



**Local Agency Formation Commission of Napa County**  
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**Agenda Item 7h (Consent/Information)**

**TO:** Local Agency Formation Commission

**PREPARED BY:** Charlie Gray, Commission Clerk *CG*

**MEETING DATE:** February 2, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Chair Rotation for 2026

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**SUMMARY**

This is a consent item for information purposes only. Accordingly, if interested, the Commission is invited to pull this item for additional discussion with the concurrence of the Chair. No formal action will be taken as part of this item.

The Commission's *Policy on Establishing the Officers of the Commission* ("the Policy"), included as Attachment 1, provides an annual rotational system for the appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair offices based on seat designations. The Chair and Vice Chair serve one-year terms that begin on January 1.

Each regular Commissioner is assigned a seat designation. Alternate Commissioners do not have seat designations and are not eligible for the Chair or Vice Chair offices.

Under the Policy, Commissioners Painter (City Member I) and Ramos (County Member I) became Commission's Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, on January 1, 2026.

Schedules for the Chair and Vice Chair rotation and a listing of Commissioner seat designations are provided on the following page.

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Beth Painter Chair  
Councilmember, City of Napa

Paul Dohring, Commissioner  
Councilmember, City of Napa

David Oro, Alternate Commissioner  
Councilmember, City of American Canyon

Belia Ramos, Vice Chair  
County of Napa Supervisor, 5th District

Anne Cottrell, Commissioner  
County of Napa Supervisor, 3rd District

Joelle Gallagher, Alternate Commissioner  
County of Napa Supervisor, 1st District

Kenneth Leary, Commissioner  
Representative of the General Public

Eve Kahn, Alternate Commissioner  
Representative of the General Public

Brendon Freeman  
*Executive Officer*

**Schedule for Chair and Vice Chair Rotation**

Term	Chair	Vice Chair
2026	City Member I	County Member I
2027	County Member I	City Member II
2028	City Member II	County Member II
2029	County Member II	Public Member
2030	Public Member	City Member I

**Commissioner Seat Designations**

Seat Designation	Current Member
City Member I	Beth Painter
City Member II	Paul Dohring
County Member I	Belia Ramos
County Member II	Anne Cottrell
Public Member	Kenneth Leary
Alternate City Member	David Oro
Alternate County Member	Joelle Gallagher
Alternate Public Member	Eve Kahn

**ATTACHMENT**

- 1) Policy on Establishing the Officers of the Commission



## LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF NAPA COUNTY

### *Policy on Establishing the Officers of the Commission*

(Adopted: August 9, 2001; Last Amended: June 6, 2022)

#### **I. Background**

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization (“CKH”) Act of 2000 includes provisions specifying the composition of the Commission in [Chapter 2 \(commencing with Section 56325\)](#). In addition, these sections specify the procedures to select Commissioners, terms of office, and selection of the Chair of the Commission.

#### **II. Purpose**

It is the policy of the Commission to establish policies which provide for the smooth and consistent operations of Commission business. The selection of officers of the Commission is a regular occurrence and therefore should follow adopted policy.

#### **III. Officers of the Commission**

- A) The officers of LAFCO shall consist of a Chair, a Vice Chair, and a Clerk.
- B) The Chair and Vice Chair shall be appointed and serve terms in accordance with Section V “Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair.”
- C) The Executive Officer or the Executive Officer’s designee shall serve as the Clerk.

#### **IV. Duties of Officers**

- A) Duties of the Chair: The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Commission and shall conduct the business of the Commission according to “Rosenberg’s Rules of Order.” The Chair shall preserve order and decorum and shall decide all questions of order subject to the action of a majority of the Commission.
- B) Duties of the Vice Chair: In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair shall assume all duties and responsibilities of the Chair's office.
- C) Duties of the Clerk: The Clerk shall call the roll, note approval of the minutes or corrections thereto, maintain record of testimony and action of the Commission on each item, and any other action deemed appropriate and necessary by the Commission to conduct its meetings and business.

## **V. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair**

- A) Term of Office: Beginning in 2024, the terms of office of the Chair and Vice Chair shall be for one year, beginning on January 1.
- B) Rotation: The Chair and Vice Chair shall be appointed by the Commission according to the following annual rotational system, effective January 1, 2024, unless a temporary change is made pursuant to Section V(C):

<u>Chair Designations</u>	<u>Vice Chair Designations</u>
County Member II	Public Member
Public Member	City Member I
City Member I	County Member I
County Member I	City Member II
City Member II	County Member II

It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Officer to maintain a record of the seat designations and occupants, and to annually inform the Commission prior to the rotation.

- C) The Commission may create temporary changes to the rotation as part of an action item placed on a meeting agenda. If the Chair and Vice Chair offices are both vacant, and in the event the procedures set forth in Section VI “Vacancy,” below, are not feasible, the Executive Officer may call a meeting to order until the Chair and Vice Chair are appointed.

## **VI. Vacancy**

The offices of Chair and Vice Chair shall reside with the particular appointing authority assigned to a designated seat. In the event that a Commissioner serving as Chair or Vice Chair is no longer able to serve on the Commission for any reason, the remainder of that Commissioner’s term in office shall be fulfilled by the other Commissioner from the same appointing authority (for example, if the Commissioner designated as “City Member I” is removed from the office of Chair in January, the Commissioner designated “City Member II” shall serve as Chair through the day immediately prior to the first Monday in May), subject to the following:

- A) On January 1 of the following year, the established rotation set forth in Section V(B) “Rotation,” above, shall resume.
- B) Should the office of Chair or Vice Chair be vacated by the Public Member, the Commission shall appoint another Commissioner at its next meeting to fulfill the remainder of the officer’s unexpired term.