



**SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT (METRO)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA MEETING MINUTES*
APRIL 27, 2018 – 9:00 AM
METRO ADMIN OFFICES
110 VERNON STREET
SANTA CRUZ, CA 95060**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) was convened on Friday, April 27, 2018 at the METRO Admin offices, 110 Vernon Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

The Board Meeting Agenda Packet can be found online at www.SCMTD.com and is available for inspection at Santa Cruz METRO's Administrative offices at 110 Vernon Street, Santa Cruz, California. *Minutes are "summary" minutes, not verbatim minutes. Audio recordings of Board meeting open sessions are available to the public upon request.

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SECTION I: OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER at 9:01 AM by Chair McPherson.

ROLL CALL: The following Directors were **present**, representing a quorum:

Director Ed Bottorff	City of Capitola
Director Cynthia Chase	City of Santa Cruz
Director Trina Coffman-Gomez	City of Watsonville
Director Jimmy Dutra	City of Watsonville
Director Norm Hagen	County of Santa Cruz
Director Donna Lind	City of Scotts Valley
Director Cynthia Mathews	City of Santa Cruz
Director Bruce McPherson	County of Santa Cruz
Director Dan Rothwell	County of Santa Cruz
Director Mike Rotkin	County of Santa Cruz

Director Leopold and Ex-Officio Directors McKee and Thomas were absent.

STAFF PRESENT:

Alex Clifford	METRO CEO/General Manager
Julie Sherman	METRO General Counsel

METRO EMPLOYEES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO VOLUNTARILY INDICATED THEY WERE PRESENT (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER) WERE:

Daniel Zaragoza, METRO

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair McPherson introduced Carlos Landaverry and his Spanish Language interpretation services. He announced that the meeting is being televised by Community Television of Santa Cruz County with technician, Mr. Lynn Dunton.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Hearing no comments, Chair McPherson moved to the next agenda item.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Having none, Chair McPherson moved to the next item.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAC

Having none, Chair McPherson moved to the next item.

LABOR ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATIONS

Eduardo Montesino, spoke of a number of resolved labor matters, mentioned that METRO is a small agency and emphasized the importance of communications.

Hearing no further comments, Chair McPherson moved to the next item.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

- Rick Longinotti's 3/22/18 letter to the Board was inadvertently left out of the board packet. As a result, page 9-02A.8 was provided to each Director and is available at the back of the room.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 9-01 ACCEPT AND FILE: PRELIMINARY APPROVED CHECK JOURNAL DETAIL FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2018
- 9-02 ACCEPT AND FILE: MINUTES OF THE MARCH 23, 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
- 9-03 ACCEPT AND FILE: MINUTES OF THE MARCH 23, 2018 SANTA CRUZ CIVIC IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
- 9-04 ACCEPT AND FILE: MINUTES FOR THE METRO ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MAC) MEETING OF FEBRUARY 21, 2018
- 9-05 ACCEPT AND FILE: YEAR TO DATE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF JANUARY 31, 2018
- 9-06 RECOMMENDED ACTION ON TORT CLAIMS

There was no public comment:

ACTION: MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED

MOTION: DIRECTOR ROTKIN

SECOND: DIRECTOR CHASE

MOTION PASSED WITH 10 AYES (Directors Bottorff, Chase, Coffman-Gomez, Dutra, Hagen, Lind, Mathews, McPherson, Rothwell and Rotkin). Director Leopold was absent.

REGULAR AGENDA

10. PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEE LONGEVITY AWARD FOR NOAH VASSEUR

Bruce McPherson, Board Chair, welcomed Mr. Vasseur. Vice Chair Chase presented him with the plaque. Mr. Vasseur thanked METRO and expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve the community.

11. PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT RESOLUTION FOR RUSSELL THOMAS

Bruce McPherson, Board Chair, congratulated Mr. Thomas in absentia.

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE THE RETIREMENT RESOLUTION FOR RUSSELL THOMAS AS PRESENTED

MOTION CARRIED BY THOSE VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT.

12.CEO ORAL REPORT

Alex Clifford, CEO/General Manager, provided an oral update of various state and federal funding bills.

At CEO Clifford's request, Larry Pageler presented a brief update and displayed a t-shirt publicizing the proposed UCSC fee increase. The measure will be on the May ballot, with voting the week of May 17.

CEO Clifford invited the board members to participate in the June 23 – 26, 2018 APTA University being held at the Scotts Valley Hilton. He thanked Donna Lind for volunteering to speak at the welcome reception.

There was no public comment.

13. ACCEPT: ORAL REPORT OF FEDERAL LEGISLATION AND CURRENT LEGISLATIVE ISSUES AS LEARNED DURING BOARD WASHINGTON, DC VISIT APRIL 8-10, 2018

Board Directors Bottorff, Dutra and Rotkin spoke briefly of their various meetings in DC and the current and future state of transit funding.

Chair McPherson thanked the members noting the agency's past actions (being lean on the budget, extending the life of our fleet, success in passing self-help ballot measures, etc.) registered with those in Washington. He thanked everyone for allowing METRO to maintain our service and passing Measure D; this has a big impact on METRO's efforts in DC and Sacramento.

14. RECEIVE AN UPDATE AND PROVIDE THE CEO DIRECTION ON THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD (CARB) PROPOSED ZERO EMISSIONS REGULATION

Alex Clifford, CEO/General Manager, provided commentary to the staff report, drawing the assembly's attention to the four bullets on page 14.5.

Discussion ensued regarding clean diesel technology and bio-diesel versus clean diesel: public perception, cost, maintenance, interpretation, marketing, utilization, etc. with the Directors. The assembly was reminded that the CARB regulation expired in 2015. Director Dutra suggested METRO staff investigate the bio-diesel option and the fueling opportunity in Watsonville.

Chair McPherson requested staff provide the Board with a diesel / CNG reference "cheat sheet" with talking points and glossary.

Chair McPherson noted the possible public confusion with Proposition 69 and SB1. If Proposition 69 passes in June, it would ensure funds allocated to transportation would stay allocated to transportation.

METRO staff will reach out to the local community and send letters to our local cities, governing agencies and legislators in support of transportation and applicable assembly bills.

Director Dutra suggested METRO staff investigate the bio-diesel option and the fueling opportunity in Watsonville.

ACTION: MOTION TO PROVIDE THE CEO DIRECTION, CONCURRING WITH THE REPORT'S RECOMMENDATIONS, ON THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD (CARB) PROPOSED ZERO EMISSIONS REGULATION AND RECOGNIZING THAT SUCH DIRECTION IS IN FURTHERANCE OF MAINTAINING A RELIABLE, COST EFFICIENT SERVICE THAT REFLECTS METRO'S KNOWLEDGE OF AND EXPERIENCE WITH ENVIRONMENTALLY-SOUND BUS TECHNOLOGIES

MOTION: DIRECTOR MATHEWS

SECOND: DIRECTOR BOTTORFF

MOTION PASSED WITH 10 AYES (Directors Bottorff, Chase, Coffman-Gomez, Dutra, Hagen, Lind, Mathews, McPherson, Rothwell and Rotkin). Director Leopold was absent.

Public comment:

Dan Stevenson, METRO employee, applauded the board members who are considering clean or bio-diesel as an option. He referred to a documentary he presented to the board in 2013.

15. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF JASON LOPEZ TO THE METRO ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MAC) FOR A TERM OF OFFICE ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021

Chair McPherson spoke of the tremendous, well-qualified application pool and decision-making process. He welcomed Mr. Lopez to the Committee, noting his is a vehicle-free household; both regular Highway 17 commuters.

Director Hagen voiced his support of the nomination.

Directors encouraged the public to continue to monitor the MAC website to be aware of volunteer opportunities.

There was no public comment.

ACTION: MOTION TO ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT OF JASON LOPEZ TO THE METRO ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MAC) FOR A TERM OF OFFICE ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021 AS PRESENTED

MOTION: DIRECTOR ROTKIN

SECOND: DIRECTOR CHASE

MOTION PASSED WITH 10 AYES (Directors Bottorff, Chase, Coffman-Gomez, Dutra, Hagen, Lind, Mathews, McPherson, Rothwell and Rotkin). Director Leopold was absent.

16: ACCEPT: THE YEAR TO DATE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2018

Angela Aitken, Finance Manager, provided commentary to the presentation. There was discussion of CalPERS: short and long term projections, and payback assessments.

In response to Director Coffman-Gomez's request, Ms. Aitken will provide further breakdown of CalPERS in future reports.

CEO Clifford suggested a report to the Board in June on this subject.

With the anticipation of a measure repealing SB1 on the November ballot, the importance of continued SB1 funding was discussed. Suggestions were made to market those buses funded through SB1 and our local Measure D, using the recently received CTA stickers.

CEO Clifford advised the assembly that two press events will be forthcoming to publicize the three cutaways and three Paul Revere buses METRO will be receiving. We received CTA stickers this week to go on each bus.

Public comment:

Mr. Montesino suggested METRO compare METRO data to peer transit districts, not cities when analyzing pension costs.

There was no public comment

ACTION: MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE THE YEAR TO DATE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2018 AS PRESENTED

MOTION: DIRECTOR MATHEWS

SECOND: DIRECTOR COFFMAN-GOMEZ

MOTION PASSED WITH 10 AYES (Directors Bottorff, Chase, Coffman-Gomez, Dutra, Hagen, Lind, Mathews, McPherson, Rothwell and Rotkin). Director Leopold was absent.

17. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO ADOPT SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT'S EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020

Jolene Church, Human Resources Manager, provided commentary to the staff report and plan, explaining further that its format and technology is mandated by the FTA. The board will be trained on the document, and it will become part of METRO's recruitment efforts.

Vice Chair Chase asked that the development of a METRO Values Statement be referred to the Personnel/HR Standing Committee.

Director Rotkin complimented METRO on reflecting the diversity of our community through our workforce.

Public comment:

Mr. Montesino echoed Director Rotkin's comments, adding the work shifts do pose a challenge to maintaining a diverse workforce.

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO ADOPT SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT'S EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020 AS PRESENTED

MOTION: DIRECTOR ROTKIN

SECOND: DIRECTOR MATHEWS

MOTION PASSED WITH 10 AYES (Directors Bottorff, Chase, Coffman-Gomez, Dutra, Hagen, Lind, Mathews, McPherson, Rothwell and Rotkin). Director Leopold was absent.

Chair McPherson announced the next meeting: Friday, May 18, 2018 at 9:00AM at the Watsonville City Chamber, 275 Main Street, Watsonville and adjourned the meeting at 10:58AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Pye, Executive Assistant