



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Antelope Valley Transit Authority Community Room

42210 6th Street West, Lancaster, California

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OFFICIAL MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Crist called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Director Ohlsen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present

Chairman Marvin Crist, Vice Chair Dianne Knippel, Director Richard Loa, Director Eric Ohlsen, Director Raj Malhi, Director Michelle Flanagan

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

On a motion by Vice Chair Knippel and seconded by Director Ohlsen, the Board of Directors approved the agenda as comprised.

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

Yeas: Chairman Crist, Vice Chairman Knippel, Directors Loa, Ohlsen, Malhi, Flanagan

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC BUSINESS– AGENDIZED AND NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS:

There were no public business items presented.

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

SRP 1 LEGISLATIVE REPORT FROM CONGRESSMAN MIKE GARCIA'S OFFICE

Jacqueline Owens, Field Representative for Congressman Mike Garcia CA-27, was unable to attend the meeting.

SRP 2 LEGISLATIVE REPORT FROM SENATOR SCOTT WILK'S OFFICE

Jack Danielson, Field Representative for Senator Scott Wilk, was unable to attend the meeting.

SRP 3 LEGISLATIVE REPORT FROM ASSEMBLYMAN TOM LACKEY'S OFFICE

Pamela Balch, District Director for Assemblyman Lackey, provided an update regarding SB 14 Serious felonies: human trafficking and stated that a new office opened in the town of Apple Valley.

SRP 4 LEGISLATIVE REPORT FROM ASSEMBLYMAN JUAN CARRILLO'S OFFICE

Juan Blanco, Field Representative for Assemblyman Juan Carrillo, reported that an office opened in the city of Adelanto and added that the city manager would like a tour of the BYD facility in Lancaster. Mr. Blanco will visit Juniper Hills and surrounding areas to assess any storm damage.

SRP 5 PRESENTATION TO SEAN WALLACE, FACILITIES MAINTENANCE WORKER, FOR 10 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING AND DEDICATED SERVICE

Facilities Superintendent Aric Colvin presented Sean Wallace, Facilities Maintenance Worker, with an award for 10 years of service to the Antelope Valley Transit Authority.

SRP 6 PRESENTATIONS TO AVTA EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

Senior Director of Operations and Planning Esteban Rodriguez presented the Employee of the Month award for June 2023 to Ernest Myles, Security Officer, and Senior Finance Director Vianney Mclaughlin presented the Employee of the Month award for July 2023 to Mayra De Los Santos, Accountant I.

SRP 7 PRESENTATION TO MV TRANSPORTATION EMPLOYEE AND OPERATOR OF THE MONTH FOR JULY 2023

MV Transportation General Manager Mike Sherrill presented an award to the Operator of the Month, Anselmo Molina.

SRP 8 PRESENTATION TO AV TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (AVTS) EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR JULY 2023

AV Transportation Services President Art Minasyan presented Employee of the Month awards to Abel Hernandez, Brian Brill, Nancy Marquez, and Juan Cantillo.

SRP 9 AVTS MICROTRANSIT AND DIAL-A-RIDE KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPI) REPORT FOR JULY 2023

Mr. Minasyan presented the report.

SRP 10 LEGISLATIVE REPORT AND FINANCE UPDATE FOR AUGUST 2023

Chief Financial Officer Judy Vaccaro-Fry provided an update regarding Proterra's bankruptcy protection filing, FTA's funding circulars, the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) and Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) grant opportunities, Assembly Bill (AB)-819 Crimes: public transportation: fare evasion, California's Hydrogen Market Development Strategy, zero-emission vehicles agreement, Senate Bill (SB)-233 Electric vehicles and electric vehicle supply equipment: bidirectional capability, Senate Bills related to California Environmental Quality Act changes, Assemblymen Tom Lackey and Juan Carrillo's voting record for various transportation-related legislation, LA Metro's 6-month pilot program called "Headway Based Operations" that uses technology to track distances and spacing between buses along the same route to avoid bunching, SB-125 Transportation budget trailer bill, and Federal Appropriation Bills for FFY 2024.

SRP 11 MAINTENANCE KPI REPORT FOR JULY 2023

Maintenance Compliance Analyst Joseph Sanchez presented the report. The Board discussed energy depot costs per KWH at Sgt. Steve Owen Memorial Park and the Palmdale Transportation Center. Chairman Crist directed Mr. Sanchez to contact staff at the cities of Lancaster and Palmdale to discuss eliminating premium electricity charges at the transit centers.

SRP 12 OPERATIONS KPI REPORT FOR JULY 2023

Mr. Sherrill presented the report. The Board and Executive Director/CEO Martin Tompkins discussed MV Transportation’s dispatch staff, operator training classes, the inadequate number of operator trainees in the classes, operator shortage, and the significant number of missed trips, bus switchouts, complaints, and state of charge issues.

Chairman Crist offered assistance from the cities of Lancaster and Palmdale and the County of Los Angeles. Mr. Sherrill stated the MV Transportation recruiter contacted the local employment agencies. Director Flanagan suggested using certified operators from a temporary staffing agency to cover the staffing shortage.

Mr. Tompkins introduced Terence Thompson, Regional Vice President of Customer Service for MV Transportation. Mr. Thompson accepted ownership of the project and committed to the Board and Mr. Tompkins that he will be on-site to remedy the issues. Chairman Crist reiterated to take advantage of the resources available from all three jurisdictions.

CONSENT CALENDAR (CC):

CC 1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 25, 2023

Approve the Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2023.

CC 2 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY 2023 AND FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 (FY 2023) FOURTH-QUARTER TREASURER’S REPORT

Receive and file the Financial Report for July 2023 and FY 2023 Fourth-Quarter Treasurer’s report, including Capital Reserve and Farebox Recovery information.

On a motion by Director Loa and seconded by Director Flanagan, the Board of Directors approved the Consent Calendar.

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

Yeas: Chairman Crist, Vice Chair Knippel, Directors Loa, Ohlsen, Malhi, Flanagan

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (RA):

RA 1 REPORT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CEO MARTIN TOMPKINS

- Met with the city of Lancaster’s Director of Public Safety Rod Armalin to discuss operator assaults.
- Stated that AVTA will be hosting the Assembly Select Committee on Regional Transportation Solutions on Friday, August 25, 2023.

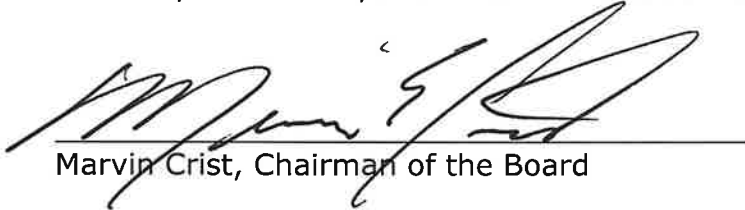
MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – NON-AGENDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ITEMS:

No miscellaneous business-non-agenda items were presented.

ADJOURNMENT:

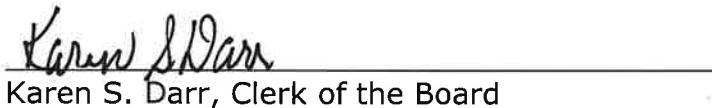
Chairman Crist adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m. to the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on September 26, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Antelope Valley Transit Authority Community Room, 42210 6th Street West, Lancaster, CA.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 26th day of September 2023.



Marvin Crist, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:



Karen S. Darr, Clerk of the Board

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