

County of Monterey

Government Center - Monterey Room
168 W. Alisal St., 2nd Fl.
Salinas, CA 93901



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, August 7, 2025

12:00 PM

**Join via Zoom at <https://montereycty.zoom.us/j/97580789033> or in person at: 168
W. Alisal St, 2nd Floor, Salinas CA 93901–Monterey Room**

Economic Development Committee

Supervisor Luis Alejo - District 1

Supervisor Glenn Church - District 2

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m.

Roll Call**Committee Attendees:**

Chair Church

Vice-Chair Alejo

Norman Groot

Keith Severson

Terice Clark

Nicholas Kite

Beth Fabinsky

Ida Chan

Absent:

Catherine Stedman

Janine Bouyea

Dan Ripke

Heather Gardner

Janine Chicourrat

Additions and Corrections

None.

Public Comment Period

Katherine

Approval of Action Minutes

1. Consider approval of action minutes from the Economic Development Committee meeting held on March 20, 2025 and May 22, 2025.

A motion was made by Supervisor Alejo, seconded by Supervisor Church to approve the action minutes from March 20, 2025 and May 22, 2025. This action includes corrections on the May 22, 2025 minutes. Adding Moira's last name (LaMountain) to item no. 2 under the public comment section and adding Supervisor Church and removing Adams from the roll call section.

Regular Agenda

2.
 - a. Receive and accept the resignation of Dan Ripke as the Higher Education representative for the Economic Development Committee; and
 - b. Provide direction to staff to move forward with an open recruitment for a Higher Education representative to the Economic Development Committee; and
 - c. Consider adding this recruitment to the already existing Ad Hoc Committee to review the

qualifications of all applicants.

A motion was made by Supervisor Alejo, seconded by Ida Chan to accept the resignation of Dan Ripke, provide direction to staff to advertise the vacancy for a term of 60 days and to add this recruitment to the already existing Ad Hoc Committee.

3. Receive a report from Economic Development staff detailing Economic Development Accomplishments for FY24-25.

Received report from Economic Development staff for FY 24-25 Accomplishments.

4. Receive a presentation from the Development Set-Aside Agencies, the Arts Council for Monterey County (Arts4MC), the Monterey County Convention and Visitors Bureau (See Monterey), the Monterey County Film Commission (MCFC) and the Monterey County Business Council (MCBC) on FY24-25 results.

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Public Comment: Paul Farmer

Announcements

Supervisor Alejo announced that he will be going to Dallas to talk about the proposal to do an Alisal Arch like the one done on Main Street with the Salinas rotary arch.

Norm Groot requested that in a future meeting the Committee receive a presentation on the draft climate action plan that the county will be releasing.

Norm Groot requested a presentation from the Sustainability Program regarding the Climate Action Plan.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.