



# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

## Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

### Economic Opportunity Council

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Thursday, May 21, 2026

5:30 PM 500 Ellinwood, Conference Rooms A & B,  
Pleasant Hill, CA 94553 | zoom:  
[https://cccounty-us.zoom.us/j/86835042432?  
pwd=Km1btm2iKZjLaEI6Q5dBY9TMocAg9i.1](https://cccounty-us.zoom.us/j/86835042432?pwd=Km1btm2iKZjLaEI6Q5dBY9TMocAg9i.1)  
| call in: 1408-961-3927 | meeting ID: 868 3504  
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Agenda Items: Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee

**Present** Karanbir Bal, Ajit Kaushal, Janelle Lafrades, Desire Medlen, Monisha Merchant, Tu'Liisa Miller, Devlyn Sewell, Kanwar Singh, and Victor Tiglao

**Absent** Patricia Campbell, Jessica Cisneros, Karen Coleman, Christian Dean, Buffie Lafayette, Nikki Lopez, LaTonia Peoples-Stokes, and Renee Zeimer

1. Call to Order and Welcome

Chair Medlen called the meeting to order at 5:38 PM

Staff present: Christina Castle-Barber, Roshunda Ward, and Melissa Molina

Quorum established.

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 members of the public present.

3. APPROVE the EOC Business Meeting Minutes of 4-9-26.

[26-2231](#)

**Attachments:** [EOC Business Meeting Minutes of 4-9-26](#)

A motion was made by Kaushal, seconded by Tiglao, to approve the Minutes of the 4-9-26 EOC Business Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Motion:** Kaushal

**Second:** Tiglao

**Aye:** Bal, Kaushal, Lafrades, Miller, Sewell, and Tiglao

**Absent:** Campbell, Cisneros, Coleman, Dean, Lafayette, Lopez, Peoples-Stokes, and Zeimer

**Abstain:** Medlen, Merchant, and Singh

**Result:** Passed

- 4. RECEIVE the Fiscal Report for March 2026 for the 2025 and 2026 CSBG Grants. [26-2232](#)

**Attachments:** [2025 CSBG Monthly Expense Tracking-March 2026](#)  
[2026 CSBG Monthly Expense Tracking March 2026](#)

**This Discussion Item was received.**

- 5. APPROVE the attendees to the 2026 NCAP Conference in St. Louis, MO. [26-2233](#)

**Attachments:** [NCAP Annual Convention 2026](#)

**A motion was made by Medlen, seconded by Lafrades, to approve sending Victor Tiglao and Tulissa Miller to the NCAP conference in St. Louis. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Motion:** Medlen  
**Second:** Lafrades  
**Aye:** Bal, Kaushal, Lafrades, Medlen, Merchant, Miller, Sewell, Singh, and Tiglao  
**Absent:** Campbell, Cisneros, Coleman, Dean, Lafayette, Lopez, Peoples-Stokes, and Zeimer  
**Result:** Passed

- 6. Next Steps and Meeting Evaluation  
none.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for June 11, 2026.

- 7. Adjourn to CSBG Subcontractor Roundtable

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