



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

Economic Opportunity Council

Thursday, October 9, 2025

6:00 PM 500 Ellinwood, Conference Rooms A and B,
Pleasant Hill | 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 Patricia Campbell, Jessica Cisneros, Buffie Lafayette, Janelle Lafrades, Nikki Lopez, Desire Medlen, Monisha Merchant, LaTonia Peoples-Stokes, Kanwar Singh, Victor Tiglao, and Renee Zeimer

Absent Karanbir Bal, Karen Coleman, Christian Dean, Ajit Kaushal, and Devlyn Sewell

1. Call to Order and Welcome

Quorum Established

Chair Medlen called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

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

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. RECEIVE Fiscal Report for August 2025 for Grant #25F-6007. [25-4221](#)

Attachments: [August 2025 CSBG Monthly Expense Report](#)

Vahidizadeh presented the Fiscal Report for August 2025 #25F-6007.

Castle-Barber announced that the amendment 1 was approved early!

This Discussion Item was received.

4. APPROVE the EOC Business Meeting Minutes of 9-11-2025. [25-4222](#)

Attachments: [EOC Business Meeting Minutes of 9-11-2025 - DRAFT](#)

A motion was made by Lopez, seconded by Zeimer, to approve the EOC Business Meeting minutes of 9-11-25 as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

5. Next Steps

None

6. Meeting Evaluation

Efficient

The next meeting is currently scheduled for November 13, 2025.

7. Adjourn to Subcontractor Roundtable

Chair Medlen adjourned the meeting to the Subcontractor Roundtable at 6:03 pm.

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