

Monterey County

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Friday, January 29, 2021

10:00 AM

Special Meeting - Legislative Workshop

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

10:00 A.M. - Called to Order

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

Roll Called

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

Staff Present

Charles McKee, County Administrative Officer, appeared, via Zoom, with Les Girard, County Counsel and Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board who appeared in person.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Charles McKee, County Administrative Officer.

Announcement of Interpreter

Jocelyn Martinez, Spanish Interpreter, in person, and announced Spanish interpreter services for public comments.

Laura Porras and Lilia Guzman, via Zoom, provided simultaneous Spanish interpretation services for the entirety of the meeting on the Spanish Zoom channel.

Additions and Corrections by Clerk

There were no additions and corrections for today's agenda.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew welcomed all to the Legislative Workshop. She acknowledged and introduced the elected officials:

Congressman Jimmy Panetta
Senator Anna Caballero
Senator John Laird
Assemblymember Mark Stone
Assemblymember Robert Rivas
Zac Vaden, Field Representative with the Office of Senator Dianne Feinstein; and a Representative from the Office of Senator Alex Padilla

She thanked the legislators for their time and attention to issues important to Monterey County and passed the facilitation of the workshop to Supervisor Luis A. Alejo as Chair of the Board's Legislative Committee to introduce the County's legislative team and go over the agenda and meeting objectives.

2. Review of Agenda and Objectives

Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, Chair of the Legislative Committee reviewed the objectives of the agenda.

3. County Priority Presentations

a. COVID-19

Presented by Charles McKee, County Administrative Officer and Elsa Jimenez, Director of Health

b. Housing and Homelessness

Presented by Lori Medina, Director of Social Services and Melanie Beretti, Housing & Special Programs Services Manager

c. Closing the Digital Divide

Presented by Eric Chatham, Director of Information Technology

d. Disaster Preparedness, Response and Resiliency

Presented by Gerry Malais, Emergency Services Manager

4. Remarks by Monterey County's Legislative Delegation Regarding 2021 Priorities that Relate to Monterey County (5 minutes each)

Supervisor Luis A. Alejo facilitated remarks by the following:

**Senator Anna Caballero;
Senator John Laird;
Assemblymember Mark Stone;
Assemblymember Robert Rivas;
Daniel Chen, Deputy State Director from Senator Alex Padilla's office; and
Congressman Jimmy Panetta**

5. Remarks by Monterey County Board of Supervisors Regarding 2021 Priorities (5 minutes each)

Comments made by the Board:

**Supervisor Luis A. Alejo;
Supervisor John M. Phillips;
Supervisor Chris Lopez;
Supervisor Wendy Root Askew; and
Supervisor Mary L. Adams**

6. Roundtable Discussion

Brief roundtable discussions had.

7. Public Comment

Open for public comment; Kevin Dayton, Antonette Goroch, Sameer Bakhar, Wes White, K. Lobo, Janine (last name inaudible), and Erin Peck, all via Zoom, commented.

8. Board Direction to Staff

Provided throughout the meeting.

9. Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 12:26 p.m. by Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew.

APPROVED:

____/s/ Wendy Root Askew_____
WENDY ROOT ASKEW, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

BY: ____/s/ Valerie Ralph_____
VALERIE RALPH
CLERK OF THE BOARD
APPROVED ON: November 16, 2021