

**ALAMEDA COUNTY ELECTIONS COMMISSION**  
**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**

Date: Thursday, October 16, 2025  
Time: 4:00 PM  
Location: Via Zoom/In person  
San Lorenzo Library Greenhouse Community Room  
395 Paseo Grande  
San Lorenzo, CA 94580  
Teleconference Locations: Union City Hall  
34009 Alvarado-Niles Road  
Union City CA 94587  
  
270 West 43rd Street  
New York NY 10036

1. Call To Order / Roll Call

The Elections Commission meeting of October 16, 2025, convened at 4:17 p.m. in the San Lorenzo Library Greenhouse Community Room. The meeting was called to order by President James R. Lindsay.

**Present**

*Commission Members:* Judy Belcher(arrived late), Karen A. Butter, Irene Dieter, Susan R. Henderson(left early), James R. Lindsay, Alissa Moore(arrived late), Alexander Ramon, Karl I. Seabrook, Zabre Valentine, Tiega N. Varlack (remote), and Allie Whitehurst (arrived late, left early).

*City Clerk:* Thai Nam Pham (remote, left early)

*Registrar of Voters:* Tim Dupuis, Cynthia Cornejo, Shaheer Siddiqui, and Charles Smithline.

*County Counsel:* Jason Allen.

**Absent**

*Commission Members:* David Wagner

2. Swearing-In of New Commissioners

**There were no new commissioners to swear-in.**

3. Approval of Agenda

**No modifications were made to the agenda.**

4. Approval of Minutes of September 18, 2025

**A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Commissioner Ramon, seconded by Commissioner Seabrook, and passed 8 to 0.**

5. Announcements and Communications

- From staff

**Deputy Registrar Cornejo reported the Registrar of Voters is working with ITD to keep the filter for elections results choices intact for one week. The ROV is considering how to keep all the CVR reports in place while complying with state 100% accessibility requirements. The ROV provided the commission with the Dominion contracts and the 2010 RCV MOU. The ROV is considering ways to provide more information for observers.**

- From commissioners

**There were no announcements from the commission.**

6. Public Comment on Agenda Items

**Public comments were made on agenda items**

7. Monthly Update from Registrar of Voters Office

- **Ms. Cornejo presented the November 4, 2025 election print communications.**
- **Noe Lucio explained how poll watchers can request a list everyone who's voted in-person.**
- **Commissioner Moore inquired about AC Vote on the Go.**
- **Commissioner Seabrook inquired about the criteria for setting the four-day and eleven-day vote centers.**

8. Business Items

a. Ongoing Items from Ad Hoc Committees

(1) Voting Participation

- **Commissioner Moore expects to present a report in the November meeting.**

(2) Nominations

- **Commissioner Ramon said the committee is looking for a member of an impacted community.**

b. New Business

(1) Review of third-party contracts

- **President Lindsay requested detailed information about all vendor contracts. Commissioner Pham asked the commission to review all vendor contracts on behalf of city interests. Regarding the purchase of Dominion by Liberty Vote, Commissioner Belcher asked what could happen to the current contract. Ms. Cornejo conveyed the Secretary of State's assurance that the current contract is unaffected.**
- **A motion to request a full list of all contracts over \$100,000 presented in writing to the commission after the November 4, 2025 election, including the name of the vendor, the cost, and the contractual obligations was made by President Lindsay, seconded by Commissioner Ramon and passed unanimously, 11 to 0.**

(2) Clarification on Ballot Measure Consolidation Charges

- **A motion was made for the ROV office to work with the city clerks to analyze a financial proposal and provide a status update over the next six months by Commissioner Butter, seconded by Commissioner Ramon and passed 10 to 0 with one not present.**

(3) Implementation of Elections Code 30165 – vote-by-mail ballots verified at voting centers

- **A motion was made to request that the ROV provide a special report in February 2026 on the progress and findings of research regarding possible implementation of Election Code 30165 and what it would take to implement it by a certain date by Commissioner Belcher, seconded by Commissioner Varlack, and passed 10 to 0 with one not present.**

(4) Proposal to Establish a Youth Participation Ad Hoc Subcommittee

- **A motion was made to approve the creation of a youth participation subcommittee to coordinate with the ROV on outreach and program development and to appoint Tiega Varlack, Allie Whitehurst and Karen Butter to this subcommittee by Commissioner Belcher, seconded by Commissioner Dieter, and passed 10 to 0 with one not present.**

9. Public Comment on Agenda or Non-Agenda Items

**Public comment was made on agenda and non-agenda items.**

10. Special Report from the ROV

**The Registrar of Voters' response to the Grand Jury Report was submitted to the Board of Supervisors, the Supervisors approved the response on October 7<sup>th</sup>. The final report was submitted to the Grand Jury by the Supervisors. Ms. Cornejo answered commissioner questions.**

11.Adjournment

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.**

The next meeting will be Thursday, November 20, 2025, at the San Lorenzo Library.