



# STANISLAUS LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION MINUTES May 27, 2026

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Zwahlen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance to Flag. Vice Chair Zwahlen led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
- B. Introduction of Commissioners and Staff. Vice Chair Zwahlen led in the introduction of the Commissioners and Staff.

Commissioners Present: Sue Zwahlen, Vice Chair, City Member  
Bill O'Brien, Public Member  
Vito Chiesa, County Member  
Amy Bublak, Chair, City Member  
Charlie Goeken, Alternate City Member  
Jami Aggers, Alternate Public Member

Commissioners Absent: Terry Withrow, Chair, County Member  
Mani Grewal, Alternate County Member

Staff Present: Sara Lytle-Pinhey, Executive Officer  
Jennifer Vieira, Commission Clerk  
Javier Camarena, Assistant Executive Officer  
Shaun Wahid, LAFCO Counsel

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

## 3. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Specific Correspondence.

None.

- B. Informational Correspondence.

- 1. CALAFCO Free On-Demand SB 827 Compliance Training Flier.

- C. In the News

## 4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS

None.

**5. CONSENT ITEM**

A. **MINUTES OF THE APRIL 22, 2026, LAFCO MEETING**  
(Staff Recommendation: Accept the Minutes.)

*Motion by Commissioner Bublak, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, and carried with a 4-0 vote to approve the consent items, by the following vote:*

*Ayes: Commissioners: Bublak, Chiesa, O'Brien and Zwahlen  
Noes: Commissioners: None  
Ineligible: Commissioners: Aggers and Goeken  
Absent: Commissioners: Grewal and Withrow  
Abstention: Commissioners: None*

**6. PUBLIC HEARING**

A. **FINAL LAFCO BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2026-2027.** The Commission will consider the adoption of the final LAFCO budget consistent with Government Code Sections 56380 and 56381. (Staff Recommendation: Approve the Proposed Budget and adopt Resolution No. 2026-12.)

Sara Lytle-Pinhey, Executive Officer, presented the item with a recommendation to approve the Final Budget.

Vice Chair Zwahlen opened the Public Hearing at 6:04 p.m.

No one spoke.

Vice Chair Zwahlen closed the Public Hearing at 6:04 p.m.

*Motion by Commissioner Chiesa, seconded by Commissioner Zwahlen, and carried with a 4-0 vote to approve the final budget and adopt Resolution No, 2026-12, by the following vote:*

*Ayes: Commissioners: Bublak, Chiesa, O'Brien and Zwahlen  
Noes: Commissioners: None  
Ineligible: Commissioners: Aggers and Goeken  
Absent: Commissioners: Grewal and Withrow  
Abstention: Commissioners: None*

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

A. **MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW NO. 2026-01 AND SPHERE OF INFLUENCE UPDATE NO. 2026-04 – DEL PUERTO AND WESTSIDE COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE DISTRICTS AND OAK VALLEY HOSPITAL DISTRICT:** The Commission will consider the adoption of a Municipal Service Review (MSR) and Sphere of Influence (SOI) Update for the Del Puerto and Westside Community Healthcare Districts and Oak Valley Hospital District. This item is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review pursuant to sections 15306 and 15061(b)(3). (Staff Recommendation: Approve the update and adopt Resolution No. 2026-11.)

Javier Camarena, Assistant Executive Officer, presented the item with a recommendation to approve the update.

Karen Freese, CEO of Del Puerto Healthcare District answered questions of the Commission.

Vice Chair Zwahlen opened the Public Hearing at 6:23 p.m.

No one spoke.

Vice Chair Zwahlen closed the Public Hearing at 6:23 p.m.

*Motion by Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Bublak, and carried with a 4-0 vote to approve the update and approve Resolution No. 2026-11, by the following vote:*

*Ayes: Commissioners: Bublak, Chiesa, O'Brien and Zwahlen*

*Noes: Commissioners: None*

*Ineligible: Commissioners: Aggers and Goeken*

*Absent: Commissioners: Grewal and Withrow*

*Abstention: Commissioners: None*

## **8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commission Aggers asked Staff how long the Commissioners have to attend the SB827 training.

## **9. ADDITIONAL MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRPERSON**

None.

## **10. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

The Executive Officer informed the Commission of the following:

- Staff conducted a Protest Hearing for the Fahmy Change of Organization to the City of Waterford and recorded the annexation on May 26, 2026.
- Staff will bring the Stanislaus Consolidated & Ceres Fire Protection District reorganization application to the Commission in June.
- Staff received an application for Copper Trails Reorganization to the City of Ceres. It was deemed incomplete and will be scheduled a later time.

## **11. CLOSED SESSION – PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, a closed session will be held to consider the following item: Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Title: LAFCO Executive Officer

Vice Chair Zwahlen announced the closed session, and it was opened for Public Comment. There were no comments, and the Commission recessed to Closed Session at 6:30 p.m.

The Commission reconvened at 6:43 p.m. LAFCO Counsel stated there was no reportable action.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

A. Vice Chair Zwahlen adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

**APPROVED**

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Sara Lytle-Pinhey, Executive Officer