

**COUNTY OF ALAMEDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION  
UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES**

Date: Wednesday, June 18, 2025  
Time: 4:00 p.m.  
Location: Via Zoom/In person  
Alameda County Training and Education Center  
125 12<sup>th</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Oakland Room  
Oakland, CA 94612

1) Call To Order / Roll Call

The Elections Commission meeting of June 18, 2025, convened at 4:05 p.m. in the Oakland Room. The meeting was called to order by President James R. Lindsay.

**Present**

*Commission Members:* Karen A. Butter, Susan R. Henderson, Alissa Moore, Alexander Ramon, Zabre Valentine (arrived late), David Wagner, and James R. Lindsay.

*City Clerk:* Thai Nam Pham

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

*County Counsel:* Jason Allen.

**Absent**

*Commission Members:* Judy Belcher, Irene Dieter, Karl I. Seabrook, and Allie Whitehurst.

2) Swearing-In of New Commissioners

**City Clerk Thai Nam Pham was sworn-in in public.**

3) Approval of Agenda

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

4) Approval of Minutes of May 15, 2025

**A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Butter, seconded by Commissioner Ramon, and passed unanimously (6-0).**

5) Announcements and Communications

a. From staff

**There were no announcements from staff.**

b. From commissioners

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

6) Public Comment on Agenda Items

**Public comments were made on the agenda items.**

7) Monthly Update from Registrar of Voters Office

- **Registrar Dupuis noted that the Washington Township Healthcare District has enough validated signatures to hold a special election in November 2025. As of June 18th, the district has 192,604 registered voters.**
- **Commissioner Lindsay asked about the implementation of poll pads for this election. Mr. Dupuis explained that the Elections Office has not yet fully assessed the costs and logistics involved, such as the potential need to purchase additional trolleys to store ballots received without envelopes but assured the commission that they will be kept informed as planning progresses.**

8) Business Items

(a) Ongoing Items from Committees

(1) Structure of the ROV position (Heard after item 8(b)(1))

- **Commissioner Valentine summarized where the commission was in its decision-making process. A discussion ensued, during which several commissioners requested revisions to the report. Ms. Valentine accepted the requested adjustments and then asked the commission to vote on submitting it to the Board of Supervisors.**
- **A motion to dissolve the current ad hoc committee and form an ad hoc committee, consisting of Ms. Valentine, City Clerk Pham, and Mr. Lindsay, to finalize the report and transmit it to the Board of Supervisors as soon as possible by Ms. Butter, seconded by Mr. Ramon, and passed by a vote of 5 to 1 with Wagner dissenting and Moore absent.**

(2) Voting Participation

- **Commissioner Moore reported the committee has been meeting with community-based organizations and individuals who live in the affected areas and will deliver a rough draft of the report by July 6.**

(3) Nominations

- **Commissioner Ramon reported that three LAAC members have applied for open commission seats, the committee will review these applications, and the committee will hopefully have a recommendation at the July meeting.**

(4) April 15 post-election assessment

- **Ms. Moore read the submitted report.**
- **Mr. Ramon inquired whether the Registrar of Voters had hired an ADA compliance consultant for website accessibility. Mr. Dupuis responded that the county's web team is certified in accessibility compliance.**
- **Commissioner Henderson asked whether the agency consults with accessibility organizations, and the answer was also yes.**
- **Commissioner Lindsay suggested publishing the number or percent of ballots remaining to count. The ROV agreed and said they plan to publish the results they submit to the Secretary of State, including the number of unprocessed ballots and to omit the legacy "100% precincts reporting" notation. The ROV also said they will evaluate potential ways to assist voters with marking ranked-choice ballots on touchscreen voting machines, which looks different than paper ballots.**

- **A motion to approve the report and forward it to the Board of Supervisors was made by Ms. Butter, seconded by Mr. Ramon. After some discussion about website accessibility and revisions to the report's language, the motion as amended passed unanimously (6–0) with Ms. Moore absent.**

(b) New Business

(1) Website Reporting of Election Results

- **The commissioners invited Preston Jordan to explain the request for including the percentage of registered voters who participated in each plurality at large contest, including when two seats are up for grabs.**
- **Mr. Dupuis explained that he will need to find out if its system can generate this information or if their IT team needs to do it.**
- **A motion was made to appoint Commissioner Dieter to work with staff on website changes by Mr. Ramon, seconded by Ms. Butter, and passed unanimously (7-0).**

(2) Speed of Tallying Elections

- **Mr. Lindsay noted that the Registrar of Voters is receiving a significant amount of public criticism regarding the speed of election results reporting (no specific names or numbers were provided). He requested that the agency present a report at the July meeting outlining potential options to improve the speed of ballot tallying, as well as enhanced communication strategies and public expectations around the process.**
- **Mr. Ramon asked that the report also include a list of any impediments to faster tallying.**
- **Mr. Wagner added a request to explore options for improving public perception around the speed of the counting and costs of more frequent reporting to costs of other options. He also said that he would like the presentation not to focus on the way it works now, but on listing options to consider for increasing the speed and the advantages and disadvantages of those options.**
- **A motion for the ROV to provide a report at the July meeting explaining the impediments and options for releasing election results more frequently and possible ways to improve communications and expectations was made by Ms. Valentine, seconded by Mr. Ramon, and passed unanimously (6–0) with Ms. Moore absent.**

9) Special Report from the Registrar of Voters

**The special report was not delivered this month.**

10) Public comment on agenda or non-agenda items

**Public comments were made on the agenda and non-agenda items.**

11) Requests for Future Agenda Items

**There were no requests for future agenda items.**

12)Adjournment

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.**

The next meeting will be Thursday, July 17, 2025, at the San Lorenzo Library