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**Subject:** Re: CSUMB Ex Officio Membership on TAMC

Ms. Hale,

Thank you for your message. As a state university with a mission that includes service to our region, we would indeed be interested in an *ex officio* seat on the board of TAMC. I also want to point out that, unlike a common misconception, an *ex officio* membership in any governance body does not necessarily imply that the position is a non-voting position; it only means that the position is associated with the office, not the individual. Accordingly, and given the important regional role played by our university, I respectfully request that the board consider making CSUMB's *ex officio* membership a voting position.

Best regards,

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On Mon, Sep 11, 2017 at 9:15 AM, Debbie Hale <[debbie@tamcmonterey.org](mailto:debbie@tamcmonterey.org)> wrote:

President Ochoa,  
Ralph Rubio mentioned after the FORA Board meeting the notion of having CSUMB serve as an *ex officio* member of the TAMC Board of Directors. We currently have 6 *ex officio* members (Caltrans, Air District, Airport, MST, AMBAG and City of Watsonville). To add a new *ex officio* Board Member would require an amendment to our bylaws, which is a two-month process. If you are interested, I would suggest we take the proposal to our Executive Committee and see what their response is.

If you would like to make this request, could you send me a letter to that effect? We would need it by the end of next week in order to be considered for the October 4 Exec Committee meeting - that will give you a little time to consider whether or not this is something you'd like to devote the University's time to. If you need more time, it could also be considered at the November Executive Committee meeting.

All the best,

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