



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

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 order at 10:01 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Director Flanagan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present

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

Absent

Director Angela Underwood-Jacobs

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: Approve the agenda as comprised.

Moved by Director Hofbauer, second by Director Bishop

Vote (6-0-0-0)

Yeas: Chairman Crist, Vice Chair Knippel, Directors Hofbauer, Bishop, Flanagan, Alternate Director Malhi

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC BUSINESS – AGENDIZED AND NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS:

No public business items were presented.

CLOSED SESSION (CS):

PRESENTATION BY LEGAL COUNSEL OF ITEM(S) TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION:

- CS 1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)
Pending Litigation: Clark v. AVTA, LASC Case No. MC026036
Pending Litigation: Sabina M. Andrade v. AVTA
Pending Litigation: Marsh v. AVTA, USDC Case No. 2:16-cv-0937-PSG
- CS 2 Conference with Legal Counsel – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)
Significant exposure to litigation (one potential case)

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 10:05 a.m.

RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened to Public Session at 10:50 a.m.

REPORT BY LEGAL COUNSEL OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

General Counsel Allison Burns stated that the Board discussed CS 2 and provided direction to staff. There was no reportable action.

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

- SRP 1 PRESENTATION OF TRANSDEV OPERATOR AND EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH 2017

Trandev General Manager Hector Fuentes presented a plaque to the Employee of the Month Kerry Jefferson and announced that the Operator of the Month was Mario Luna; however, Mr. Luna was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Fuentes also acknowledged Robert Scism who recently retired as a Transdev mechanic.

SRP 2 PRESENTATION OF AVTA EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER (JANUARY 1 – MARCH 31, 2017)

Chief Financial Officer Colby Konisek presented a plaque to Staff Accountant I Mayra De Los Santos.

SRP 3 LEGISLATIVE REPORTS FOR APRIL 2017

Grants Administrator Judy Fry stated that the Department of Transportation nominated Derek Kan to serve as Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy. She provided an updated regarding the FY 18 federal budget, Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery grant, Senate Bill (SB) 1 – Transportation Funding, Assembly Bill (AB) 468: Assault – Transit Operators, SB 20: Buses – Seatbelts, SB 158: Commercial Driver's Licenses – Education Requirements, AB 673: Public Transit Operators – Bus Procurement Safety Considerations, and AB 17: Reduced-Fare Transit Passes for Students.

The Board discussed rescinding their support of SB 1. Chairman Crist stated that the Board sent a letter to support SB 1 prior to receiving the complete details of the additional fuel tax increases, the Annual Transportation Improvement Fee, and Road Improvement Fee. The Chairman and Director Flanagan stated that they want it noted for the record that the Board rescinded their support of SB 1.

Chairman Crist inquired if a letter could be written withdrawing the Board's support of the bill due to the fuel tax increases. General Counsel stated that since the item was not agendaized to take consensus or action on SB 1, the Chair could provide direction to Executive Director/CEO Len Engel.

Director Hofbauer asked does the language in the bill require this to be additional money or can the State use these funds to supplant other subsidies? Ms. Fry replied that she would need to obtain clarification, but added that she does not believe it will be supplanted. However, it has an index to grow continually through the years. The gas tax amount will not be capped. Director Hofbauer requested that staff provide the Board with an additional analysis of the bill.

The Board also discussed AB 17, particularly clarifying the definition of a "student", eligibility criteria and the requirements associated with receiving the funding. The Board stated that they want their questions answered and further clarification received prior to voting to support AB 17.

Mr. Engel stated that he recommends that the Board not support AB 673 because it would mandate that representatives of the transit operators participate on the committee that would determine specifications for new bus procurements.

Director Flanagan requested that staff provide updated information pertaining to material changes that may affect Board supported or opposed legislation.

Alternate Director Malhi left the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR (CC):

CC 1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 28, 2017 – KAREN DARR

Approve the Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2017.

Motion: Approve the Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2017.

Moved by Director Hofbauer, seconded by Director Bishop

Vote: Motion carried (4-0-1-1)

Yeas: Chairman Crist, Directors Hofbauer, Flanagan, Bishop

Nays: None

Abstain: Vice Chair Knippel

Absent: Alternate Director Mahli

CC 2 FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2017 – COLBY KONISEK

Receive and file the financial reports for February and March 2017.

CC 3 FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017 (FY17) THIRD QUARTER LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT (LASD) REPORT (JANUARY 1 – MARCH 31, 2017) – KELLY MILLER

Receive and file the FY17 Third Quarter LASD report for the period covering January 1 through March 31, 2017.

Motion: Approve Consent Calendar items 2 and 3.

Moved by Director Hofbauer, seconded by Director Bishop

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

Yeas: Chairman Crist, Vice Chair Knippel, Directors Hofbauer, Flanagan, Bishop

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Alternate Director Malhi

NEW BUSINESS (NB):

NB 1 ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018 (FY18)

The Board waived the presentation of the staff report.

Motion: Re-elect Marvin Crist as Chair and Dianne Knippel as Vice Chair for FY18.

Moved by Director Flanagan, seconded by Director Bishop

Vote: Motion carried (4-1-0-1)

Yeas: Chairman Crist, Vice Chair Knippel, Directors Flanagan, Bishop

Nays: Director Hofbauer

Abstain: None

Absent: Alternate Director Malhi

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (RA):

RA 1 Executive Director/CEO Len Engel reported:

- The unveiling of the WAVE inductive charging project and AVTA's first 60' articulated bus will be held on May 3, 2017 at the Sgt. Steve Owen Memorial Park following the Transportation Summit. A local firm will wrap the bus. Invitees will attend a luncheon at AVTA following the event.
- Taking vacation April 26 through May 14. With some interruptions for AVTA business.
- Attending the Advanced Clean Transportation Expo on May 2 in Long Beach, CA and added that AVTA has been nominated for the National Fleet award.
- AVTA's Triennial Review has been completed with no findings. AVTA needed to obtain a copy of Transdev's Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) plan.
- He and approximately twenty zero-emission bus operators from around the world will attend a closed-door Q&A session at the 62nd UITP World Congress & Exhibition on May 16, 2017 in Montreal, Canada.
- Mr. Hickling and Ms. Fry will attend the California Transit Associations' 2017 Spring Legislative Conference May 15-16 in Sacramento, CA. Mr. Hickling will also attend the APTA Bus & Paratransit Conference May 7-10 in Reno, NV. He will present information regarding AVTA's electric

bus project during both conferences. AVTA staff will also attend the Close Coalition meeting.

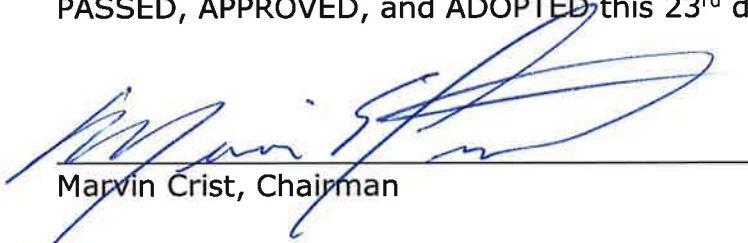
MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – NON-AGENDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ITEMS:

No miscellaneous business items were presented.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Crist adjourned the meeting at 11:19 a.m. to the next Regular meeting of the Board of Directors on May 23, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Antelope Valley Transit Authority Community Room, 42210 6th Street West, Lancaster, California.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 23rd day of MAY 2017.



Marvin Crist, Chairman

ATTEST:



Karen S. Darr, Clerk of the Board