



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

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

Vice-Chair Knippel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present

Chairman Marvin Crist, Vice-Chair Dianne Knippel, Director Richard Loa, Director Raj Malhi, Director Michelle Royal, Alternate-Director Kathryn Mac Laren

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion by Vice-Chair Knippel and seconded by Director Royal, the Board of Directors approved the agenda as presented.

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

Yeas: Chairman Crist, Vice-Chair Knippel, Directors Loa, Malhi, Royal, Alternate-Director Mac Laren

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC BUSINESS – AGENDIZED AND NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS:

Timothy McLaughlin addressed the FBI investigation involving Chairman Crist and Director Malhi and thanked the Dial-A-Ride (DAR) drivers and dispatch for their excellent work.

Charlotte Baxter thanked AVTA and AVTS staff for their exceptional help with DAR services.

Dwight Schneider observed improved DAR scheduling; however, he was unable to secure a ride on Friday because no options were available. He is unsure whether his area is subject to restrictions and is seeking prompt assistance to resolve the issue.

Andre Davis commends the DAR team and drivers and recommends improved vehicle sanitation.

Fran Sereseres praised the Chairman's work and called the city a great place to live.

SPECIAL REPORTS, PRESENTATIONS, AND REQUESTS FOR DIRECTION (SRP): During this portion of the meeting, staff will present information not generally covered under regular meeting items. This information may include, but is not limited to, budget presentations, staff conference presentations, or information from outside sources related to the transit industry. **Staff will seek directions as is necessary from the Board with regard to the following item(s).**

SRP 1 LEGISLATIVE REPORT FROM SENATOR SUZETTE VALLADARES' OFFICE

The representative was unable to attend.

SRP 2 LEGISLATIVE REPORT FROM ASSEMBLYMEMBER TOM LACKEY'S OFFICE

The representative was unable to attend.

SRP 3 PRESENTATION TO MV TRANSPORTATION OPERATOR OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH 2026

Assistant General Manager Genie Maxie stated the March award will be presented at the May board meeting, as the operator was unable to attend.

SRP 4 PRESENTATION TO AV TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (AVTS) OPERATOR OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH 2026

Quality Assurance Manager Amalia Rodriguez presented the award to Julian Miller.

SRP 5 AVTS DIAL-A-RIDE AND MICROTRANSIT KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPI) REPORT FOR MARCH 2026

Mr. Minasyan presented the report with no further inquiries.

SRP 6 LEGISLATIVE REPORT UPDATE FOR APRIL 2026

Chief Financial Officer Judy Vaccaro-Fry delivered a comprehensive update regarding the 19 monitored state Assembly bills. Of these, 13 remain under consideration, three have advanced to the Senate, and three have not passed. In addition, she addressed pending Senate bills, the fiscal year 2027 state budget, Cap-and-Invest amendments, the U.S. fiscal year 2025 financial audit, the fiscal year 2027 federal budget, and the updated regional FAP.

SRP 7 MAINTENANCE KPI REPORT FOR MARCH 2026

Operations and Contracts Compliance Manager Joseph Sanchez presented the report with no further inquiries.

SRP 8 OPERATIONS KPI REPORT FOR MARCH 2026

Assistant General Manager Genie Maxie presented the report. The Board inquired about vehicle air conditioning and whether rising fuel prices are increasing ridership.

CONSENT CALENDAR (CC): Consent items may be received and filed and/or approved by the Board in a single motion. If any member of the Executive Board wishes to discuss a consent item, please request the item be pulled for further discussion and potential action.

CC 1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 24, 2026

Approve the Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2026.

CC 2 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MARCH

Receive and file the Financial Report for March 2026.

CC 3 FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 (FY 2026) LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT FOR MARCH 2026

Receive and file the FY 2025/2026 (FY 2026) Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Monthly Report for March 2026.

CC 4 MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS LOG

Receive and file the Marketing and Communications Log for (March 12 through April 8, 2026).

CC 5 AMEND THE AGENCY'S CLASSIFICATION AND SALARY SCHEDULE

Approve the amendment of the Agency's Classification and Salary Schedule to reclassify the Clerk of the Board position to the Clerk of the Board/Executive Assistant position and reclassify the Contracts/DBE Administrator position to Contracts/DBE and Records Management Administrator.

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

Vote: Motion carried (6-0-0-0)
Yeas: Chairman Crist, Vice-Chair Knippel, Directors Loa, Malhi, Royal, Alternate-Director Mac Laren
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS (NB):

NB 1 ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 (FY 2027)

On a motion by Director Royal and seconded by Director Loa, the Board of Directors nominated and elected Marvin Crist as Chairman and Dianne Knippel as Vice-Chair for FY 2027.

Vote: Motion carried (6-0-0-0)
Yeas: Chairman Crist, Vice-Chair Knippel, Directors Loa, Malhi, Royal, Alternate-Director Mac Laren
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

NB 2 AUTHORIZATION FOR LAND PURCHASE FROM CITY OF LANCASTER

The Executive Director/CEO presented the report. The Board clarified that AVTA initially planned to purchase the land, but due to issues with the buyer, it was acquired by the city. Now, AVTA is purchasing the property from the city. The Board also discussed the acreage and price.

On a motion by Vice-Chair Knippel and seconded by Director Royal, the Board of Directors approved the Executive Director/CEO to enter into a Land Purchase and Sale Agreement with the City of Lancaster and to execute all related documents. Parcels to be purchased are as follows. Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 3128-013-909, 3128-010-900, 3128-013-910, 3128-013-907, 3128-013-001, 3128-013-911, and 3128-013-908.

Vote: Motion carried (6-0-0-0)
Yeas: Chairman Crist, Vice-Chair Knippel, Directors Loa, Malhi, Royal,
Alternate-Director Mac Laren
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

NB 3 AUTHORIZATION FOR SOLAR FARM DEVELOPMENT AND ENTRY INTO A POWER PURCHASING AGREEMENT (PPA)

Director of Contracts and Procurement Cecil Foust presented the report with no further inquiries.

On a motion by Director Royal and seconded by Alternate-Director Mac Laren, the Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director/CEO to negotiate, execute all related documents, and enter into a Power Purchasing Agreement and solar farm development with Participate Energy in partnership with Lancaster Energy for a period of 25 years.

Vote: Motion carried (6-0-0-0)
Yeas: Chairman Crist, Vice-Chair Knippel, Directors Loa, Malhi, Royal,
Alternate-Director Mac Laren
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

NB 4 FY 2027 PRELIMINARY BUDGET ASSUMPTIONS

Chief Financial Officer Judy Vaccaro-Fry presented the report with no further inquiries.

On a motion by Vice-Chair Knippel and seconded by Director Royal, the Board of Directors approved the FY 2027 Preliminary Budget Assumptions as presented.

Vote: Motion carried (6-0-0-0)
Yeas: Chairman Crist, Vice-Chair Knippel, Directors Loa, Malhi, Royal,
Alternate-Director Mac Laren
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

NB 5 JURISDICTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS - CAPITAL

Chief Financial Officer Judy Vaccaro-Fry presented the report. The Board instructed that a system be developed to pause jurisdictional payments when sufficient grant or reserve funds are available and requested that it be presented at the next Board meeting.

Palmdale City Manager Salvador Mendez noted percentage increases after 2028 and asked for clarification on the percentage changes. Ms. Vaccaro-Fry explained the revised percentages are determined based on projected outcomes from upcoming route enhancements.

On a motion by Director Royal and seconded by Vice-Chair Knippel, the Board of Directors directs staff to return with a plan to address jurisdictional reductions.

Vote: Motion carried (6-0-0-0)
Yeas: Chairman Crist, Vice-Chair Knippel, Directors Loa, Malhi, Royal, Alternate-Director Mac Laren
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (RA):

RA 1 REPORT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CEO

There were no reports or announcements.

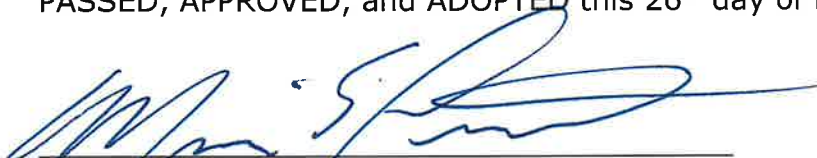
MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – NON-AGENDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ITEMS:

There were no reports or announcements.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Crist adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m. to the regular meeting of the Board of Directors on May 26, 2026, 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 MAY 2026.



Marvin Crist, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:



DeeAnna Cason, Clerk of the Board/Executive Assistant

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