



# Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority

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## ACE Construction Authority Board of Directors Meeting March 27, 2017 Minutes

Chairperson Costanzo called the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority to order at 1:00PM at the San Gabriel City Hall Council Chambers.

1. **Pledge of Alliance** – Member Hadjinian led the pledge of allegiance.
2. **Roll Call:** Chairperson Costanzo welcomed the Board to San Gabriel.

In attendance was:

Juli Costanzo, San Gabriel, Chair  
Victoria Martinez, El Monte, Vice Chair  
Jack Hadjinian, Montebello  
Barbara Messina, SGVCOG

### **Staff:**

Mark Christoffels, CEO  
Gregory Murphy, Burke, Williams & Sorensen, legal counsel  
Amy Hanson  
Cecilia Cardenas  
Charles Tsang  
Genichi Kanow  
Paul Hubler  
Phil Balmeo  
Rachel Korkos  
Ricky Choi  
Victoria Butler

### **Guests:**

Charlie Nakamoto, Jacobs  
Clem Calvillo, City of Industry  
Cynthia Sternquist, Temple City  
Hank Fung, LA County  
Joshua Nelson, City of Industry  
Phil Hawkey, SGVCOG

3. **Public Comments** – There were no public comments
4. **Approval of February 27, 2017 Board meeting minutes** – A motion was made by member Martinez and seconded by member Messina to approve the February 27, 2017 regular Board meeting minutes.

M/S/C/Martinez/Messina

5. **Chairman Remarks** – Chairperson Costanzo thanked staff for their efforts toward arranging meetings with legislative representatives in Washington DC.
6. **Board Member Comments** – Member Hadjinian expressed his apologies for missing the trip to Washington DC.

7. **Chief Executive Officer's Report** – Mr. Christoffels indicated that the California Transportation Committee has recently authorized a portion of \$2.2 million in funding to be released which couple be a vital souse of funding for ACE. He gave an update on Board Member Solis' request at last month's meeting for ACE to look into the possibility of entering into project labor agreements. Mr. Christoffels stated that he has various meetings scheduled with local Union representatives to discuss the options.
8. **Construction Progress Reports** – Charles Tsang reviews progress photos of the Fairway Drive grade separation project. Victoria Butler reviews project progress photos of the Fullerton Road grade separation project. Genichi Kanow reviews project progress photos of the Puente Avenue grade separation project. Phil Balmeo reviewed project progress photos of the San Gabriel Trench project.
9. **Approval of Closeout of Construction Contract with Griffith Company and Acceptance of Nogales Street Grade Separation Project as Complete** – Mr. Christoffels reported that the contractor has completed the majority of the project. He indicated that a small punch list of items still need to be completed but that the approval of this item is to allow staff to release the bonds and insurance once the project has been completed.  
Joshua Nelson, Contract Deputy Engineer from the City of Industry addressed the Board. He reported that the City of Industry is pleased with the outcome of the project and are very close to accepting the project as complete.  
A motion was made my member Martinez and seconded by member Messina to approve the closeout of construction contract with Griffith Company and accept the Nogales Street grade separation project as complete.  
  
M/S/C/Martinez/Messina/Unanimous
10. **Presentation of ACE Procedures for Procurement of Construction Contracts** – Mr. Christoffels gave a brief presentation on the process of procuring construction contracts. A motion was made by member Hadjinian and seconded by member Martinez to receive and file the presentation of ACE procedures for procurement of construction contracts.  
  
M/S/C/Hadjinian/Martinez/Unanimous
18. **Closed Session** – Legal Counsel announced that the Board would adjourn to closed session in accordance with Government Code Section 54956 to discuss pending litigation: LA Superior Court Case No. BC 608839 AVE vs. the heirs and devisees of Bernardo S. Sanchez, deceased, trustee of the Sanchez Family trust dates July 27, 2000, and all persons claiming by, though or under said decedent; et al. The Board returned to open session and legal counsel announced that the Board gave unanimous direction to settle on specified terms. The settlement will be in the form of a stipulated judgment approved by the court and can be made public after the court has approved.
17. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 2:01PM in memory of Bonnie Jimenez, one of ACE's original Board members representing the city of El Monte, and in memory of Richard Beatie, brother of Board Chair Costanzo.

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