



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

AGENDA

Economic Opportunity Council

Friday, May 1, 2026

10:00 AM

1470 Civic Court, Suite 200, Room 221,
Concord | Zoom:

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Executive Meeting

Agenda Items: Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee

1. Call to Order and Welcome.
2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).
3. APPROVE the EOC Executive Committee Minutes of 3-12-26. [26-1829](#)
Attachments: [EOC Business Meeting Minutes of 3-12-26 DRAFT](#)
4. APPROVE the EOC Business Meeting minutes of 4-9-2026. [26-1830](#)
Attachments: [EOC Business Meeting Minutes of 4-9-26](#)
5. APPROVE the Agenda for the 5-21-2026 EOC Meeting. [26-1831](#)
Attachments: [Proposed Agenda Items for 5-21-2026 EOC Meeting](#)
6. Next Steps and Meeting Evaluation.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for June 5, 2026 at 10 am.

7. Adjourn

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For Additional Information Contact: Christina Castle-Barber 925-608-8819.



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

1025 ESCOBAR STREET
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

Staff Report

File #: 26-1829

Agenda Date: 5/1/2026

Agenda #: 3.

Advisory Board: Economic Opportunity Council Executive Committee Meeting

Subject: APPROVE the EOC Executive Committee Minutes of 3-12-26.

Presenter: Victor Tiglao

Contact: Christina Castle-Barber 925-608-8819

Information:

APPROVE the EOC Executive Committee Minutes of 3-12-26.



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

Economic Opportunity Council

Thursday, March 12, 2026

6:00 PM

1470 Civic Court, Suite 200, Room 207,
Concord | 10550 Wilshire Blvd. #105, Los

Angeles, CA 90024 | Zoom:

<https://cccounty-us.zoom.us/j/84112970168> | call

in: 8882780254 | code: 7038773

Agenda Items: Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee

Present

Karanbir Bal, Karen Coleman, Christian Dean, Ajit Kaushal, Buffie Lafayette, Janelle Lafrades, Nikki Lopez, Desire Medlen, Tu'Liisa Miller, Devlyn Sewell, Kanwar Singh, Victor Tiglao, and Renee Zeimer

Absent

Patricia Campbell, Jessica Cisneros, Monisha Merchant, and LaTonia Peoples-Stokes

1. Call to Order and Welcome

Chair Medlen called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

Quorum Established

Staff Present: Christina Castle-Barber, Roshunda Ward, Melissa Molina, Michael Morris

2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).

No public present

3. APPROVE the EOC Business Meeting Minutes of 2-12-26.

[26-899](#)

Attachments: [EOC Busines Meeting Minutes of 2-12-26 DRAFT](#)

A motion was made by Kaushal, seconded by Lopez, to approve the EOC Business Meeting minutes of 2-12-26. The motion carried by the following vote:

Motion: Kaushal

Second: Lopez

Aye: Bal, Coleman, Dean, Kaushal, Lafayette, Lafrades, Lopez, Medlen, Miller, Sewell, Singh, Tiglao, and Zeimer

Absent: Campbell, Cisneros, Merchant, and Peoples-Stokes

Result: Passed

4. RECEIVE the January 2026 Fiscal Reports for CSBG Grant #25F-6007.

[26-900](#)

Attachments: [CSBG January 2026 Fiscal Report](#)

Morris provided an explanation of the expenditures through January 2026. We are on target to spend down entirely.

This Discussion Item was received.

5. RECEIVE presentation on the CSBG Student Intern Program. [26-901](#)

Attachments: [Student Intern Orientation Manual 2025](#)
[Student Intern Orientation Checklist 2025](#)

Luis and Nayeli Roman, a brother-sister duo and current CSBG Student Interns shared their experiences in the program. Luis works in Business Systems and Nayeli in Alternative Payment programs. EOC members queried them about how they found out about the program, what skills they learned, and confirmed that their income changed for the better.

This Discussion Item was received.

6. RECEIVE presentation on the 2026 Community Assessment. [26-902](#)

Attachments: [CA 2026 Full Executive Summary 1.31.26](#)
[CA 2026 Key Findings 1.31.26](#)

Castle-Barber presented the 2026 Community Assessment, highlighting data pertaining to population, economy, health and safety, children and families, and education. Lopez asked about what the disability status of residents, noting rise in neuro-divergent diagnoses and asking what is currently being done, to which Castle-Barber replied that she will send out a document from the Disabilities Council.

This Discussion Item was received.

7. SELECT Legislative Platform for Advocacy Day. [26-903](#)

Attachments: [Adopted 2025-26 State Legislative Platform 25.01.21](#)
[EHSD Bills Tracked with Links 3.5.26](#)

Castle-Barber referenced the Board of Supervisors' state legislative platform for 2026 and the EHSD Bill Tracker in the agenda packet. She provided an overview of the Assembly Bills and Senate Bills that had the most impact on the four priority areas selected by the EOC in the Community Action Plan. The group voted by a show of hands to advocate for the following legislation on Advocacy Day in May: AB1996 California Child Poverty Reduction, AB 713 Opportunity for All Act, and SB 1422 Medi-Cal Access Restoration Act. Tiglao will create talking points, including fiscal impacts for the EOC delegation.

This Consent Item was adopted.

8. Staff Report

Castle-Barber reported that funding for all CSB programs is secure for the coming year. She also shared that former EOC Member Lauren Babb Tomlinson is running for Congress in Sacramento - unopposed! Molina suggested that the EOC participate in Week of the Young Child Activities in April.

9. Chair Report

Chair Medlen announced that the SNIP Bus is coming to Contra Costa County and is an excellent way for low income residents to get their animals neutered at low cost. She will provide a flyer to be shared. She also spoke to the protest on 3/28 and the human chain that will be forming from Sunvalley Mall to

Walnut Creek.

10. EOC Member Reports

Coleman provided the Policy Council report, stating that the agency achieved full enrollment. She shared the goals of the program with the EOC and explained her role as liaison.

Lopez shared that she is on the board for the California Area on Aging and spoke about the robust master plan. Castle-Barber requested and received a copy.

Zeimer spoke to the Head Start Advocacy letter that she signed on to and urged other to do the same. She spoke to Amplify and Align, that has translated the cost of the war on Iran to what that funding could do for Head Start.

Sewell spoke to difficulty reaching the unhoused population recently as they have gone into hiding in areas that are not easily accessible. She recently provided backpack to an unhoused woman and called 211 to have CORE check on her. She urged others to do the same.

11. Next Steps and Meeting Evaluation.

Next steps:

1. Reich to ask N. Roman to participate in week of the young child and sing
2. Reich to send Lopez data on special education in Coco County and what's being done.
3. Reich will request for a presentation from the African American Resource Hub
4. Molina will send Tiglao bills that were approved by EOC members.
5. Medlen will send SNIP bus flyer to Molina, who will then email it to EOC members.
6. Molina will send EOC members flyer for Head Start recruitment including teachers
7. Reich will email out Week of the young child calendar to EOC members and staff.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for April 9, 2026 at 6 PM.

12. Adjourn

Chair Medlen adjourned the meeting at 7:21 PM.

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Staff Report

File #: 26-1830

Agenda Date: 5/1/2026

Agenda #: 4.

Advisory Board: Economic Opportunity Council Executive Committee

Subject: APPROVE the EOC Business Meeting minutes of 4-9-2026.

Presenter: Victor Tiglao

Contact: Christina Castle-Barber 925-608-8819

Information:

APPROVE the EOC Business Meeting minutes of 4-9-2026.



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

Economic Opportunity Council

Thursday, April 9, 2026

6:00 PM

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<https://cccounty-us.zoom.us/j/84112970168> |

Call in: 8882780254 | code: 7038773

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Present Karanbir Bal, Jessica Cisneros, Karen Coleman, Ajit Kaushal, Buffie Lafayette, Janelle Lafrades, Nikki Lopez, Devlyn Sewell, Victor Tiglao, and Renee Zeimer

Absent Patricia Campbell, Christian Dean, Desire Medlen, Monisha Merchant, Tu'Liisa Miller, LaTonia Peoples-Stokes, and Kanwar Singh

1. Call to Order and Welcome

Vice Chair Lopez called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

Quorum Established.

Staff Present: Roshunda Ward, Melissa Molina, and Michael Morris

2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).

No public present.

3. APPROVE the EOC Business Meeting Minutes of 3-12-26.

[26-1407](#)

Attachments: [EOC Business Meeting Minutes of 3-12-26 DRAFT](#)

Tiglao made a correction to strike "unopposed" on page 5 of packet, under Staff Report.

A motion was made by Zeimer, seconded by Kaushal, to approve the EOC Business Meeting Minutes of 3-12-26 as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Motion: Zeimer

Second: Kaushal

Aye: Bal, Cisneros, Coleman, Kaushal, Lafayette, Lafrades, Lopez, Sewell, Tiglao, and Zeimer

Absent: Campbell, Dean, Medlen, Merchant, Miller, Peoples-Stokes, and Singh
Result: Passed

4. RECEIVE Fiscal Report for February 2026 for CSBG 2025 and 2026 Grants. [26-1408](#)

Attachments: [25F-6007 February Report](#)
[26F-5007 February Report](#)

Morris presented the Fiscal Report for February 2026 for the CSBG 2025 and 2026 grant.

This Discussion Item was received.

5. RECEIVE Contra Costa County Audit for Year End June 2025. [26-1409](#)

Attachments: [County Audit April 2026](#)

Ward presented the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and mentioned no findings.

This Discussion Item was received.

6. APPROVE attendees at the CalCAPA and NCAP Conferences in 2026. [26-1410](#)

Attachments: [CalCAPA Annual Conference 2026](#)
[NCAP Annual Convention 2026](#)

Attendees for the NCAP conference will be decided at the next meeting due to many people being absent.

A motion was made by Lafayette, seconded by Lafrades, to approve sending Bal and Kaushal to the CalCAPA Conference in Lake Tahoe. The motion carried by the following vote:

Motion: Lafayette

Second: Lafrades

Aye: Bal, Cisneros, Coleman, Kaushal, Lafayette, Lafrades, Lopez, Sewell, Tiglao, and Zeimer

Absent: Campbell, Dean, Medlen, Merchant, Miller, Peoples-Stokes, and Singh

Result: Passed

7. DISCUSS EOC's 2026 Legislative Platform for Advocacy Day. [26-1411](#)

Attachments: [Legislation Adopted by the EOC for Advocacy Day 2026](#)

Tiglao presented the 2026 Legislative Platform for Advocacy Day, and mentioned that he will send the talking points to the members.

This Discussion Item was received.

8. RECEIVE update on 2026 Community Action Month Activities - Board of Supervisors' Presentation and CSBG Subcontractor Roundtable. [26-1412](#)

Attachments: [CAM-Toolkit-2026_F](#)

Ward presented the update on 2026 Community Action Month Activities - Board of Supervisors' Presentation and CSBG Subcontractor Roundtable, and reported that Justine, a client from Hope Solutions will be highlighted.

This Consent Item was received.

9. Staff Report

Ward shared the Week of the Young Child and invited members to the events next week. Ward updated the members on CSBG funding, which is currently uncertain. Ward shared an update on LIHEAP, which has been processed successfully and going well. Zeimer asked if LIHEAP received all of its funding, to which Ward said the full funding hasn't been received yet.

This was received.

10. EOC Chair Report

No report.

This was tabled.

11. EOC Member Reports

Cisneros sent an invitation to Asm. Avila Farias' office on Fridays. Tiglao shared that he met with Gloria Pulido who works at the State Treasurer's Office regarding, CalKIDS, a scholarship/college savings program for newborns and low income students. Zeimer invited with members to listen to a podcast by Bobby Kogan, a federal budget expert.

This was received.

12. Next Steps and Meeting Evaluation

Victor will email Melissa talking points and I will email them to EOC members. Jessica will email me details about Anamarie Avila Farias drop in information. Melissa will email EOC member CalKids information. Renee will email Melissa information on Federal budget, and I will email it to EOC members. Melissa will follow up with Tuliisa and Jessica and ask if they want to attend NCAP so members can vote at our next meeting.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for May 21, 2026 at 5:30 PM at 500 Ellinwood, Conference Rooms A and B, Pleasant Hill.

13. Adjourn

Vice Chair Lopez adjourned the meeting at 6:44 PM.

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Staff Report

File #: 26-1831

Agenda Date: 5/1/2026

Agenda #: 5.

Advisory Board: Economic Opportunity Council Executive Committee

Subject: APPROVE the Agenda for the 5-21-2026 EOC Meeting.

Presenter: Melissa Molina

Contact: Christina Castle-Barber 925-605-8819

Information:

APPROVE the Agenda for the 5-21-2026 EOC Meeting.

PROPOSED EOC AGENDA MAY 21, 2026

- Call To Order/Welcome
- Public Comment
- **ACTION:** Approval of the EOC Business Meeting Minutes of 4/9/2026
- Receive March 2026 Fiscal Reports for CSBG Grant #25F-6007
- **ACTION:** Approval of attendees to the NCAP Conferences in 2026
- Next Steps
- Evaluated the Meeting
- Adjourn to CSBG Subcontractor Roundtable