

UCC Board of Directors' Meeting Summary November 3, 2021

Alameda:	Supervisor Keith Carson, Laura Lloyd, Devon Anderson, Monica Miller
Contra Costa:	Lara DeLaney
Fresno:	Supervisor Buddy Mendes
Los Angeles:	Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Brian Stiger, Donna Seitz
Orange:	Peter DeMarco (Alternate), Frank Kim, Edwin Borbon
Riverside:	
Sacramento:	Supervisor Sue Frost
San Bernardino:	Jeff Sorenson
San Diego:	Caroline Smith (Alternate), Nerea Urtasun, Matthew Parr, Erin Gilbert
San Francisco:	
San Joaquin:	Supervisor Tom Patti, Jolena Voorhis
San Mateo:	Connie Juarez-Diroll (Alternate), Samantha Tucci, Devon Anderson
Santa Clara:	Supervisor Susan Ellenberg, Michael Rattigan
Ventura:	Supervisor Kelly Long, Sue Hughes

I. Call to Order

UCC Chair Supervisor Susan Ellenberg convened the meeting and called the members to order.

II. Roll Call of Counties

There were seven supervisors, three alternates, and 12 counties represented at this meeting.

III. Approval of August 4, 2021 Meeting Minutes – Action Item – APPROVED

A motion was made to approve the August 4, 2021 minutes; below is the vote count:

Member	County	Yes	No	Absent	Not Voting
Supervisor Ellenberg, Chair	Santa Clara	X			
Supervisor Mendes, Vice-Chair	Fresno	X			
Supervisor Carson	Alameda	X			
Supervisor Glover	Contra Costa			X	
Supervisor Kathryn Barger	Los Angeles	X			
Supervisor Bartlett (Alternate)	Orange	X			
Supervisor Perez	Riverside			X	



Member	County	Yes	No	Absent	Not Voting
Supervisor Frost	Sacramento	X			
Supervisor Hagman	San Bernardino			X	
Supervisor Vargas (Alternate)	San Diego	X			
Vacant	San Francisco			X	
Supervisor Patti	San Joaquin	X			
Supervisor Groom (Alternate)	San Mateo	X			
Supervisor Long	Ventura	X			
Vote Total		10		4	

IV. Association Matters

IV-A: Introduction of Josh Gauger at HBE

HBE introduced Josh Gauger who recently joined their firm as partner. They provided Josh’s biography and summarized his professional experience, which includes expertise in state budget matters, administration of justice issues, homelessness and other policy areas. His addition will help expand the UCC Advocacy Team’s reach in effective advocacy on behalf of urban counties.

IV-B: Schedule for December 2021 and January 2022 BOD Meetings

Staff discussed two upcoming Board of Directors’ (BOD) meetings in December 2021 and January 2022, noting that the December meeting will be held in-person and in conjunction with the CSAC Conference in Monterey, followed immediately by an off-site UCC Dinner Reception.

In preparation for 2022, staff presented two potential BOD meeting dates in January during which the 2022 chair and vice-chair will be installed. UCC staff will work with the new officers to set BOD meeting dates through January 2023.

Update: After consulting with board member offices, UCC staff has confirmed the next BOD meeting for **Wednesday, January 12 at 4:00PM** to be held via Zoom.

IV-C: UCC 2021-22 Association Budget: Year-to-Date Update

Staff provided an update on the UCC Budget for the first quarter of the fiscal year. UCC dues payments are being received and expenses remain relatively low through the end of September 2021.

IV-D: Update from UCC Ad Hoc Water Committee – Potential Action Item

Supervisor Mendes provided opening remarks on the work of the UCC Ad Hoc Water Committee. He reported that the Ad Hoc Committee had met to discuss principles and policy statements, which resulted in an initial draft that was included in the Board’s agenda packet. The Ad Hoc Committee’s initial policy statements focus on three categories: (1) Funding; (2) Drought Response and Mitigation; and (3) Clean and Safe Drinking Water. Supervisor Mendes also noted that the proposed principles and policy statements are in draft form and would benefit from additional review and discussion.

Staff reported that they will be seeking input from UCC Key Staff (in-county legislative affairs staff as well as Sacramento-based urban county lobbyists) to help inform a further revision of the water principles and policies. This item will be brought back to the Board for consideration and possible action in January 2022. No action was taken.

V. **UCC Advocacy – Information only**

V-A: The Bob Report

Bob Giroux with LHGK provided a legislative update, noting accelerated deadlines for two-year bills in January. He also mentioned statewide election dynamics that will be at play next year as well as the significance of the ongoing redistricting process. Bob also reminded the Board that this fall the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and all legislative offices (members and staff) will be moving out of the Capitol and into newly built temporary space to accommodate a major renovation of the East Annex of the State Capitol.

V-B: Wrap-up from 2021 Legislative Year

- **Redistricting:** SB 594 (Glazer) – This bill makes clarifications on how redistricting timelines will be changing. The State Commission has until December 27 to finalize state congressional, Assembly, Senate, and Board of Equalization maps.
- **Brown Act:** AB 361 (R. Rivas) – This urgency measure deals with remote meeting participation. Staff continues to work on clean-up language. AB 339 (Lee) – The Governor vetoed this bill, which would have imposed certain requirements on remote participation by the public. Staff is working collaboratively with other local government associations to develop a 2022 proposal that seeks to ensure governing bodies have the tools to encourage public participation and maintain appropriate conduct during public meetings.
- **Housing:** Generally, troublesome housing legislation was much improved over the course of the 2021 legislative session due to UCC and other local government advocacy. Staff highlighted a few bills that urban counties should be aware of that take effect on January 1, 2022: AB 602 (Grayson) – Development Impact Fees; AB 838 (Friedman) – Code Enforcement: Response to Complaints (UCC staff is especially interested in data and feedback from counties on any lost revenue due to this bill's prohibition on cost recovery in certain instances); and SB 9 (Atkins) – Housing Development: Approvals.

V-C: Final Report on 2021-22 State Budget -- Issue-specific updates by UCC's Advocacy Team:

- **LPS/IST Budget Proposal:** Following the enactment of this year's budget and per state statute, the state convened a workgroup to develop a report to address short-, medium- and long-term recommendations to reduce the waitlist for persons found Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST). The report must be completed by November 30, which staff expects to occur. The report is anticipated to drive new proposals and policies in the Governor's January Budget.
- **Court-related fee reforms:** In this year's budget (AB 177), the Legislature eliminated a second round of criminal justice administration fees and provided a long-term backfill for expected lost revenue. The methodology for distribution of that backfill has not yet been specified but must be finalized by March 2022.

- **Homelessness:** Staff noted that considerable implementation efforts are ahead associated with homelessness funding that has been budgeted. Staff reviewed specific timelines, deadlines, and dates for many of the homelessness programs that were funded in this and next year's budgets.
- **Broadband:** The state provided a historic \$6 billion investment in broadband infrastructure this year that includes a number of complex components. The Legislature approved a three-year expenditure plan with a variety of state agencies, local communities and new departments involved. Staff anticipates additional clean-up will be needed as some items were left outstanding.
- **Transportation:** Staff reported that because Assembly Leadership and the Newsom Administration failed to reach an agreement on how to allocate the remaining high-speed rail bond funding, \$3.4 billion for other multimodal transportation programs, much of which would benefit urban counties, reverted to the General Fund on October 11. It is unclear whether ongoing negotiations between the Legislature and Administration will bear fruit. Staff will provide further updates as new information becomes available.
- **2022-23 State Budget Outlook:** There should be a surplus going into the 2022-23 state budget. Governor Newsom estimates it at \$14 billion to-date and the LAO estimates the surplus to be between \$8 and \$30 billion. There are a number of outstanding budget items that were not completed last year, and staff anticipates early budget action in January when the Legislature returns.

VI. **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

VII. **Topics for Next Meeting**

- Call for 2022 Vice-Chair Nominations
- Proposed 2022 UCC Advocacy Priorities
- 2022-23 State Budget Outlook

VIII. **Supervisor Roundtable**

This agenda item presents an opportunity for Supervisors to discuss current issues of impact and/or importance in their communities.

There were no comments, other than encouragement for Board members to attend the in-person UCC BOD meeting in December.

IX. **Adjournment**

Our next UCC Board of Directors' meeting will be held in conjunction with the CSAC Conference in Monterey, CA on **December 1 at 5:00PM**. There will be no conference line available.