



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

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:

Director Royal led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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 Vice Chair Knippel and seconded by Director Malhi, 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, Royal

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC BUSINESS– AGENDIZED AND NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS:

Dwight Schneider voiced concerns about the Dial-a-Ride (DAR) app issues and his late rides.

Charlotte Baxter thanked Judy Vaccaro-Fry for the budget, the DAR, and local services for their work during the protest. Ms. Baxter voiced concerns about the DAR app issues and her late afternoon rides.

Milcah White thanked the DAR and local services for accommodating her when necessary, voiced her concerns about transportation on holidays, and suggested streaming the board meetings to accommodate those unable to attend.

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

SRP 1 LEGISLATIVE REPORT FROM SENATOR SUZETTE VALLADARES' OFFICE

Jack Danielson, State Senator Valladares' field representative, provided an update on SB 296, as amended, by Archuleta. Property taxation: exemption for disabled veteran homeowners, SB 563, as amended by Valladares. State parks: Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation grants; eligible applicant, SB 508, as amended, Valladares. Out-of-state physicians and surgeons: telehealth: license exemption.

SRP 2 LEGISLATIVE REPORT FROM ASSEMBLYMEMBER TOM LACKEY'S OFFICE

The representative was unable to attend.

SRP 3 PRESENTATION TO GERALDINA ROMO, PLANNING MANAGER, FOR 10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Director of Operations and Planning Tisha Lane presented the award to Geraldina Romo, Planning Manager, in recognition of 10 years of outstanding and dedicated service to the Authority.

SRP 4 PRESENTATION TO AMY AMALBERT, CUSTOMER SERVICE SUPERVISOR, FOR 10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Customer Satisfaction Manager Carlos Lopez presented the award to Amy Amalbert, Customer Service Supervisor, in recognition of 10 years of outstanding and dedicated service to the Authority.

SRP 5 PRESENTATION TO AVTA EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR MAY 2025

Planning Manager Geraldina Romo presented Ashley Fabela, Transit Analyst, with the Employee of the Month award.

SRP 6 PRESENTATION TO MV TRANSPORTATION EMPLOYEE AND OPERATOR OF THE MONTH FOR MAY 2025

MV Transportation Assistant General Manager Genie Maxie presented Wendy Quinonez with the Employee of the Month award and Luis Rios with the Operator of the Month award.

SRP 7 PRESENTATION TO AV TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (AVTS) EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR MAY 2025

AV Transportation Services President Art Minasyan stated that he would present the May Employee of the Month award at the July board meeting, as the recipient would be unable to attend the meeting.

SRP 8 AVTS MICROTRANSIT AND DIAL-A-RIDE KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPI) REPORT FOR MAY 2025

AV Transportation Services President Art Minasyan presented the report, providing details on the monthly complaints and noting that all statistics are tracked. The board discussed the loading of baskets onto DAR vehicles. Mr. Minasyan explained they load baskets, but if they are too heavy, they must be loaded onto a vehicle equipped with a ramp. The board noted that the service has a 98% success rate, representing a significant improvement.

SRP 9 LEGISLATIVE REPORT FOR JUNE 2025

Chief Financial Officer Judy Vaccaro-Fry provided an update on the state budget and mentioned that SB 125, as introduced, is before the Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Budget Act of 2025 is paused and being revised, the status of various assembly and senate bills, EV Mandates revoked, Governor's Executive Order N-27-25, doubling down on the state's efforts to transition from fossil fuels and further advance California's clean vehicle transition, Transportation Secretary Duffy is moving through a massive backlog of federal grants that have been awarded and not executed on more than 3,200 projects, EV registration fee, SCAG – Clean Cities, a new bus manufacturer, El Dorado National California Inc.

SRP 10 MAINTENANCE KPI REPORT

Operations Contract Compliance Manager Joseph Sanchez presented the report. The board discussed reporting on the diesel comparison cost in next month's report.

SRP 11 OPERATIONS KPI REPORT

MV Transportation Assistant General Manager Genie Maxie presented the report. The board discussed the reported passenger injury. Ms. Maxie stated that a vehicle collided with the bus, resulting in an injury to one of the passengers. The chairman inquired about the slowdown in on-time performance. Ms. Maxie noted that all the road construction is affecting service.

CONSENT CALENDAR (CC):

CC 1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 27, 2025

Approve the Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes of May 27, 2025.

CC 2 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY 2025

Receive and file the Financial Report for May 2025.

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 Director Royal and seconded by Vice Chair Knippel, the Board of Directors approved the Consent Calendar.

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

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

Abstain: None

Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS (NB):

NB 1 FINANCE AND GRANT STATUS REPORT

Chief Financial Officer Judy Vaccaro-Fry presented the report.

On a motion by Vice Chair Knippel and seconded by Director Loa, the Board of Directors receive and file the Finance and Grant Status Report.

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

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

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:

No miscellaneous business items were presented.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Crist adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m. to the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on July 22, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Antelope Valley Transit Authority Community Room, 42210 6th Street West, Lancaster, CA.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 22nd day of JULY 2025.



Marvin Crist, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:



DeeAnna Cason, Executive Assistant

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