



CITY OF ARCATA
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

Date: March 18, 2026, 5:15 p.m.
Location: City Manager's Conference Room
736 F Street, Arcata

Present: Mayor White, Vice Mayor Atkins-Salazar, Councilmember Matthews, Councilmember Schaefer (arrived at 5:24 p.m.), Councilmember Stillman

Staff Present: City Manager Perry, Assistant City Manager Miller, Deputy City Attorney Goldstein (via teleconference), City Engineer Khatri, Assistant City Engineer Caisse

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Arcata was held on the above date at 5:15 p.m. with Mayor White presiding. Notice of this meeting was posted on March 13, 2026.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor White invited public comment.

Public Comment: Joanne McGarry.

Mayor White closed the public comment period.

3. CLOSED SESSION

- a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant Exposure to Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): Two potential cases.**

The Council met in closed session in the City Manager's Conference Room.

4. OPEN SESSION—Committee Interviews

- a. Interview Three Applicants for Three Vacancies on the Transportation Safety Committee with One Term Ending March 31, 2027, and Two Terms Ending March 31, 2029.**

The Council returned to open session at 5:23 p.m.

Councilmember Schaefer arrived at 5:24 p.m.

The Council interviewed Milia Lando, Samantha Sauter, and Jeff Schindler for three vacancies on the Transportation Safety Committee.

The Council entered the Chamber at 5:55 p.m.

RECESS: The Council recessed from 5:55 p.m. to 6:01 p.m.

5. CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Significant Exposure to Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): Two potential cases.

Mayor White stated that by a five-to-zero vote, the City Council agreed to settle with the Fieldbrook Glendale Community Services District pertaining to a wastewater services billing dispute in the amount of \$125,000. She added that the City Council also agreed by a five-to-zero vote to settle with Pacific Shellfish – Humboldt, LLC, pertaining to a sewer system discharge dispute in the amount of \$71,500.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhea Varley

City Clerk