



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES - FINAL

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023

Closed Session – 8:30 a.m.
Regular Meeting – 10:00 a.m.

Merced County Administration Building
2222 M Street
Board Room, Third Floor
Merced CA, 95340
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CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Public opportunity to speak on any matter to be considered in Closed Session will be taken prior to the Board adjourning into the Closed Session. In order that interested individuals have an opportunity to speak, any person addressing the Board will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes.

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Public opportunity to speak on any matter of public interest within the Board's jurisdiction will be taken at the beginning of the Board Meeting. In order that interested individuals have an opportunity to speak, any person addressing the Board will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes. The Non-Agenda Item Public Comment period will be limited to thirty (30) minutes total. The Board may not take action on any item that does not appear on the posted agenda.

AGENDA ITEMS

Public opportunity to speak on items on the Board's Agenda will be heard following announcement of each section or subsection of the Agenda. In order that interested individuals have an opportunity to speak, any person addressing the Board will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes per section or subsection of the Agenda. Please note, the Consent Calendar is considered one section.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION

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CLOSED SESSION: This is the portion of the meeting conducted in private without the attendance of the public or press to discuss certain confidential matters specifically permitted by the Brown Act.

The **REGULAR MEETING** is divided into three sections:

- **CONSENT CALENDAR:** These matters include routine financial and administrative action and usually are approved by a single vote.
- **REGULAR CALENDAR:** These items include significant policy and administrative actions and are divided into subsections by Department
- **SCHEDULED ITEMS:** These items are noticed hearings, work sessions and public hearings

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La Junta de Supervisores le da la bienvenida a sus reuniones las cuales regularmente son agendadas los Martes y su interés es alentado y apreciado.

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El tiempo asignado a cada orador lo determina el Presidente de la Junta. A su discreción, el presidente puede modificar la oportunidad pública de hablar reduciendo los límites de tiempo de uso de la palabra individual y/o ampliando los límites de tiempo totales asignados que se establecen a continuación.

En los tiempos designados, por favor levante la mano y será dirigido al pódium.

PUNTOS DE LA SESION CERRADA

La oportunidad pública de hablar sobre cualquier asunto a considerar en la Sesión Cerrada se tomara antes de que se suspenda la junta en la Sesión Cerrada. Para que todas las personas interesadas tengan la oportunidad de hablar, cualquier persona que se dirija a la junta será limitada a un máximo de (3) minutos.

PUNTOS FUERA DE LA AGENDA

La oportunidad pública de hablar sobre cualquier tema de interés público dentro de la jurisdicción de la Junta se llevara a cabo al inicio de la Junta. Para que todas las personas interesadas tengan la oportunidad de hablar, cualquier persona que se dirija a la junta será limitada a un máximo de (3) minutos. El período de comentarios públicos sobre puntos que no pertenecen a la agenda se limitará a treinta (30) minutos en total. La Junta podría no tomar acción sobre ningún tema que no aparezca en la agenda publicada.

PUNTOS AGENDADOS

La oportunidad pública de hablar sobre los temas agendados en la Junta se escuchará después del anuncio de cada sección o subsección de la Agenda. Para que todas las personas interesadas tengan la oportunidad de hablar, cualquier persona que se dirija a la junta será limitada a un máximo de (3) minutos por sección o apartado de la agenda. Tenga en cuenta que, el Calendario de Consentimiento se considera una sección.

AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

La oportunidad de hablar acerca de las audiencias públicas se llevara a cabo después de la lectura y de la presentación de la audiencia pública de ser aplicable. Para que todas las personas interesadas tengan la oportunidad de hablar, cualquier persona que se dirija a la junta será limitada a un máximo de (3) minutos.

INFORMACIÓN DE COMENTARIOS DEL PÚBLICO GENERAL

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Los comentarios realizados en redes sociales no son considerados parte del record oficial y no serán compartidos en la Junta.

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La **REUNION ORDINARIA** se divide en tres secciones:

- **CALENDARIO DE CONSENTIMIENTO:** Estos asuntos incluyen acciones financieras y administrativas de rutina y por lo general son aprobadas por un solo voto.
- **CALENDARIO REGULAR:** Esta sección incluye políticas significativas y acciones administrativas y están divididas en subsecciones por Departamento.
- **ARTÍCULOS PROGRAMADOS:** Esta sección incluye audiencias notificadas, sesiones de trabajo y audiencias públicas.

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8:30 A.M. – CLOSED SESSION

THE PUBLIC WILL BE PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON ANY MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION PRIOR TO THE BOARD ADJOURNING INTO THE CLOSED SESSION (TESTIMONY LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON)

CLOSED SESSION:

It is the intention of the Board to meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 concerning a Conference with County of Merced Staff Negotiators concerning negotiations with: American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Units 4, 5, 6 and 8; United Public Employees (UPE), Unit 3; Merced County Attorney Association (MCAA), Unit 7; Corrections, Unit 2; Merced County Law Enforcement Sergeants, Unit 30; Merced County Deputy Sheriff Association (DSA), Unit 10; Non-Safety Corrections, Unit 12; Merced County Public Safety Services Unit (MCPSSU), Unit 14; and Probation Supervising Employees, Unit 11. Agency Negotiator: Marci Barrera

CLOSED SESSION:

It is the intention of the Board to meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee Appointment, County Public Works Director/Road Commissioner.

THE BOARD RECESSED AT 8:37 A.M. WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT AND RECONVENED AT 10:00 A.M. WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, AND THE BOARD CHAIR ADVISED THEY WOULD BE RECONVENING BACK INTO CLOSED SESSION AT THE END OF THE MEETING

GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2 COMPLIANCE (LATE AGENDA ITEMS)**10:00 A.M. REGULAR MEETING**

INVOCATION led by Father Robert Borges, St. Patrick's Parish/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON ANY MATTER OF PUBLIC INTEREST WITHIN THE BOARD'S JURISDICTION EXCLUDING ITEMS ON THE BOARD'S AGENDA (TESTIMONY LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON AND THIRTY MINUTES TOTAL).

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PRESENTATIONS:

1. Merced County Office of Education Annual Williams Report for 2023-2024
2. Ag Commissioner Annual Crop Report
3. Behavioral Health Advisory Board Annual Report
4. Sheriff Update on Operations and Staffing

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items No. 1-21)**APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL**Public Works

1. Approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$16,000 to establish appropriations for the emergency replacement of the failed HVAC system located at the Gustine Community Center.
2. Approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$463,575.27 to return appropriations to the Training Area Fire Hydrants project, to cover the contract with Ardent General. (4/5 Vote Required)

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

3. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Letter of Consent to Change and Transfer four (4) agreements currently active with Central California Alliance for Health, from the Santa Cruz-Monterey-Merced Managed Medical Care Commission to the Santa Cruz-Monterey-Merced-San Benito-Mariposa Managed Medical Care Commission: Agreement No. 2022103 for the Student Behavioral Health Incentive Program, for year 2 and year 3, Agreement No. 2015051 for coordination of the Medi-Cal Managed Care Program, Agreement No. 2019369 and No. 2019370 for Provider Recruitment Services.

Human Services Agency

4. Adopt a Resolution approving and authorizing the Board Chair to sign Amendment No. 1 to County Contract No. 2023080 (State Contract No. DC-2223-31) with the California Department of Aging (CDA) for the Digital Connections (DC) program, extending the contract term end date from December 31, 2023 to September 30, 2024 and revising and replacing the Scope of Work and Budget accordingly.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2023-88 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

5. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 2023133 with Taher, Inc., dba Taher Food Service Company, for a Frozen Home-Delivered Meals Program, increasing the contract amount from \$784,440 to \$834,240, revising the Scope of Work, and replacing the Budget in its entirety.
6. 1) Adopt a Resolution approving and authorizing the Board Chair to sign Amendment No. 3 to Contract No. 2021115 (State Agreement No. HI-2122-31) with the California Department of Aging (CDA) for Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy program (HICAP) increasing the contract amount from \$875,985 to \$921,978 and modifying the budget accordingly. 2) Approve the associated budget transfer. (4/5 Vote Required)

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2023-89 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALLElections

7. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 2019314 with Democracy Live, Inc. for the OmniBallot Remote Accessible Vote by Mail Voting System, extending the term end date from December 31, 2023 to December 31, 2025, and increasing the total contract amount not to exceed from \$50,000 to \$75,300.

Administrative Services

8. Approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$1,970,621 to move existing Fiscal Year 2023-2024 funds from Administrative Services Software Account (75601/22350) to Fixed Asset 82468 for the new Community and Economic Development Software package, Accela, including implementation costs and subscription costs.

Fire

9. Approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$115,000 to establish an asset for the purchase of 4 LUCAS portable CPR machines.

Human Resources/Risk Management

10. 1) Act on Claims for Damages submitted by Antonio Hernandez, Jennifer Villa OBO Nathaniel Gutierrez, and Raquel De Leon as recommended by Risk Management and County Counsel.
2) Approve Assistant County Executive Officer, or designee, to send notice of said action on claims.

County Counsel

11. Approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$8,755 to establish appropriations for Capital Asset No. 83319 for the purchase of one (1) new copier.

Board of Supervisors

12. Approve the Summary Action Minutes - Final for the October 24, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Board Recognition

13. Ratify Certificates of Recognition presented on November 8, 2023, to various individuals at a Merced County Office of Education High School Graduation Ceremony.
14. Ratify Certificates of Recognition presented on November 8, 2023, to various individuals at a Merced County Office of Education Graduation Ceremony for the Phoenix Project.
15. Ratify Certificates of Recognition, to various individuals presented November 3, 2023 in honor of the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program Graduates.
16. Ratify Certificates of Recognition presented on October 31, 2023, to Abundio Cortez, Fortino Cortez, and the Salvador Cortez Family in celebration of the keepers of the traditional Mariachi Music in Folklore alive in our communities.
17. Ratify Certificate of Recognition presented on November 3, 2023, to Los Banos Police Department in celebration of their grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony.
18. Ratify Certificates of Recognition presented on November 7, 2023, to Vice Mayor Guido Teles and Councilman Paulo Lima in support of the continuing sister city relationship between the city of Gustine, California and Angra do Heroismo, of the Azores.
19. Ratify Certificate of Recognition presented on November 11, 2023, to St. Anthony Catholic Parish School in celebration of their 70th Anniversary.

20. Ratify Certificate of Recognition presented on November 3, 2023, to California Land and Home Real Estate Consultants in celebration of their grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony.
21. Ratify Certificate of Recognition presented on November 6, 2023, to Stephanie Dietz for Exceptional Leadership and Tremendous Dedication shown to both the City and County of Merced.

REGULAR CALENDAR

BOARD ACTION

PUBLIC WORKS

22. 1) Authorize the Department of Public Works to advertise and conduct the Public Bid Openings for B-License Job Order Contracts JOC-026, -027, and -028, as well as A-License Job Order Contract -029, all of which carry a minimum contract value of \$25,000 and an initial maximum value of \$5,700,000, for the completion of Board Approved Capital Improvement Projects. 2) Authorize the Director of Public Works to award the Job Order Contracts to the lowest responsible bidders and execute said contracts upon review and approval by County Counsel and County Risk Management. 3) Direct the Department of Public Works to return to the Board with an Informational Item describing all actions taken.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NOS. 2023241, 2023242, 2023243, & 2023244 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

23. 1) Approve and authorize the Board Chair to execute a Funding Agreement with Merced County Regional Waste Management Authority (RWA) in the amount not-to-exceed \$500,000 for contributions toward the Billy Wright Road Rehabilitation Project, for costs incurred after project expenditure surpass \$500,000. 2) Approve associated budget transfer. (4/5 Vote Required)

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023240 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

PUBLIC HEALTH

24. 1) Accept allocation award from the Department of Health Care Services, for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$2,272,898 for the California Children's Services and Medical Therapy Program. 2) Authorize the Public Health Director, or designee, to sign and submit the required documentation and reporting of this program. 3) Approve the associated budget transfer. (4/5 Vote Required)

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023245 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES

25. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Atwater Elementary School District to deliver Student Resiliency Center (SRC) Support, effective November 29, 2023 through June 30, 2026.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023246 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

26. 1) Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Board Chair to sign the Funding Agreement No. 21-10349, including modifications, amendments, and extensions with the Department of Health Care Services through Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. for participation in the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) Round 4 Grant funds for Behavioral Health Children and Youth Infrastructure effective from the date of execution through June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$2,778,624. 2) Direct staff to return to the Board for any subsequent approval related to items necessary for the acceptance of funding.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2023-90 AND AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023247 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

27. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign a no cost Memorandum of Understanding with Xferall, LLC to utilize a software Patient Transfer App, effective November 29, 2023 through December 31, 2024.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023248 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

28. Confirm the appointment of Edward Skelton as the County Veterans Service Officer.

YVONNIA BROWN, HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY DIRECTOR INTRODUCED EDWARD SKELTON AND ALL BOARD MEMBERS PROVIDED COMMENTS

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

29. 1) Introduce an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance relating to Groundwater Mining and Export" (to repeal and replace Chapter 9.27, Title 9 of the Merced County Code), and waive further reading. 2) Set possible adoption of said ordinance on the December 5, 2023 Board Agenda.

STEVE MAXEY, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR INTRODUCED ITEM. BOARD CHAIR SILVEIRA AND SUPERVISOR PAREIRA PROVIDED COMMENTS

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

FIRE

30. 1) Adopt a resolution authorizing the Office of Emergency Services to execute on behalf of the County of Merced any actions necessary for the purpose of participation in the FY 23 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) effective October 1, 2023 through May 31, 2026 in the amount of \$346,225. 2) Direct Fire Chief/Office of Emergency Services Director or designee to return to Board with the application results and for authorization prior to accepting any award.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2023-91 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

31. 1) Adopt a resolution authorizing the Office of Emergency Services to execute on behalf of the County of Merced any actions necessary for the purpose of participation in FY 23 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$181,275. 2) Direct Fire Chief/Office of Emergency Services Director or designee to return to Board with the application results and for authorization prior to accepting funding.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2023-92 AND AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023249 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

PROBATION

32. Approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign a rate-based contract with the County of Santa Cruz for housing, care, and custody of secure track youth under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court in accordance with the Welfare and Institutions Code Section 850 et seq. effective November 28, 2023 through June 30, 2025.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2023250 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

33. 1) Confirm the results of the Unit 2 membership vote to be represented by Merced County Sheriff Corrections Association. 2) Confirm the results of the Unit 12 membership vote to be represented by Merced County Sheriff Corrections Association. 3) Recognize Merced County Sheriff Corrections Association as the exclusive representative bargaining organization for Unit 2. 4) Recognize Merced County Sheriff Corrections Association as the exclusive representative bargaining organization for Unit 12.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

34. Appoint the Rural County Representative of California (RCRC), Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA), and Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA) Board of Directors Delegate and Alternate members for 2024.

SUPERVISOR PAREIRA MADE A MOTION TO NOMINATE SUPERVISOR MCDANIEL AS DELEGATE, SUPERVISOR PEDROZO SECONDED AND AMENDED THE NOMINATION TO INCLUDE A NOMINATION FOR SUPERVISOR PAREIRA AS ALTERNATE. SUPERVISOR PAREIRA AGREED TO THE AMENDED MOTION AND SUPERVISOR MCDANIEL PROVIDED COMMENTS

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

BOARD INFORMATION & POSSIBLE ACTION

35. Public Works re: Contract No. 2022238 was awarded to Marvulli, Inc., Merced in the amount of \$3,740,880 for the Del Hale Hall Renovation Project

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

36. Public Works re: Contract No. 2023159 was awarded to Stockbridge General Contracting, Inc., Clovis, CA in the amount of \$3,975,180 for the Winton Park Renovation Project.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

37. Elections re: Emendations to the Merced County Supervisorial Districts Redistricting Plan are brought to the attention of the Board per Section 6 of the Ordinance.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

38. Law Library re: Merced County Law Library 2022-2023 Annual Report Pursuant to Business and Professions Code §6349.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - PUBLIC HEARING

To consider adoption of an Ordinance approving Zone Change No. 22-002 and Site Plan & Design Review No. SPR23-003 for parcels identified as APNs 009-161-001, 009-161-002, and 009-161-003 in the Delhi area.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) Open the public hearing to accept public comment; and close the public hearing.
- 2) Determine that the project requires no further environmental review pursuant to Section 15183 ("Projects Consistent with Community Plan and Zoning") of the CEQA Guidelines.
- 3) Adopt the Ordinance approving Zone Change No. ZC22-002 and approve Site Plan & Design Review No. SPR23-003 based on the findings listed in the Staff Report and subject to the recommended conditions of approval.

STEVE MAXEY, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR INTRODUCED THE ITEM AND PROVIDED COMMENTS

BOARD CHAIR SILVEIRA OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING

OPPORTUNITY WAS GIVEN FOR INTERESTED PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD NO INTERESTED PERSONS ADDRESSED THE BOARD

BOARD CHAIR SILVEIRA CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING

SUPERVISOR PAREIRA PROVIDED COMMENTS

ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 2036 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL EXECUTIVE OFFICE - PUBLIC HEARING

To consider and Confirm Appointment of Nathan Bray as the County Public Works Director/Road Commissioner.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) Open public hearing to consider the qualifications of the candidate, Nathan Bray, receive testimony and close hearing.
- 2) Appoint and confirm the appointment of Nathan Bray as the County Public Works Director/Road Commissioner at the annual salary of \$185,390.40 and approve "A" level benefits effective January 1, 2024.

CEO MENDEZ INTRODUCED THE ITEM AND PROVIDED COMMENTS

BOARD CHAIR SILVEIRA OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING

**OPPORTUNITY WAS GIVEN FOR INTERESTED PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
NO PERSON ADDRESSED THE BOARD**

BOARD CHAIR SILVEIRA CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING

ALL BOARD MEMBERS AND NATHAN BRAY PROVIDED COMMENTS

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

REPORTS/BOARD DIRECTION

Board of Supervisors Members, County Counsel, County Executive Officer

**THE BOARD RECESSED INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 12:27 A.M. WITH ALL MEMBERS
PRESENT AND RECONVENED AT 2:28 P.M. WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. BOARD
CHAIR SILVEIRA ADVISED STAFF WAS GIVEN DIRECTION**

**THE BOARD ADJOURNED THE MEETING IN MEMORY OF MICKI RUCKER AND MARK
BODLEY AT 2:28 P.M. UNTIL TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023, AT 6:00 P.M.**

10:00 A.M. REGULAR MEETING
PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Captain Tony Dominguez, Atwater CHP Office introduced himself and shared that although he is new to the position of Captain, he is not new to the community as he has been serving here since 2006. He looks forward to serving the community in his new capacity.

Larry Watson, Chief Steward of AFSCME, spoke about health insurance rates and their concerns. He asked for communication from the Board.

Jerald Phelps, President of AFSCME, spoke about health insurance rates and concerns about the Boards action to do something to help. He expressed that there are only 23 days left to help.

Kim Bledsoe, BHRS County Employee, spoke about staffing level concerns and the health insurance rates.

Todd Goss, IHSS Rep. (UDW), asked for good faith bargaining for IHSS. He shared his concerns.

Margaret King, IHSS provider (Nurse), spoke about her experiences as an IHSS worker, indicating it is a calling. She shared stories of scenarios where IHSS keeps families together and in their homes. She asked for help with financial support.

Roberta Martinez, IHSS provider, asked for a raise to help their clients and family.

Florence Crowson, IHSS provider, spoke about a desire for a livable wage.

Eli PaintedCrow, Veteran, spoke about concerns about the Board and their actions towards Veterans in the community.

Christan Santos, Representative for Congressman John Duarte's Office, shared a legislative update and about the events attended by the Congressman.

Magdalena Castillo, IHSS provider, spoke about a living wage and concerns with providing for their families.

Nathan Quevedo, Communications and Public Relations Officer for MCOE spoke about the first Gateway to Yosemite Run/Walk event and shared that they raised more than \$4,500 for Kiddie Land at Applegate Park. He also shared about their Annual Education report and provided a flyer for the Board Bin.

Merced County resident spoke in support of the Board and their work for the Veterans in the community.

Present: Silveira, Espinosa, Pedrozo, McDaniel, Pareira