



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

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 10:02 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 Chair Knippel, Directors Loa, Ohlsen, Malhi, Flanagan

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC BUSINESS – AGENDIZED AND NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS:

Laurel Forrest expressed her appreciation to the staff for researching her proposal to expand service north of Avenues H and I to transport unhoused and low-income veterans and disabled persons to access programs and benefits.

Milcah White thanked the Board, staff, Dial-A-Ride (DAR) administrators, and operators for addressing her concerns. She asked how to promote her business with the local community, AVTA, and the Board.

Charlotte Baxter spoke about the DAR service she received the week of March 19, 2024. She detailed her interactions with the operators and administration staff, late arrivals, unacceptable communications, the drivers refusing to assist clients in wheelchairs, and the verbal interaction that ensued. She also voiced her concerns about the operators not being able to have restroom breaks in a timely matter.

Fran Sereseres complimented the DAR service.

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

SRP 1 LEGISLATIVE REPORT FROM SENATOR SCOTT WILK’S OFFICE

Thomas Moreno, District Representative for Senator Scott Wilk’s office, stated that Senate Bill (SB)-1023 California State University: Antelope Valley or Victor Valley campus cleared the Senate Education Committee and SB-961 Vehicles: safety equipment is scheduled to be heard on April 4, 2024.

SRP 2 LEGISLATIVE REPORT FROM ASSEMBLYMEMBER TOM LACKEY’S OFFICE

Pamela Balch, District Director for Assemblymember Tom Lackey’s office, stated that Assemblymember Lackey supports Assembly Bill (AB)-3083 Domestic violence: protective orders: background checks. She provided an update on AB-2535 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program and SB-960 Transportation: planning: transit priority projects: multimodal. Ms. Balch will forward Assemblymember Lackey’s legislative package to Ms. Darr.

SRP 3 PRESENTATION TO AVTA EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY 2024

Customer Service Satisfaction Manager Carlos Lopez presented Customer Service Representative II Sharmaine Malachosky with the Employee of the Month award for February 2024.

SRP 4 PRESENTATION TO MV TRANSPORTATION EMPLOYEE AND OPERATOR OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY 2024

MV Transportation General Manager Juan Antonio Lopez presented Terrence Cloud with the Employee of the Month award and Gerald Wall with the Operator of the Month award.

SRP 5 PRESENTATION TO AV TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (AVTS) EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY 2024

The award will be presented at the April 23, 2024 Board meeting.

SRP 6 AVTS MICROTRANSIT AND DIAL-A-RIDE KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPI) REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2024

AV Transportation Services President Art Minasyan presented the report and provided the Board with the breakdown of customer complaints.

SRP 7 LEGISLATIVE REPORT AND FINANCE UPDATE FOR MARCH 2024

Chief Financial Officer Judy Vaccaro-Fry presented an update regarding the draft guidelines for Cycle 7 of the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program, the closure of the REV Group, the state and federal budgets for Fiscal Year 2025, Safe Streets and Roads for All program grant opportunity, and High-Speed Rail project.

Ms. Vaccaro-Fry also provided an update on the meetings with Los Angeles County representatives regarding jurisdictional contributions. AVTA staff has provided audited numbers, FTA-approved numbers, and NTD submitted data for AVTA's various transportation modes for FY 2023. The ratio of the remaining overall deficit is calculated to be 39% for Los Angeles County, 31% for Lancaster, and 30% for Palmdale. AVTA staff anticipates a response from Los Angeles County representatives by the end of the week. Ms. Vaccaro-Fry confirmed that Lancaster pays \$1.5 million, Palmdale pays \$1.3 million, and LA County has provided a 29% increase over the last two fiscal years and has paid a little over \$800,000.

Chairman Crist directed Executive Director/CEO Martin Tompkins to develop a plan to shut down County services until the jurisdictions are at equitable numbers. This has been an issue for four years. Each jurisdiction has a third of the Board vote, and everything is a third except for payment and cost. More money was spent on Los Angeles County services than on Lancaster and Palmdale, and LA County paid less than the cities.

SRP 8 MAINTENANCE KPI REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2024

Maintenance Compliance Analyst Joseph Sanchez presented the report. The Board briefly discussed the energy depot cost per KWH at Sgt. Steve Owen Memorial Park.

SRP 9 OPERATIONS KPI REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2024

Mr. Lopez presented the report. Mr. Tompkins stated that staff will present data regarding industrywide ridership on all modes of transportation at the Board of Directors meeting on March 26, 2024.

CONSENT CALENDAR (CC):

CC 1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 2024

Approve the Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2024.

CC 2 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2024

Receive and file the Financial Report for February 2024.

CC 3 DESTRUCTION OF AVTA RECORDS

In accordance with AVTA's Record Retention Policy, authorize the destruction of the on-site records (paper, electronic, audio, photographic, etc.) detailed on the Records Destruction list.

On a motion by Vice Chair Knippel and seconded by Director Loa, the Board of Directors approved the Consent Calendar as comprised.

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

There were no reports or announcements.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – NON-AGENDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ITEMS:

Vice Chair Knippel thanked Mr. Tompkins and Ms. Vaccaro-Fry for meeting with Los Angeles County staff and providing them with numerous detailed documentation regarding their jurisdictional contributions.

ADJOURNMENT:

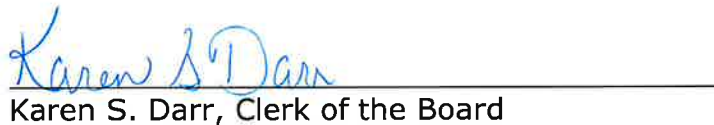
Chairman Crist adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m. to the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on April 23, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Antelope Valley Transit Authority Community Room, 42210 6th Street West, Lancaster, CA.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 23rd day of APRIL 2024.



Marvin Crist, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:



Karen S. Darr, Clerk of the Board

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