



Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

Legislative Workshop

Tuesday, January 22, 2015

9:00 a.m.

Antelope Valley Transit Authority Community Room
42210 6th Street West, Lancaster, California
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OFFICIAL MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Norm Hickling called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Director of Communications Wendy Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present

Chairman Norm Hickling
Director Dianne Knippel
Director Sandra Johnson
Alternate Director Fred Thompson

Absent

Vice Chairman Marvin Crist
Director Steve Hofbauer

Motion: Excuse the absence of Vice Chairman Crist and Director Hofbauer

Moved by Alternate Director Thompson, seconded by Director Knippel

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

Yeas: Chairman Hickling, Directors Knippel and Johnson, and Alternate Director Thompson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Vice Chairman Crist and Director Hofbauer

Following were also in attendance:

TAC Members

Brian Kuhn, City of Palmdale
Allen Thompson, City of Lancaster
Ann Meiners and Jordan Catanese, County of Los Angeles

AVTA Staff

Executive Director Julie Austin, Director of Operations and Maintenance Len Engel, Director of Finance Colby Konisek, Director of Communications Wendy Williams, and Grants Administrator Judy Vaccaro-Fry

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Approve the agenda as comprised.

Moved by Director Johnson, seconded by Director Knippel

Vote: Motion carried (4-0-0-2)
Yeas: Chairman Hickling, Directors Knippel and Johnson, and Alternate Director Thompson
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Vice Chairman Crist and Director Hofbauer

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

There was no public business presented.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

There were no miscellaneous business items presented.

LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP:

Ms. Austin introduced AVTA's legislative advocate and workshop moderator Steven Palmer, Vice President, Van Scoyoc Associates.

The Board examined a variety of issues related to the 114th Congress, Transportation Reauthorization and Highway Trust Fund sustainability, transit industry issues, potential federal funding for electric buses and supporting infrastructure, and AVTA's 2015 Legislative Principles.

The Board discussed various grants that could offset the cost of AVTA's transit-related projects and obtaining letters of support from elected officials. Mr. Palmer stated that he would develop a list of grant options to help maximize funding opportunities.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – NON-AGENDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ITEMS:

Director Johnson thanked staff for hosting the legislative workshop.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Hickling adjourned the meeting at 10:16 a.m. to the next Regular meeting of the Board of Directors on January 27, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Antelope Valley Transit Authority Community Room, 42210 6th Street West, Lancaster, California.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 24th day of February 2015.


Norman L. Hickling, Chairman


Julie M. Austin, Secretary

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