



**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**Tuesday, April 22, 2014**

**10:00 a.m.**

Antelope Valley Transit Authority Community Room  
42210 6<sup>th</sup> Street West, Lancaster, California 93534  
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**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Hickling called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Director Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present

Chairman Norm Hickling  
Vice Chairman Marvin Crist  
Director Tom Lackey  
Director Steve Hofbauer  
Director Dianne Knippel  
Director Sandra Johnson

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Motion: Approve the agenda as comprised.**

Moved by Vice Chairman Crist, seconded by Director Johnson

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

Yeas: Chairman Hickling, Vice Chairman Crist, and Directors Lackey, Hofbauer, Knippel, and Johnson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

There was no public business presented.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

James Stouvenel, a member of the public, announced that he will represent Southern California on the Metrolink Transit Rider Advisory Board.

**SPECIAL REPORTS and PRESENTATIONS (SRP):**

- SRP 1 PRESENTATION OF VEOLIA OPERATOR OF THE MONTH AND EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH 2014

Veolia General Manager Hector Fuentes and Executive Director Julie Austin presented a plaque to Griselda Marin, Employee of the Month for March. Mr. Fuentes announced that the Operator of the Month for March was Antwanette Roberson who was not present to receive her award.

- SRP 2 PRESENTATION TO THE WINNER OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL BUS ROADEO COMPETITION – NORM HICKLING

On behalf of Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Chairman Hickling presented a commendation to Jamil Mortis for winning first place in AVTA's Second Annual Bus Roadeo. Mr. Mortis will represent AVTA at the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) International Bus Roadeo in Kansas City on May 4.

- SRP 3 PRESENTATION OF THE EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER (JANUARY 1 – MARCH 31, 2014)

Executive Director Julie Austin presented a plaque to Grants Administrator Judy Vaccaro-Fry, AVTA's Employee of the Quarter.

- SRP 4 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FOR APRIL 2014

Grants Administrator Judy Vaccaro-Fry presented details regarding the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Proposal, President's Proposed FY15 Budget, and Transit Commuter Bill. There was no Board discussion regarding this item.

**Motion: Receive and file the Federal Legislative Update for April 2014.**

Moved by Vice Chairman Crist, seconded by Director Lackey

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

Yeas: Chairman Hickling, Vice Chairman Crist, and Directors Lackey, Hofbauer, Knippel, and Johnson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

SRP 5 STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FOR APRIL 2014

Marketing Manager Wendy Williams presented details affecting the Senate Bill 1134 – Digital Advertising Signs and Senate Bill 1156 – Carbon Tax Law of 2014. There was no Board discussion regarding this item.

**Motion: Receive and file the State Legislative Update for April 2014.**

Moved by Vice Chairman Crist, seconded by Director Lackey

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

Yeas: Chairman Hickling, Vice Chairman Crist, and Directors Lackey, Hofbauer, Knippel, and Johnson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

SRP 6 DISCUSSION OF FY15 DRAFT BUSINESS PLAN

Director of Finance Colby Konisek presented the FY15 Draft Business Plan, highlighting the Authority's FY14 accomplishments, FY15 goals, primary assumptions, operating expenditures and revenues, and five-year operating and capital plans. Ms. Austin added that there are more passengers using AVTA's commuter service due to Metrolink restructuring their fares. She suggested that staff research various fare restructuring options in order to fund the expansion of the commuter bus fleet and possibly the local fleet.

The Board discussed the overcrowding on AVTA's commuter buses and the option of restructuring the fares to offset fleet expansion costs. The Board requested that staff return at the May 27, 2014 Board meeting with various operating plan scenarios that will support ridership increases.

**Motion:** Receive and file the FY15 Draft Business Plan; and provide at the May 27, 2014 Board meeting new Operating Plan scenarios for the FY15 Business Plan that include a fare restructuring analysis to support the increased commuter ridership.

Moved by Vice Chairman Crist, seconded by Director Johnson

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

Yeas: Chairman Hickling, Vice Chairman Crist, and Directors Lackey, Hofbauer, Knippel, and Johnson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

### **CONSENT CALENDAR (CC):**

CC 1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 25, 2014 – KAREN DARR

**Motion:** Approve Consent Calendar item 1.

Moved by Vice Chairman Crist, seconded by Director Lackey

Vote: Motion carried (4-0-2-0)

Yeas: Chairman Hickling, Vice Chairman Crist, and Directors Lackey and Knippel

Nays: None

Abstain: Directors Hofbauer and Johnson

Absent: None

CC 2 FINANCIAL REPORTS – FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2014 – COLBY KONISEK

CC 3 FY14 THIRD QUARTER LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT – JANUARY 1 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2014 – WENDY WILLIAMS

CC 4 AMENDMENT #5 TO CONTRACT #2012-010 WITH MOORE AND ASSOCIATES FOR MOBILITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES – WENDY WILLIAMS

**Motion:** Approve Consent Calendar items 2 through 4.

Moved by Vice Chairman Crist, seconded by Director Lackey

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

Yeas: Chairman Hickling, Vice Chairman Crist, and Directors Lackey, Hofbauer, Knippel, and Johnson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**NEW BUSINESS (NB):**

NB 1 CONTRACT AWARD – MOTOR COACH INDUSTRIES (MCI) FOR THREE REPLACEMENT COMMUTER COACHES

The Board waived the presentation of the staff report. There was no Board discussion regarding this item.

**Motion: Authorize the Executive Director to execute Contract No. 2014-14 with MCI for a five-year term; and authorize the purchase of three replacement commuter coaches through Victor Valley Transit Authority's Consortium Agreement. Staff will return to the Board for approval prior to ordering additional coaches.**

Moved by Vice Chairman Crist, seconded by Director Knippel

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

Yeas: Chairman Hickling, Vice Chairman Crist, and Directors Lackey, Hofbauer, Knippel, and Johnson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

NB 2 ANTELOPE VALLEY AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (AVAQMD) GRANT AWARD CONDITIONS – WIRELESS ADVANCED VEHICLE ELECTRIFICATION (WAVE) INDUCTIVE CHARGER

The Board waived the presentation of the staff report. The Board discussed the exclusive use of WAVE technology for future electric bus procurements. Clarification was made that the Board approved motion is limited to the two electric demonstration buses currently in production.

**Motion: Confirm that any future electric bus procurements will require compatibility with WAVE inductive charging technology, and direct staff to notify the AVAQMD of this intent.**

Moved by Vice Chairman Crist, seconded by Director Johnson

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

Yeas: Chairman Hickling, Vice Chairman Crist, and Directors Lackey, Hofbauer, Knippel, and Johnson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

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

General Counsel D. Craig Fox presented the item to be discussed in Closed Session.

CS 1 Conference with Labor Negotiators  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9

AUTHORITY NEGOTIATOR: Executive Director

UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES: All Classifications

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION:**

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 10:59 a.m.

**Chairman Hickling was excused from the meeting at 10:59 a.m.**

**RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION:**

The Board reconvened to Public Session at 11:35 a.m.

**REPORT BY LEGAL COUNSEL OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION:**

General Counsel stated that there was no reportable action.

**REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (RA):**

RA 1 Executive Director's Report – Julie Austin

- The Board members informational packet included the rolling agenda for future Board meetings and upcoming staff travel.
- Len Engel, Mark Perry, and Ms. Austin will be attending the APTA Bus & Paratransit Conference and International Bus Roadeo in Kansas City between May 3 and May 7. Jamil Mortis will represent AVTA at the International Roadeo on May 4.
- Wendy Williams and Ms. Austin will be attending the California Transit Association Spring Legislative Conference in Sacramento on May 27 and 28, 2014.
- Ms. Austin congratulated Vice Chairman Marvin Crist for winning another term as Councilmember for the City of Lancaster.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – NON-AGENDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ITEMS:**

The Board members had nothing to report.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Vice Chairman Crist adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m. to the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on May 27, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Antelope Valley Transit Authority Community Room, 42210 6<sup>th</sup> Street West, Lancaster, California.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED THIS 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY 2014.

  
Norman L. Hickling, Chairman

  
Julie M. Austin, Secretary

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