

ICOC-ARS Meeting Minutes September 25, 2025

Main Location:

- LAX Marriott, Pacific II and III
5855 W Century Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90045
- CIRM Zoom

ICOC members that participated via Zoom teleconference are noted below:

Eyad Almasri	P
Kim Barrett	P
Dan Bernal via Zoom	P
George Blumenthal	P
Maria Bonneville	P
John Carethers	P
Marguerite Casillas	P
Judy Chou	NP
Le Ondra Clark Harvey via Zoom	P
Shannon Dahl	P
Deborah Deas Monica Carson (alternate) via Zoom	P
Anne-Marie Duliege via Zoom	P
Ysabel Duron	P
Mark Fischer-Colbrie	P
Elena Flowers	P
Judy Gasson via Zoom	P
David Higgins	P
Vito Imbasciani	P
Rich Lajara via Zoom	P
Pat Levitt	P
Hala Madanat	NP
Linda Malkas	NP
Shlomo Melmed	P
Carolyn Meltzer	P

Christine Miaskowski via Zoom	P
Adriana Padilla via Zoom	P
Joe Panetta via Zoom	P
Joyce Sackey (alternate for Linda Boxer)	P
Marvin Southard	P
Shauna Stark	P
Karol Watson	NP
Yael Wyte	P
Kevin Xu	NP
Keith Yamamoto via Zoom	P
	29 P
	5 NP

CLOSED SESSION

Agenda Item No. 3

Discussion of Personnel [Evaluation of ICOC Chair, ICOC Vice-Chair, and CIRM President/CEO] (Government Code section 11126, subdivision (a); Health & Safety Code section 125290.30(f) (3) (D)).

- No action was taken during closed session.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda Item No. 7

Resolution Honoring David Higgins

- Presented by Vito Imbasciani

Motion No. 1

- Motion by Maria Bonneville to accept the resolution to honor David Higgins.
- Motion seconded by Marvin Southard

Vote:

- The ICOC by majority vote approved the motion.
- 25 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSTENTIONS; 1 CONFLICT (Higgins)

Agenda Item No. 8, 9 & 10

Consideration of Minutes from the June 26, 2025, ICOC Meeting

Consideration of Appointments and Reappointments to the Grants Working Group
Consideration of an Appointment to the Accessibility and Affordability Working Group

- Presented by Vito Imbasciani

Motion No. 2

- Motion by Kim Barrett to approve the items on the consent calendar.
- Motion seconded by John Carethers.

Vote:

- The ICOC by majority vote approved the motion.
- 26 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSTENTIONS; 0 CONFLICT

Agenda Item No. 11

Consideration of Applications Submitted in Response to Discovery Program Announcements (DISC0)

- Presented by Dr. Gil Sambrano.

Motion No. 3

- Motion by Mark Fischer-Colbrie to not fund applications not recommended by the CIRM team.
- Motion seconded by Marvin Southard.

Vote:

- The ARS by majority vote approved the motion.
- 10 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSTENTIONS; 7 CONFLICT (Bernal, Bonneville, Dahl, Duron, Flowers, Miaskowski, Watson)

Motion No. 4

- Motion by Marvin Southard to fund applications recommended by the CIRM team.
- Motion seconded by Mark Fischer-Colbrie.

Vote:

- The ARS by majority vote approved the motion.
- 11 YES; 5 YES EXCEPT FOR THOSE IN CONFLICT (Bernal, Dahl, Duron, Flowers, Miaskowski) 0 NO; 0 ABSTENTIONS; 6 CONFLICT (Bernal, Dahl, Duron, Flowers, Miaskowski, Watson)

Agenda Item No. 12

Strategic Allocation Framework Update

- Presented by Jonathan Thomas and Dr. Gil Sambrano.

Agenda Item No. 13

Discussion of CIRM's Access Strategy Plan

- Presented by Rafael Aguirre-Sacasa.

Agenda Item No. 14

Report from the Communications Subcommittee Meeting

- Presented by Amy Adams.

Agenda Item No. 16

General Comments on ARS Process

Agenda Item No. 17

Public Comment

Agenda Item No. 18

Adjournment

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		MOTION 1 To accept the resolution to honor David Higgins. Maker: Maria Bonneville Second: Marvin Southard	MOTION 2 To approve the items on the consent calendar. Maker: Kim Barrett Second: John Carethers
MEMBERS			
Eyad Almasri	P	VV	VV
Kim Barrett	P	VV	VV
Dan Bernal	P	Y	Y
George Blumenthal	P	VV	VV
Maria Bonneville	P	VV	VV
John Carethers	P	VV	VV
Marguerite Casillas	P	VV	VV
Monica Carson (alternate for Deborah Deas)	P	Y	Y
Judy Chou	NP	NP	NP
Le Ondra Clark Harvey	P	Y	Y
Shannon Dahl	P	VV	VV
Anne-Marie Duliege	P	Y	Y
Ysabel Duron	P	VV	VV
Mark Fischer-Colbrie	P	VV	VV
Elena Flowers	P	VV	VV
Judy Gasson	P	NP	NP
David Higgins	P	C	VV
Vito Imbasciani	P	VV	VV
Rich Lajara	P	Y	Y
Pat Levitt	P	VV	VV
Hala Madanat	NP	NP	NP
Linda Malkas	NP	NP	NP
Shlomo Melmed	P	VV	VV
Carolyn Meltzer	P	VV	VV
Christine ("Chris") Miaskowski	P	Y	Y
Adriana Padilla	P	NP	NP
Joe Panetta	P	Y	Y
Joyce Sackey (alternate for Linda Boxer)	P	VV	VV
Marvin ("Marv") Southard	P	VV	VV
Shauna Stark	P	VV	VV
Karol Watson	NP	NP	NP
Yael Wyte	P	VV	VV
Kevin Xu	NP	NP	NP
Keith Yamamoto	P	NP	NP
		25 Y	26 Y
		0 N	0 N
	29P	0 A	0 A
	5NP	1 C	0 C
	ICOC Quorum: 23		
	ARS Quorum: 13		
LEGEND			
Attendance			
NP – Not Present			
P – Present			
Red highlight - not expected to attend			
Votes			
A – Abstain			
C – Conflict			
N – No			
VV – Voice Vote			
Y – Yes			
Y/C – Yes except for those w/conflict			

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MEMBERS		
Eyad Almasri	-	-
Kim Barrett	-	-
Dan Bernal	C	Y/C
George Blumenthal	-	-
Maria Bonneville	C	Y
John Carethers	-	-
Marguerite Casillas	Y	Y
Monica Carson (alternate for Deborah Deas)	-	-
Judy Chou	NP	NP
Le Ondra Clark Harvey	Y	Y
Shannon Dahl	C	Y/C
Anne-Marie Duliege	Y	Y
Ysabel Duron	C	Y/C
Mark Fischer-Colbrie	Y	Y
Elena Flowers	C	Y/C
Judy Gasson	NP	NP
David Higgins	Y	Y
Vito Imbasciani	Y	Y
Rich Lajara	Y	Y
Pat Levitt	-	-
Hala Madanat	NP	NP
Linda Malkas	NP	NP
Shlomo Melmed	-	-
Carolyn Meltzer	-	-
Christine ("Chris") Miaskowski	C	Y/C
Adriana Padilla	NP	NP
Joe Panetta	Y	Y
Joyce Sackey (alternate for Linda Boxer)	-	-
Marvin ("Marv") Southard	Y	Y
Shauna Stark	-	-
Karol Watson	C	C
Yael Wyte	Y	Y
Kevin Xu	NP	NP
Keith Yamamoto	-	-
	10 Y	11 Y
	0 N	5 Y/C
	0 A	0 N
	7 C	6 C
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