

County of Monterey

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



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, March 30, 2026

1:30 PM

**Join via Zoom at <https://montereycty.zoom.us/j/98212454819> or in person at: 168
W. Alisal St, 2nd Floor, Salinas CA 93901–Monterey Room**

Economic Development Committee

SPECIAL MEETING

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m.

Roll Call**Committee Attendees:**

Chair Alejo

Vice-Chair Church

Heather Gardner

Ida Chan

Nicholas Kite

Beth Fabinsky

Janine Chicourrat

Norman Groot

Catherine Stedman

Keith Severson

Terice Clark

Gayle Pitman

Cesar Lara

Absent:

Janine Bouyea

Additions and Corrections

None.

Public Comment Period

Jeff Ruster

Appointment of Committee Chair and Vice-Chair

1. Consider nominating and electing Chair and Vice-Chair for the Economic Development Committee.

A motion was made by Norm Groot, seconded by Ida Chan and passed by the following vote to nominate and elect Supervisor Luis Alejo to serve as Chair and Supervisor Glenn Church as Vice-Chair.

AYES: Supervisor Alejo, Supervisor Church, , Heather Gardner, Ida Chan, Nicholas Kite, Beth Fabinsky, Janine Chicourrat, Norman Groot, Catherine Stedman, Keith Severson, Terice Clark, Gayle Pitman, Cesar Lara

NOES: None

ABSENT: Janine Bouyea

ABSTAIN: None

Approval of Action Minutes

2. Consider approval of action minutes from the Economic Development Committee meeting held on November 13, 2025.

A motion was made by Janine Chicourrat, seconded by Beth Fabinsky, and passed by the following vote to approve the Economic Development Committee action minutes from November 13, 2025.

AYES: Supervisor Alejo, Supervisor Church, , Heather Gardner, Ida Chan, Nicholas Kite, Beth Fabinsky, Janine Chicourrat, Norman Groot, Catherine Stedman, Keith Severson, Terice Clark, Gayle Pitman, Cesar Lara

NOES: None

ABSENT: Janine Bouyea

ABSTAIN: None

Regular Agenda

3. Consider approval of an Economic Development Committee Calendar for CY 2026 and CY 2027.

The Committee considered the proposed calendar schedule. No action was taken to adopt the schedule. By consensus, the Committee directed that the item be returned to a future agenda with revised dates that accommodate Committee members' availability.

4. Receive and review FY 26-27 Workplans from all four (4) of the Development Set-Aside partners.

Received and reviewed FY 26-27 Workplans from all four (4) of the Development Set-Aside partners.

5. Receive a presentation from Bright Beginnings regarding their early childhood development initiative.

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6.
 - a. Receive a Presentation on the Brown Act Modernization Act - Senate Bill 707; and
 - b. Approve implementation of Eligible Subsidiary Body remote participation option per Senate Bill 707 (See, Gov. Code § 54953.8.6).

Received a Presentation on the Brown Act Modernization Act - Senate Bill 707. A motion was made by Ida Chan, seconded by Norm Groot, and passed by the following vote to approved the implementation of Eligible Subsidiary Body remote participation option per Senate Bill 707.

AYES: Supervisor Alejo, Supervisor Church, Heather Gardner, Ida Chan, Nicholas Kite, Beth Fabinsky, Janine Chicourrat, Norman Groot, Catherine Stedman, Keith Severson, Terice Clark, Gayle Pitman, Cesar Lara

NOES: None

ABSENT: Janine Bouyea

ABSTAIN: None

Announcements

Supervisor Alejo encouraged committee members to contact staff regarding specific topics or items they would like brought before the committee. He also directed staff to research and identify a subject matter expert to provide a presentation at a future committee meeting regarding federal changes to the Commercial Driver's License process.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.