

STANISLAUS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes of January 26, 2023
(Thursday) 1:00 p.m.

Important Notice Regarding COVID-19

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Terry Withrow (Stanislaus County); Channce Condit (Stanislaus County); Steven Morrow (Citizen Members); Chris Ricci (City of Modesto); David Wright (City of Modesto); Carla Strong (Citizen Member)

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None absent

STAFF PRESENT: Adam Barth (CEO), Monica Streeter (General Counsel) Angela Swanson, Valerie Fabela, Simon Herrera, Leticia Ortiz,

ALSO PRESENT: WC Phil, Margie, Tanner Anderson-Smith, Clarissa Hernlund, Ron, Christian Perreira

1. CALL TO ORDER

Terry Withrow opened the meeting at 1:00 pm

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the public may address the Board on any item not on the agenda. Comments shall be limited to three minutes unless the Chair of the Board sets a different time limit. The Board cannot take action on matters not on the agenda, unless the action is authorized by Section 54954.2 of the Government Code.

5. CONSENT

A. Motion to Approve the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority Regular Meeting Minutes of December 1, 2022

B. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-083 Identifying Authorized Bank Signers

C. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-084 Approving a Social Media Policy

***By Motion, (Director Wright, Director Ricci), and a 6-0 vote, the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority Board Approved Items 5A, 5B, and 5C of the Consent Calendar**

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Motion to Nominate and Elect Calendar Year 2023 Board Chair and Vice-Chair

Director Wright nominates Vice Chair Withrow as the 2023 Board Chair and no discussion needed for this item.

Director Wright nominates Director Condit as the 2023 Board Vice-Chair and no discussion needed for this item.

***By Motion, (Director Wright, Director Morrow), and a 6-0 vote, the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority Board Approved Items 6A of the Discussion/Action item.**

B. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-085 Approving an Amendment to the Authority Bylaws

Legal Counsel Monica Streeter spoke regarding 6B and went over the changes in the verbiage to the Amended agreement Bylaws, specifically section 1 paragraph 1.3. Director Morrow, Wright & Ricci had some clarification questions and discussions regarding the changes in which Monica provided a more detailed explanation of the process and changes in the amendment.

***By Motion, (Director Wright, Director Morrow), and a 6-0 vote, the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority Board Approved Items 6B of the Discussion/Action item.**

C. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-086 Approving the Purchase of One Commuter Coach and Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Execute All Necessary Documents

Operations Director Simon Herrera gave a presentation regarding the purchase of one commuter bus. The current commuter bus currently has 20-30 riders using the commuter bus and has been in service for 24 years with approximately one million miles. The commuter bus averages 225 miles daily

using the Dublin Bart Station Monday through Friday. Simon went over the proposed commuter coach buses cost, capacity, the benefits, and the life expectancy of the commuter bus.

***By Motion, (Director Ricci, Director Wright), and a 6-0 vote, the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority Board Approved Items 6B of the Discussion/Action item.**

D. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-087 Approving the Purchase of Sixteen Cutaway Buses and Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Execute All Necessary Documents

Operations Director Simon Herrera gave a presentation regarding the purchase of sixteen ADA Paratransit Vehicles. The current 16 paratransit vehicles have exceeded their recommended service life by an average of 7-12 years. Simon went over the proposed paratransit cutaway vans cost, capacity, the benefits, and the life expectancy of the paratransit cutaway vans.

***By Motion, (Director Morrow, Director Condit), and a 6-0 vote, the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority Board Approved Items 6B of the Discussion/Action item.**

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

No information items.

8. CEO REPORT

The agency will be doing a big outreach campaign near the end of February, beginning of March to the public to make sure the public is educated on the new routes going into effect on March 5, 2023.

Go Green Week - free rides March 5-18 2023 using LCTOP funds.

All buses should be rebranded in the next few months.

Transit Center remodel should be completed by March.

Finance Director Leticia Ortiz and her team is finishing up new financial system integration.

9. DIRECTOR REPORTS

Director Morrow reported on positive improvement with the bus driver's morale.

Director Morrow reported on schedule drifts are still an issue in the afternoon.

Chair Withrow suggest free bus rides for Veterans. CEO Adam Barth advised Veterans currently qualify for the half fare discount prices on all Fixed Route buses. Adam will gather the information on how many veterans are currently using the discount fares and report back to board.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM

**Next Regularly Scheduled Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority Meeting:
Thursday, February 23, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.**