



Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

July 23, 2026

4:00 PM

Zoom

Conference Call Phone: (669) 444-9171

MISSION STATEMENT

MMASC's mission is to serve as a catalyst for public service excellence through the professional development of the leaders who serve our Southern California communities. We provide a forum for local government professionals to establish meaningful connections, exchange resources and stimulate innovation.

1. **CALL TO ORDER – 3:03 PM**

2. **ROLL CALL**

- President – **Joseph Cisneros**
- Vice President – **Kirsten Graham**
- Director of Communications – Rebecca Bernstorff, excused
- Director of Finance – Nicole Tibbet, excused
- Director of Programming – **Brendan Pringle**
- Director of Membership – **Mark Jimenez**
- Immediate Past President – Jonathan Royas, excused
- Region 1 Co-Chair, **Shannon Kirn**, Ryan Benson, and David Rodriguez
- Region 2 Co-Chairs, Mary Haddad, Debra Gallegos, Monique Martinez, and **Arely Venegas**
- Region 3 Chair, **Rylee Bates and John Brickley**
- Region 4 Co-Chairs, **Clarence de Guzman**, Samantha Greven, **Mollie Corrao**, **Antonio Martinez**, **Darrell Richardson**, Darron Usher, Tanya Trieu-Bui, and Caleb Zaldana
- Region 5 Co-Chairs, Noely Allevato, Erin Beilstein, Tyler Pledger and Paulina Reyes
- Region 6 Co-Chairs, Toni Costanzo, Alexa Davis, Jose Marquez, Moises Mata, Leslie Nacionales-Tafoya, Dia Turner, Carmen Zambrano
- Region 7 Co-Chairs, Melissa Furio, **Wail Jamal**, Alyssa Palma, Alan Rivera, Elsa Robinson, and Tiara Solorzano.
- Region 8 Co-Chairs, **London Adams**, Carter Brown, Kelli Maples, Sara Trench, and Delilah Welnick.
- CalCities Representative, Meghan McKelvey
- ICMA Representatives, **Pat Martel** and Peter Pirnejad
- Institute for Local Government Representative, Erica Manuel
- MMANC Representative, Stacie Marchetti
- Executive Director, **Kevin Kilkenny**

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- *Motion by President Cisneros, Second by Vice President Graham, motion passed unanimously.*

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- *Kudos to summer session committee and Region 7 for their work putting together the event*
- *WLS Upcoming Dates*
- *CalCities Conference booth*
- *2026 ICMA Conference in LB*
 - *MMASC and MMASC have a joint panel on Wednesday, October 21*
- *Local Information Network (LINK) reminder all MMASC members have access to LINK*
- *August Nominations Executive Board nominations, open for two weeks per the bylaws and then will be open for elections.*
- *Engagement Survey extended to through the end of September.*

5. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- *WLS – Session lineup finalized, pending speaker availability confirmations, registration at 14 groups and 108 individuals – 192 total, corporate partnership package open, agenda/program to be published in coming weeks*
- *Annual Conference – Speaker submissions closed and under review by programming committee, 2 groups and 100 individuals registered – 110 total, special events to be released soon, partner outreach continues, sponsor recruitment continues*

6. DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS' REPORT

- *Excused absence.*

7. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE'S REPORT

- *Excused absence.*

8. DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMING'S REPORT

- *Summer Session update.*
- *New Region 8 board member – Kaitlyn Elliott-Norgrove, City of Del Mar*
- *Mid-Year Board Retreat information coming soon – upcoming in LA/Central Area, Friday/Saturday*
- *CGL – Region 6 event approved July 30th Leading with Emotional Intelligence, more CGL sessions to come for Annual Conference*
- *Mid-Year Check ins for Region Boards*
- *Reminder to please send your post-event board reports to programming@mmasc.org and treasurer@mmasc.org*
- *Annual conference breakout selections are complete; keynotes are being finalized.*
- *Liaisons for panels will open to full board once programming is finalized.*

9. DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP'S REPORT

- *Summer Session updates.*
- *Member Survey continues to be pushed out, please send out to your region members.*
- *2026 League of CA Cities – If you want to volunteer submit your name and questions to https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1uJBlwWRj-lSqOHEEvEnC8ZNly67hL1dnxhZWxt_dI/edit?usp=sharing*
- *Region board member Corrao had a question regarding Honorary membership/retired member data, Director of Membership to follow up.*

10. IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- *Absent*

11. Region 1 – Shannon Kirn

- *Webinar coming up on AI, partnered with Dr. Peter Pirnejad*
- *Region 1 Board Member Ryan Benson to moving/changing jobs out of state, board recruitment to open up.*

12. Region 2 – Arely Venegas

- Successfully hosted a Women’s Leadership Luncheon hosted with WLG
- First webinar was hosted last week with 55 participants

13. Region 3 – John Brickley and Riley.....

- Planning to host an event during the CSDA conference
- Met with City of Indian Wells for MMASC Everywhere Date in November
- Met with potential new board member
- Have been meeting regionally with other cities, and doing outreach to share out MMASC benefits

14. Region 4 – Antonio Martinez

- Planning next two events – Professional Development Event at Ontario Fields, and Active Transportation Event

15. Region 5 – Erin Beilstein

- Held San Gabriel City Managers Association networking event
- Potentially recruit Region Board Members
- Will look to host webinars or other events for second half of the year

16. Region 6 – Leslie Nacionales-Tafoya

- Held City Managers Lunch - June 17th
- Will be CGL Workshop – July 30th
- Later in the year City Manager Event

17. Region 7 – Wail Jamal

- Held event with OCCMA Tips from the Playbook June 17th, Organizational Leadership CGL Credit
- Summer Session and Overtime Network sponsored by Kya Group and Transtech
- Thank you to for their service on the board Alyssa Palma and Melissa Furio resigned and Region 7 will be actively recruiting

18. Region 8 – London Adams

- Two new board members
- September 18th, Padres Event registration is open
- Planning Resilience in Economic Development Panel in September

19. Committee Updates

- Bylaws Committee

Proposal:

The proposed amendment would revise Article V of the Bylaws to strengthen the Association's financial stewardship by establishing clear expectations regarding the timely payment of membership dues, event registration fees, sponsorship commitments, and other financial obligations owed to MMASC.

Motion to approve: Region 4 Board Member Mollie Corrao

Second: Region 4 Board Member Wail Jamal

Motion passed unanimously.

- Scholarships and Awards
 - WLS Awards to open soon
 - AC Scholarship Open

20. ICMA – Pat Martel

- ICMA upcoming, announced opening keynote, Simon Sinek, second keynote John Meacham
- Thank you to MMASC and affiliates for contributing to the reception Monday October 19th at “At The Top”

- *ICMA members – upcoming series of ethics seminars, 1. July 30, Leadership Challenges, 2. August 4, Securing Trust 3. September 10, The Science of Trust all 10 AM to 11 AM*
- *CGL program has been developing more sessions and applicants*
- *ICMA voluntary credentialing program has been revamped and approved by the board – ACM and CMs program has been streamlined, if you get CGL and then get credentialed by ICMA, moved from program requiring 7 years of local government experience and Masters, or 5 years of service with MPA, with streamlining, once service starts you become a credentialed manager fellow, CGL credit to allow one of the years of service, legacy credential for retiree's or active members who have been and ACM or CM for 15 years.*

21. Executive Director – Kevin Kilkenny

- *Reminder when you have details for MMA everywhere event early to get registration set up – November 12th*

22. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

23. NEW BUSINESS

24. ANNOUNCEMENTS / GOOD OF THE ORDER

25. ADJOURNMENT – 4:00 PM