



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Tuesday, March 28, 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 Malhi, the Board of Directors approved the agenda.

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

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC BUSINESS– AGENDIZED AND NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS:

Fran Sereseres – asked about the High-Speed Rail project.

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

Shawn Cannon, Field Representative for Senator Scott Wilk, provided an update regarding the Senator's position on Senate Bill 2 - Energy: Transportation fuels: Supply and Pricing: Maximum Gross Gasoline Refining Margin and Senate Bill 493 - EV & Hydrogen Infrastructure.

SRP 3 LEGISLATIVE REPORT FROM ASSEMBLYMAN TOM LACKEY'S OFFICE

Anna Zarley, Field Representative for Assemblyman Lackey, stated the gas tax was approved with a vote of 52-19, with Republicans opposing, and provided an update on the High-Speed Rail project.

SRP 4 LEGISLATIVE REPORT FROM ASSEMBLYMAN JUAN CARRILLO'S OFFICE

Juan Blanco, Field Representative for Assemblyman Juan Carrillo, reported on Senate Bill 695 - Department of Transportation: state highway system: public data portal.

SRP 5 PRESENTATION TO MV TRANSPORTATION EMPLOYEE AND OPERATOR OF THE MONTH

MV General Manager Michael Sherrill presented awards to the Employee of the Month, Raul Salazar, and the Operator of the Month, Christopher Cowen. Mr. Cowen dedicated his award to Kerry Jefferson, a long-time employee and Mr. Cowen's behind-the-wheel trainer, who passed away recently.

SRP 6 PRESENTATION TO AV TRANSPORTATION SERVICES EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

AV Transportation Services President Art Minasyan presented the award to the Employee of the Month Elizabeth Garcia-Perales.

SRP 7 MICROTRANSIT AND DIAL-A-RIDE KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPI) REPORT

Mr. Minasyan presented the report.

SRP 8 LEGISLATIVE REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2023

Chief Financial Officer Judy Vaccaro-Fry presented information regarding legislation focused on transportation worker safety, the Public Employee's Pension Reform Act and 13(c) litigation, the proposed Federal Budget for FY 2024, FTA Property Disposition, changes to the National Transit Database, the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program, SB-2 Energy: Transportation fuels: Supply and Pricing: Maximum Gross Gasoline Refining Margin, California Road Charge (mileage-based user fee), several State Senate and Assembly bills, and MTA's proposed annual formula allocation for AVTA.

On behalf of Congressman Mike Garcia, Ms. Vaccaro-Fry reported the following:

1. President's 2024 Budget could do more to support junior enlisted servicemembers.
2. Supports H.R. 5: The Parents Bill of Rights.
3. Federal and state tax filing deadlines have been extended for many Californians due to the recent storms in California.
4. Constituents may contact his office if assistance is needed to expedite a passport application or renewal.

SRP 9 MAINTENANCE KPI REPORT

Operations Analyst Joseph Sanchez presented the report. The Board discussed the life of the battery during extremely cold weather.

SRP 10 OPERATIONS KPI REPORT

Mr. Sherrill presented the report. The Board discussed passenger pass-up signage on the bus stops.

CONSENT CALENDAR (CC):

Chairman Crist requested that the Board vote separately on the Consent Calendar items.

CC 1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 28, 2023

Approve the Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2023.

On a motion by Vice Chair Knippel and seconded by Director Flanagan, the Board of Directors approved the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2023.

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

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Director Loa

Absent: None

CC 2 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2023

Receive and file the Financial Report for February 2023.

On a motion by Vice Chair Knippel and seconded by Director Malhi, the Board of Directors approved the Financial Report for February 2023.

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

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

CC 3 AUTHORITY'S CLASSIFICATION AND SALARY SCHEDULE

1. Approve amending the Authority's Classification and Salary Schedule to include the Contract Administrator position.
2. Find that the California Environmental Quality Act does not apply to this item.

Interested Party: AVTA

The Board discussed the proposed salary increase and fiscal impact.

On a motion by Chairman Crist and seconded by Vice Chair Knippel, the Board of Directors approved amending the Authority's Classification and Salary Schedule to include the Contract Administrator position.

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

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

RA 1 REPORT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CEO MARTIN TOMPKINS

Stated AVTA was featured in the September 2022 edition of the Metro Magazine.

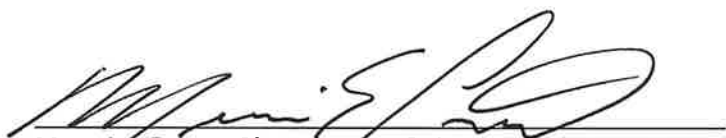
MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – NON-AGENDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ITEMS:

There were no miscellaneous business – non-agenda items presented.

ADJOURNMENT:

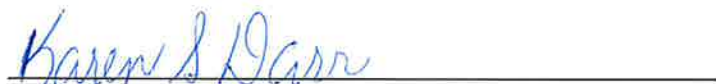
Chairman Crist adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m. to the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on April 25, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Antelope Valley Transit Authority Community Room, 42210 6th Street West, Lancaster, CA.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 25th day of APRIL 2023.



Marvin Crist, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:



Karen S. Darr, Clerk of the Board

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