



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Tuesday, August 27, 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 10:01 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 Royal

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

On a motion by Director Loa and seconded by Director Malhi, the agenda was approved as comprised.

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

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC BUSINESS– AGENDIZED AND NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS:

Timothy Mclaughlin spoke about the Dial-A-Ride (DAR) electric vans and the length of time it takes to load and unload clients.

Charlotte Baxter thanked the Executive Director/CEO Martin Tompkins for his guidance on how to get to her appointments in the Los Angeles area. She also thanked the AV Transportation Services (AVTS) staff and operators for their assistance with the DAR services.

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

SRP 2 LEGISLATIVE REPORT FROM ASSEMBLYMEMBER TOM LACKEY'S OFFICE

Anna Zarley, District Director for Assemblymember Lackey, stated there was little to report because the 2024 legislative session ends on August 31. If there are any requests for Assemblyman Lackey, he can be reached at his district office for the next couple of months. She also thanked the board members for all they do for the community.

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

Tisha Lane, Operations and Contract Compliance Manager presented Wayne Floyd, Transit Ambassador, with the Employee of the Month award.

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

Thomas Conlon, MV Transportation General Manager, presented Certificates of Recognition to the Employee of the Month Taryn Bray, and the Operator of the Month Thelma Varnado.

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

AVTS President Art Minasyan presented the report. Mr. Minasyan described the eight preventable accidents and added that training on the new electric vans is being provided to the operators. Mr. Tompkins stated that additional training is being provided at the AVTA facility. The Board discussed the passenger feedback regarding wait times.

SRP 7 LEGISLATIVE REPORT AND FINANCE UPDATE FOR AUGUST 2024

Judy Vaccaro-Fry, Chief Financial Officer, presented an update regarding various assembly and senate bills, the PEPRA 13 (c) case, the High-Speed Rail project, the low-carbon fuel standard (LCFS) program, Federal Fiscal Year (FFY 2025) Appropriations and key dates, Congressman Mike Garcia's town hall meetings, the Alliance for Renewable Clean Hydrogen Energy Systems (ARCHES) and the United States Department of Energy's (DOE) \$12.6 billion agreement, Buy America Waiver, the National Transportation Safety Board's response to a proposed rule to move marijuana from Schedule I to Schedule III of the Controlled Substances Act, California securing a \$600 million federal grant from the US Department of Energy, and AVTA's audits and federal grants.

The Board discussed the High-Speed Rail infrastructure and early work in Palmdale.

SRP 8 MAINTENANCE KPI REPORT FOR JULY 2024

Joseph Sanchez, Maintenance Compliance Analyst, presented the report. The Board discussed the status of the Lancaster Choice Energy agreement with AVTA.

SRP 9 OPERATIONS KPI REPORT FOR JULY 2024

Mr. Conlon presented the report. The Board discussed the types of complaints, disciplinary action, and the customer service training program.

CONSENT CALENDAR (CC):

CC 1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 23, 2024

Approve the Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2024.

CC 2 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY 2024 AND FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2023/2024 FOURTH-QUARTER TREASURER'S REPORT

Receive and file the Financial Report for July 2024 and FY 2024 Fourth-Quarter Treasurer's Report, including Capital Reserve and Farebox Recovery information.

On a motion by Vice Chair Knippel and seconded by Director Royal, 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, Royal

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

CLOSED SESSION (CS):

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

- CS 1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)
Significant exposure to litigation (two potential cases)

- CS 2 Conference with Legal Counsel – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)
Consideration of whether to initiate litigation (one potential case)
- CS 3 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Consideration of Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(D)(4) (one potential case)

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 10:57 a.m.

RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened at 11:02 a.m.

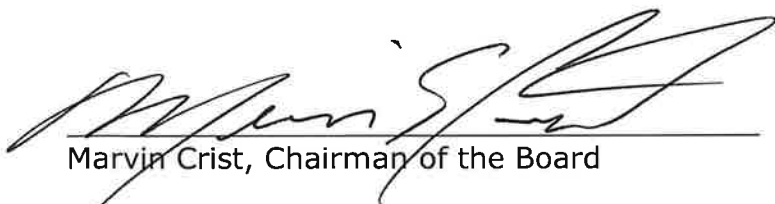
REPORT BY LEGAL COUNSEL OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

General Counsel Allison Burns stated that the Board discussed CS 3 and gave direction to staff and legal counsel. There was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Crist adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m. to the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on September 24, 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 24th day of SEPTEMBER 2024.



Marvin Crist, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:



Karen S. Darr, Clerk of the Board

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