a \$9,211,629 operating transfer from General Fund 001, Other Financing Uses Appropriation Unit CAO017 (4/5ths vote required);
 3. Transfer \$9,211,629 from General Fund 001, Other Financing Uses Appropriation Unit CAO017 to Road Fund 002, Appropriation Unit PFP004 (4/5ths vote required);
 4. Increase revenue and appropriations in the Road Fund 002, Appropriation Unit PFP004 for any FEMA revenues received in FY 2024-25, where General Fund Strategic Reserve funds were advanced (4/5ths vote required); and
 5. Transfer FEMA revenues where General Fund Strategic Reserve funds were advanced to County Administrative Office (CAO) General Fund 001, Other Financing Uses Appropriation Unit CAO017 for reimbursement to the General Fund Strategic Reserve (BSA 001-3111) (4/5ths vote required).

Adopted

Please refer to the Board Orders for the approved and adopted Agreement, Resolution and Ordinance numbers.

Addenda/Supplemental**32. Addenda/Supplemental**

Added Item No. 6.1 under Appointments