

# **CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE**

Monday, January 12, 2026 @ 1:00pm

Board of Supervisors' Chamber

825 5<sup>th</sup> Street

Eureka, CA 95501

## **AGENDA**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**B. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

This portion of the meeting is reserved for matters not on the agenda that may be addressed by the public.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING RECORD**

1. Approve the meeting minutes from September 24, 2025. (attached)

**D. APPOINTMENTS OF CITY REPRESENTATIVES**

1. Consider making an appointment to LAFCO (Local Agency Formation Commission) per request for the Executive Director. (Letter dated December 2, 2025 attached)

**E. ADJOURNMENT**



**Date:** December 2, 2025  
**To:** Tracy D'Amico, Clerk of the Board  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Colette Santsche, Executive Officer  
Humboldt Local Agency Formation Commission  
**Subject: Request for City Member Appointments to LAFCo**

Humboldt LAFCo currently has one vacancy on its Commission and will have additional city-member vacancies next June. LAFCo respectfully requests that the Mayors' City Selection Committee convene to consider appointments, specifically to fill one regular member seat for the remainder of a four-year term ending June 30, 2028. The commissioner serving this term has notified LAFCo that they are no longer able to continue. A summary of current city appointments is provided below.

**Current City Members on LAFCo**

| Designation      | Current Member                                | Term Expiration |
|------------------|---|-----------------|
| Regular Member   | Vacant (previously Meredith Matthews, Arcata) | June 30, 2028   |
| Regular Member   | Cheryl Kelly, Trinidad                        | June 30, 2026   |
| Alternate Member | Debra Garnes, Rio Dell                        | June 30, 2026   |

Pursuant to Government Code Section 56335, the City Selection Committee is responsible for appointing both regular and alternate city representatives to LAFCo. Mayors or city council members interested in serving are encouraged to submit letters of interest or other relevant background materials for the Committee's consideration.

Humboldt LAFCo is an independent Commission created by the State Legislature to encourage the orderly formation and development of local governmental agencies. LAFCo's mission is to facilitate changes in local governmental structure and boundaries that foster orderly growth and development, promote the efficient delivery of services, and encourage the preservation of open space and agricultural lands. LAFCo works collaboratively with local agencies and the public through its studies, programs, and regulatory actions.

The Commission is comprised of seven regular commissioners – two county supervisors, two city council members, two special district representatives, and one public member – each with an alternate. Humboldt LAFCo meets on the third Wednesday of odd numbered months at 9:00 a.m. in the Eureka City Council Chambers. Commissioners receive a \$20 per diem stipend and mileage reimbursement for in-person meetings.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact the LAFCo office at (707) 445-7508 or email [colette@humboldtlaftco.org](mailto:colette@humboldtlaftco.org).

**Mayor City Selection Committee**

**Draft Meeting Record**

**September 24, 2025, 9:00 a.m.**  
**Board of Supervisors Chambers**  
**825 5<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Eureka, CA 95501**

**Present:**

|                     |                  |
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| Mayor Alex Stillman | City of Arcata   |
| Mayor Cheryl Kelly  | City of Trinidad |
| Mayor Mike Johnson  | City of Fortuna  |
| Mayor Debra Garnes  | City of Rio Dell |

**Absent:**

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| Mayor Kim Bergel    | City of Eureka    |
| Mayor Randy Cady    | City of Ferndale  |
| Mayor John Sawatzky | City of Blue Lake |

**Staff:**

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| Tracy Damico | Clerk of the Board, Humboldt County |
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**A. Call to Order – 9:05 a.m. Roll Call Taken.**

**B. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair of the Mayor City Selection Committee**

**A motion was made by Mayor Stillman and seconded by Mayor Johnson to appoint Mayor Garnes as the Chair.**

**Motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes: 4**

**Nays: 0**

**Abstentions:**

**A motion was made by Mayor Johnson and seconded by Mayor Stillman to appoint Mayor Kelly as Vice Chair**

**Motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes: 4**

**Nays: 0**

**Abstentions:**

**C. Public Participation**

There was no public comment on matters not on the agenda.

**D. Approval of the Meeting Minutes for August 14, 2024.**

**A motion was made by Mayor Stillman and seconded by Mayor Kelly to approve the meeting minutes from the August 14, 2024.**

**Motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes: 4**

**Nays: 0**

**Abstentions:**

**E Appointments of City Representatives**

**1. Appointment of City Representative to the Board of Access Humboldt.**

**A motion was made by Mayor Stillman and seconded by Mayor Kelly to appoint Arcata Counsel Member Meredith Mathews to the Board of Access Humboldt.**

**Motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes: 4**

**Nays: 0**

**Abstentions:**

**2. Appointment to the Humboldt County Redevelopment Oversight Board.**

**A motion was made by Mayor Stillman and seconded by Mayor Johnson to appoint Council Member Sara Shaefer to the Humboldt County Redevelopment Oversight Board.**

**Motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes: 4**

**Nays: 0**

**Abstentions: 1. Appointment of City Representative to the Board of Access Humboldt.**

**E. Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Mayor Stillman and seconded by Mayor Kelly to adjourn the meeting at 9:15am.**

**Motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes: 4**

**Nays: 0**

**Abstentions:**