



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

Economic Opportunity Council

Thursday, April 9, 2026

6:00 PM

1470 Civic Court, Suite 200, Room 207,

Concord | Zoom:

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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, 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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