



**Draft Minutes**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 15, 2025**  
6:00 pm

In Person:

The Lake Merritt Room  
Cal State East Bay - the Oakland Center  
In the Transpacific Centre  
1000 Broadway, Suite 109  
Oakland, CA 94607

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**A. Oath of Office**

**The following Members were sworn in:**

Councilmember John Morada (Dublin)

Councilmember Julie Del Catancio (Newark)

Mayor Christina Fugazi (Stockton)

Councilmember Dotty Nygard (Tracy)

**1. Welcome & Roll Call**

**Present: Members:** Marquez (Alameda County), Lopez (Albany), Tregub (Berkeley), Morada (Dublin), Kaur (Emeryville), Roche (Hayward), Del Catancio (Newark), Andersen (Piedmont), Gonzalez (San Leandro), Fugazi (Stockton), Nygard (Tracy), Sakakihara (Union City), CAC Chair Hernandez (Community Advisory Committee), Chair Balch (Pleasanton)

**Not Present:**, TBD (Fremont), Member Diallo (Lathrop), Barrientos (Livermore), TBD (Oakland), TBD (San Joaquin County),

*Member Nygard joined the meeting at 6:18pm.*

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**Member Andersen** led the body in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Public Comment**

*This item is reserved for persons wishing to address the Board on any Ava-related matters that are not otherwise on this meeting agenda. Public comments on matters listed on the agenda shall be heard at the time the matter is called. As with all public comment, members of the public who wish to address the Board are customarily limited to two minutes per speaker and must complete an electronic speaker slip. The Board Chair may increase or decrease the time allotted to each speaker.*

**6:51 – Public Comment – Jessica Tovar** spoke in support of investing in distributed energy resources, such as microgrids and battery storage, to build community resilience against climate-driven grid failures and wildfires, particularly to protect vulnerable populations.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**4. Approval of Minutes from December 18, 2024**

**5. Contracts Entered Into (Informational Item)**

**6. 2025 Sponsorship of Oakland Roots Sports Club**

Renewal of annual sponsorship

**7. Ava Bike Electric Safety Voucher Adjustment**

Increase in Safety voucher amount for low-income participants

**8. Lunar MSA Contract Amendment**

Amendment to the Lunar Energy MSA

**9. Energy Efficiency Program Funding**

Shifting unused local development funds to Ava's Building Efficiency Accelerator program

## 10. Treasurer's Report

Receive report on Ava's cash position.

**(9:18) Member Gonzalez motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Andersen seconded the motion, which was approved 12/0/0/0/6.**

**(yes/no/abstain/recuse/not present).**

**Yes: Members: Marquez, Lopez, Tregub, Morada, Kaur, Roche, Del Catancio, Andersen, Gonzalez, Fugazi, Sakakihara and Chair Balch**

**No: none**

**Abstain: none**

**Recuse: none**

**Not Present: TBD (Fremont), Member Diallo, TBD (Oakland), TBD (San Joachin County), Member Barrientos and Member Nygard**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### 11. (18:00) CEO Report

- **Howard Chang** summarized recent subcommittee meetings covering air district regulations, building efficiency funding, and preparations for service expansion to Stockton and Lathrop.
- He noted that nine out of eighteen members are new, and detailed efforts to onboard them, including orientation sessions, subcommittee assignments, and individual meetings to discuss priorities and logistics.
- Finally, CEO Chang also announced his recent appointment to the board of Veloz, an organization focused on advancing transportation electrification.

**(30:02) Public Comment – Tom Kelly** urged new board members to carefully review the Joint Powers Agreement and called for immediate action to reduce emissions to zero. Mr. Kelly also suggested that CARE/FERA customers in cities with 100% renewable energy should be automatically opted into cleaner energy options.

### 12. (34:26) CAC Report

**CAC Chair Hernandez** reported that the committee revisited the Local Development Business Plan, with a presentation summarizing its accomplishments over the past five years and discussions on potential future opportunities. The CAC's two active ad hoc committees provided updates: the Energy Affordability Committee is reviewing PG&E bills to improve public understanding, while the Local Development Business Plan Committee is exploring new stakeholder engagement and evaluating what additional initiatives may now be feasible. Lastly, while there is interest in forming a Resilience Hub ad hoc committee, its launch is delayed until the Emerald Cities Collaborative completes community meetings to gather insights on the concept.

### 13. (38:05) Chair and Vice-Chair Elections (Action Item)

**Member Gonzalez nominated Chair Balch for Chair, and for Member Andersen for Vice-Chair. Member Marquez seconded the motion. Chair Balch and Member Andersen accepted the nomination, which was approved 13/0/0/0/4.**

**(yes/no/abstain/recuse/not present):**

**Yes: Members: Marquez, Lopez, Tregub, Morada, Kaur, Roche, Del Catancio, Andersen, Gonzalez, Fugazi, Nygard, Sakakihara and Chair Balch**

**No: none**

**Abstain: none**

**Recuse: none**

**Not Present: Members: TBD (Fremont), Diallo, TBD (Oakland), TBD (San Joachin County) and Barrientos**

### 14. (42:47) Board Member and Staff Announcements including requests to place items on future Board of Directors Meeting Agendas

- **Chair Balch** announced that subcommittee appointments will be addressed at the February 19th meeting and reminded members to express their interest in advance.
- **Member Tregub** requested that the legislative update include discussion on potential implications of the Governor's recent executive order on energy affordability, particularly its impact on renewable energy and efficiency programs and any effects on Community Choice Aggregators..
- **Member Marquez** asked for an update on resiliency hubs and microgrids.
- **Howard Chang** made the following announcements:
  - He will reach out to new board members regarding subcommittee interest.
  - Ava's meeting location will change in April as the lease at the current space expires in March, with 1999 Harrison Street as the likely new venue.
  - Board members are invited to attend the 2025 CalCCA Annual Conference from April 28-30 in Irvine, CA..
- **Member Roche** suggested that board members and staff define acronyms more frequently to assist new members in learning Ava's terminology.

### 15. Adjourn at 6:55pm.

The next Ava Board of Directors meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 6pm.

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