



**CITY OF ARCATA  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Date: December 11, 2025, 5:30 p.m.  
Location: Council Chamber  
736 F Street, Arcata**

**Present:** Mayor Stillman, Vice Mayor White, Councilmember Atkins-Salazar, Councilmember Matthews, Councilmember Schaefer

**Staff Present:** City Manager Perry, City Engineer Khatri, Director of Community Development Loya, Deputy Director of Information Technology Savage, City Clerk Varley

**A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Arcata was held on the above date at 5:30 p.m. as a hybrid meeting, via teleconference utilizing Zoom Video Communications and in person, with Mayor Stillman presiding. Notice of this meeting was posted on December 5, 2025.**

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**1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Mayor Stillman read a statement acknowledging that Arcata sat on ancestral Wiyot land.

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

Mayor Stillman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Varley called roll.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Stillman invited public comment.

**Public Comment:** Shannon Yodowitz, Joel Yodowitz, Joanne McGarry, and an unidentified member of the audience.

Mayor Stillman closed the public comment period.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**ON MOTION BY WHITE, SECONDED BY SCHAEFER, AND WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE, THE COUNCIL ADOPTED THE CONSENT CALENDAR [AS PRESENTED, FOR DECEMBER 11, 2025]. AYES: STILLMAN,**

**WHITE, ATKINS-SALAZAR, MATTHEWS, SCHAEFER. NOES: NONE.  
ABSENT: NONE. ABSTENTIONS: NONE.**

**a. Bi-Weekly Report on Disbursements.**

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Elect a Mayor and Vice Mayor Pursuant to Arcata Municipal Code Section 2020.**

**ON MOTION BY STILLMAN, SECONDED BY MATTHEWS, AND WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE, THE COUNCIL NOMINATED CURRENT VICE MAYOR, KIMBERLEY WHITE, AS THE NEXT MAYOR OF ARCATA. AYES: STILLMAN, WHITE, ATKINS-SALAZAR, MATTHEWS, SCHAEFER. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTENTIONS: NONE.**

**ON MOTION BY WHITE, SECONDED BY STILLMAN, AND WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE, THE COUNCIL NOMINATED COUNCILMEMBER STACY ATKINS-SALAZAR TO BE THE NEXT VICE MAYOR. AYES: WHITE, ATKINS-SALAZAR, MATTHEWS, SCHAEFER, STILLMAN. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE. ABSTENTIONS: NONE.**

**b. Consider Council Member Assignments to Regional Boards, Committees, and Commissions, and as Liaisons for 2026.**

City Manager Perry reviewed the Council's appointment preferences as the Council discussed regional appointments.

The Council arrived at the determination of the following assignments for the Joint Power Agencies (JPAs) for the year of 2026:

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS:  
PRIMARY-WHITE; ALTERNATE-ATKINS-SALAZAR;  
HUMBOLDT TRANSIT AUTHORITY: PRIMARY-STILLMAN;  
ALTERNATE-WHITE;  
HUMBOLDT WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY: PRIMARY-  
ATKINS-SALAZAR; ALTERNATE-MATTHEWS;  
REDWOOD COAST ENERGY AUTHORITY: PRIMARY-SCHAEFER;  
ALTERNATE-MATTHEWS;  
REDWOOD REGION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:  
PRIMARY-MATTHEWS; ALTERNATE-SCHAEFER;  
HUMBOLDT BAY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, WATER QUALITY  
TASK FORCE: PRIMARY-STILLMAN; ALTERNATE-NONE;  
HUMBOLDT-DEL NORTE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE  
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY: PRIMARY-MATTHEWS; ALTERNATE-  
NONE;  
LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES, REDWOOD EMPIRE DIVISION,  
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE AND**

**DIVISION BUSINESS MEETINGS: PRIMARY-WHITE; ALTERNATE-ATKINS-SALAZAR.**

The Council went on to discuss liaison appointments and arrived at the determination of the following assignments for the year of 2026:

**ARCATA HOUSE PARTNERSHIP: PRIMARY-STILLMAN,  
ALTERNATE-SCHAEFER;  
ARCATA/CAMOAPA SISTER CITY COMMITTEE: PRIMARY-WHITE,  
ALTERNATE-SCHAEFER;  
EQUITY ARCATA ADVISORY TEAM: PRIMARY-SCHAEFER AND  
WHITE;  
FRIENDS OF THE ARCATA MARSH: PRIMARY-STILLMAN,  
ALTERNATE-WHITE;  
HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING WORKING GROUP: PRIMARY-  
ATKINS-SALAZAR AND STILLMAN;  
CPH/CITY LIAISONS: PRIMARY-WHITE AND ATKINS-SALAZAR.**

**ON MOTION BY SCHAEFER, SECONDED BY MATTHEWS, AND  
WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE, THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE  
LIAISON APPOINTMENTS AS DISCUSSED, AND AS THE CITY  
MANAGER HAD WRITTEN OUT. AYES: WHITE, ATKINS-SALAZAR,  
MATTHEWS, SCHAEFER, STILLMAN. NOES: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.  
ABSTENTIONS: NONE.**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rhea Varley

City Clerk