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Alameda Connects
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 26, 2026
Virtual Meeting
Combined Boards 12:00 pm, AC Board 1:00 PM

ACBID Board – Joint Meeting Portion

(Alameda Connects Board not officially called to order yet)

Present: Director de La Bruyere, Director Romero, Director Denny, Director Westlund
Guests/Staff: Tom Quinn, Rachel Griffin, Clare Johnson, Marcus Johnson, Jeanine Maxey, Katie Nicholson, Doug Wells, Joyce Rocha

Topics Covered/Briefings Relevant to Alameda Connects Board:

- Executive Director's Report (from Tom Quinn)
- Outreach and Engagement Report (from Rachel Griffin)
- City of Lakewood Economic Development Update (from Marcus Johnson)

Notes for Alameda Connects Board Awareness:

- **Executive Director's Report Overview:** Tom Quinn discussed Alameda Connects priorities, including the Lakewood Police Chief's focus on technology and drones to improve law enforcement response times. He reported on the successful Blarney on Belmar event, which drew over 2,800 attendees, and mentioned upcoming events like the Lakewood State of the City on April 15th. Tom also highlighted the organization's fundraising efforts, including Colorado Gives Day and community meetings, with the next meeting scheduled for May 6th featuring a presentation from the State Demographer's Office. Tom provided updates on several ongoing projects, including an AARP grant application for a bus stop improvement at Harlan and Alameda, which will include new concrete, trash cans, and vinyl concrete wraps to replace damaged ground murals. He announced that a new sidewalk history icon dedicated to Ed Tipper will be unveiled on April 4th and discussed plans for a Creative District launch in 2027 centered in Belmar. The team is also working on installing additional solar lights and exploring a partnership with Dinosaur Ridge to incorporate dinosaur-themed art into the landscape.
- **Lakewood ED Report:** Marcus Johnson provided updates on several development initiatives in Lakewood. He reported progress on the old "Chalet" property on Alameda, which is in final contracting mode with the city and could result in new affordable housing. Marcus is also working on finding a retailer or brand for a burnt-out gas station lot and announced an upcoming commercial real estate meeting on April 7th in Belmar. Additionally, he shared details about a recent career workshop that attracted 75 job seekers and mentioned an upcoming investor tour on April 9th to showcase local projects and attract potential investors.



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- **Outreach and Engagement Report:** Rachel Griffin presented an outreach report covering website updates, CRM enhancements, and community initiatives. She discussed improvements to the website's navigation bar, integration of member data through NEON, and the implementation of AI-generated meeting transcripts (for Community Meetings). Rachel also outlined upcoming events including Movie in the Park with an Independence Day theme and potential Belmar Silent Disco events.

Alameda Connects Board – Official Meeting Called to Order

Time called to order: 1:07 PM President, Jeanine Maxey

Present: President Jeanine Maxey, Directors Max de La Bruyere, Katie Nicholson, Joyce Rocha, Teri Romero, Doug Wells, AC ED Tom Quinn, AC Office Manager Clare Johnson, AC Director of Outreach Rachel Griffin

Absent: Kate Curtis

Motion to approve November 11, 2025, AC Board Meeting Minutes

with amendment (remove duplicate board member name)

Motion to approve Minutes: Katie Nicholson

Minutes Approved Unanimously

Treasurer's Report/Financials – ED Tom Quinn/ Update AC on 2026 Budget

1. Confirmation that Alameda Connects will receive \$11,050 in annual funding from Lakewood Economic Development, eliminating the need for budget amendments.

Board of Director's Updates:

Doug Wells

- Blarney on Belmar event was amazing all around

Joyce Rocka

- Heidi Westlund covered everything during the ACBID board meeting. Blarney on Belmar was an amazing event. Really excited about Kentucky Derby event on May 2nd. Mio furniture store's relocation and Lululemon's closure in January.

Katie Nicholson

- Celebrating a 7th anniversary event at the "Ye Olde" Wadsworth location.

Jeanine Maxey

- Jessica Barrant stepped down from the board

General Business



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1. Review of AC Board vacancies for 2027

The board discussed upcoming board vacancies for 2027, with Jeanine, Doug, and Kate being term limited. Tom explained that Kevin Mesa Amador had left First Bank, creating an additional vacancy (there are four positions to replace). It was announced that the Finance Committee (Kate and Jeanine) would serve as the nominating committee for new board members, and any other board members who would be interested.

2. Fundraising Results for Community Grants program

The board reviewed fundraising results from Colorado Gives Day (\$1300) and discussed upcoming sponsorship opportunities for the Lakewood State of the City event on April 15th (monies remaining after costs will be divided between Alameda Connects, 40 West Arts District, and the Action Center).

Next AC Community Meeting: Wednesday, May 6, 2026, West Metro Fire

Next AC Board Meeting: May 28, 2025, via Zoom