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**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**ONLINE ZOOM MEETING PER GOVERNOR'S ORDER N-29-20**

**Tuesday, August 25, 2020**

**10:00 a.m.**

Antelope Valley Transit Authority Community Room  
42210 6<sup>th</sup> Street West, Lancaster, California  
www.avta.com

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**In response to Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, the meeting was conducted via Zoom Cloud meetings.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Crist called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present

Chairman Marvin Crist, Vice Chair Dianne Knippel, Director Steve Hofbauer, Director Michelle Flanagan, Director Raj Malhi

Absent

Director Richard Loa (Director Loa joined the meeting at 10:08 a.m. during SRP 1.)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion: Approve the agenda as comprised.**

Moved by Vice Chair Knippel, seconded Director Hofbauer

Clerk of the Board Karen Darr conducted a roll call vote and stated the motion carried unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried (5-0-0-1)

Ayes: Chairman Crist, Vice Chair Knippel, Directors Hofbauer, Flanagan, Malhi

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Director Loa

**PUBLIC BUSINESS – AGENDIZED AND NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS:**

Fran Sereseres called Ms. Darr on August 25, 2020 to say hello to the Board Members and wished everyone well.

**SPECIAL REPORTS, PRESENTATIONS, AND REQUESTS FOR DIRECTION (SRP):**

**SRP 1 LEGISLATIVE REPORT FOR AUGUST**

Chief Financial Officer Judy Vaccaro-Fry presented the report. The Board discussed the Moving Forward Act Provision – Section 90433: Credit for Zero-Emission Heavy Vehicles and Zero-Emission Buses. Eligible manufacturers may claim a credit of 10% of the sale price of each zero emission heavy vehicle sold by such taxpayer during such taxable year, sale price for the vehicle cannot exceed 1 million. This credit ends on December 31, 2025.

**SRP 2 OPERATIONS KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPI) REPORT**

Chief Operating Officer Martin Tompkins presented the report and read an email, shared by Director Hofbauer, from a passenger complimenting the Dial-A-Ride service. The Board discussed the number of passengers riding the commuter buses and passenger pass ups.

**SRP 3 MAINTENANCE KPI REPORT**

Maintenance Compliance Manager Cecil Foust presented the report. The Board discussed the decrease in average miles between service interruptions.

**CONSENT CALENDAR (CC):**

**CC 1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 28, 2020**

Approve the Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2020.

**CC 2 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY 2020**

Receive and file the Financial Report, including Quarterly Treasurer, Capital Reserve, and Farebox Recovery information, for July 2020.

**CC 3 GRANT STATUS REPORT**

Receive and file the Grant Status Report.

**Motion: Approve the Consent Calendar with the amendment to CC 1  
- July 28, 2020 Minutes.**

Moved by Director Flanagan, seconded by Director Hofbauer

Ms. Darr conducted a roll call vote and stated the motion carried unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried (6-0-0-0)

Ayes: Chairman Crist, Vice Chair Knippel, Directors Hofbauer, Flanagan,  
Loa, Malhi

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**NEW BUSINESS (NB):**

**NB 1 EMPLOYEE WELLNESS CENTER GYM EQUIPMENT AND FLOORING**

Executive Director/CEO Macy Neshati presented the staff report.

**Motion: Authorize the Executive Director/CEO to negotiate with  
various vendors for the purchase of commercial quality  
gym equipment and specialized gym flooring for an amount  
not to exceed \$275,000.**

Moved by Director Hofbauer, seconded by Director Malhi

Ms. Darr conducted a roll call vote and stated the motion carried unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried (6-0-0-0)

Ayes: Chairman Crist, Vice Chair Knippel, Directors Hofbauer, Flanagan,  
Loa, Malhi

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

## **NB 2 PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGES**

Mr. Neshati presented the staff report. The Board discussed the projected implementation date.

**Motion: Authorize the Executive Director/CEO to delay implementation of the recommendations contained in the Regional Transit Plan with the exception of the microtransit pilot service.**

Moved by Director Flanagan, seconded by Vice Chair Knippel

Ms. Darr conducted a roll call vote and stated the motion carried unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried (6-0-0-0)

Ayes: Chairman Crist, Vice Chair Knippel, Directors Hofbauer, Flanagan, Loa, Malhi

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

## **NB 3 FINAL SOLAR PRICING**

Mr. Neshati presented the staff report.

**Motion: Authorize the Executive Director/CEO to negotiate and execute a power purchase agreement (PPA) under AVTA's Contract #2020-12 with Duke Energy/REC Solar Commercial Corporation, Petaluma CA for a term of twenty-five years for the ALL IN price of .1071/kWh plus any applicable taxes first year and a 1.5% escalator in years 2 through 25.**

Moved by Director Loa, seconded by Vice Chair Knippel

Ms. Darr conducted a roll call vote and stated the motion carried unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried (6-0-0-0)

Ayes: Chairman Crist, Vice Chair Knippel, Directors Hofbauer, Flanagan, Loa, Malhi

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**REPORT BY LEGAL COUNSEL OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

**REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (RA):**

RA 1 Report by the Executive Director/CEO Macy Neshati

- Stated during the month of March, the Authority transitioned to a 100% all-electric local fleet, with 56 buses. Twice the size of the closest fleet in the country, 95% availability, and 13,000 miles between road calls surpassing industry standards.
- Provided an update regarding the charging stations at Sierra Highway/Lancaster Blvd., Palmdale Blvd./40<sup>th</sup> St. E. (South Valley) and Antelope Valley College.
- Stated the driver protection barriers arrived and are being installed.
- Provided an update regarding Altoona testing for the electric commuter bus.

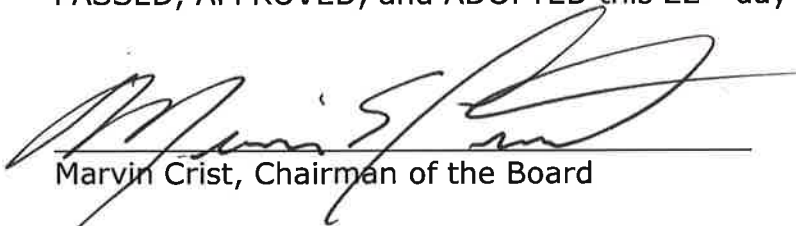
**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – NON-AGENDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ITEMS:**

The Board expressed their appreciation to AVTA and Transdev staff for their hard work in making AVTA the first transit agency in the country to have an all-electric local fleet.

**ADJOURNMENT:**


Chairman Crist adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m. to the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on September 22, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Antelope Valley Transit Authority Community Room, 42210 6<sup>th</sup> Street West, Lancaster, CA.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of SEPTEMBER 2020



Marvin Crist, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:



Karen S. Darr, Clerk of the Board

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