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# **ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT**

## **MINUTES**

### **Board of Directors - Regular Meeting**

AC Transit General Offices  
2nd Floor Board Room  
1600 Franklin Street, Oakland, California

Closed Session - 3:30 PM  
Regular Meeting 5:00 PM

HYBRID MEETING

Phone (669) 900 6833 Webinar ID: 984 8717 5063

**Wednesday, July 23, 2025 at 5:00 PM**

### **MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**DIANE SHAW, PRESIDENT (WARD 5)**  
**MURPHY MCCALLEY, VICE PRESIDENT (WARD 4)**  
**H. E. CHRISTIAN PEEPLES (WARD 1)**  
**JEAN WALSH (WARD 2)**  
**SARAH SYED (WARD 3)**  
**ANTHONY C. SILVA (WARD 6)**  
**JOEL YOUNG (AT-LARGE)**

### **BOARD OFFICERS**

**SALVADOR LLAMAS, GENERAL MANAGER/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
**AIMEE L. STEELE, GENERAL COUNSEL/CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER**  
**LINDA A. NEMEROFF, BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/DISTRICT SECRETARY**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District Board of Directors held a meeting on Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 3:16 p.m. for the purpose of Closed Session. All Board members were present with the exception of Director Syed who arrived at 3:20 p.m. At 3:21 p.m. the Board convened in Closed Session to discuss Items 7A-7B as listed on the agenda. Closed Session concluded at 4:40 p.m.

President Shaw called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** SHAW, McCALLEY, PEEPLES, WALSH, SYED, SILVA, YOUNG

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*[Written comment received prior to the meeting is incorporated into the file by reference as Exhibit A.]*

**Connie McFarland**, Recording Secretary for ATU Local 192, commented that the scheduling department is currently operating with only two schedulers, even though there should be five. McFarland urged the Board to prioritize recruitment and hire additional schedulers to address the staffing shortage.

**Josette Moss**, Treasurer of ATU Local 192, commented on the retirement pension savings that are purportedly set to occur between 2028 and 2038. Moss noted that while the union has been advocating for retirees during contract negotiations, the final agreement does not offer any benefits to them. Moss suggested that the Board contact the Chair of the Retirement Board, for further clarification.

**Kenneth Parker** raised concerns about the red zones at two locations, San Pablo near University and Shattuck/Prince, where parking tickets were received. It was noted that the red zones are faded and barely visible. A recommendation was made for AC Transit to ensure the red zones are properly repainted if residents are to be fined for parking in those areas.

**4. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no modifications to the agenda.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR (AND CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT ITEMS)**

There were no comments offered on items on the Consent Calendar.

MOTION: PEEPLES/McCALLEY receive, adopt and approve items on the Consent Calendar except item 5.C. which was pulled for clarification. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** SHAW, McCALLEY, PEEPLES, WALSH, SYED, SILVA, YOUNG

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- 5.A.** Consider approving Board of Directors meeting minutes of June 25, 2025. [25-051](#)

Staff Contact:

Linda A. Nemeroff, Board Administrative Officer/District Secretary

MOTION: PEEPLES/McCALLEY to approve the Board of Directors meeting minutes of June 25, 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** SHAW, McCALLEY, PEEPLES, WALSH, SYED, SILVA, YOUNG

- 5.B.** Consider approving Board of Directors meeting minutes of July 9, 2025. [25-052](#)

Staff Contact:

Linda A. Nemeroff, Board Administrative Officer/District Secretary

MOTION: PEEPLES/McCALLEY to approve the Board of Directors meeting minutes of July 9, 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** SHAW, McCALLEY, PEEPLES, WALSH, SYED, SILVA, YOUNG

- 5.C.** Consider authorizing Director Young to attend the American Public Transportation Association's (APTA) 2025 Executive Study Mission to Asia on November 5-15, 2025 in Singapore, Seoul in South Korea, and Tokyo, Japan. [25-147a](#)

Staff Contact:

Linda A. Nemeroff, Board Administrative Officer/District Secretary

Item 5.C. was pulled off the Consent Calendar by Director Walsh for clarification regarding the goal of the trip and selection process which were responded to by Director Young. There was no public comment offered.

MOTION: YOUNG/McCALLEY to authorize Director Young to attend the American Public Transportation Association's (APTA) 2025 Executive Study Mission to Asia on November 5-15, 2025 in Singapore, Seoul in South Korea, and Tokyo, Japan. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** SHAW, McCALLEY, PEEPLES, SYED, SILVA, YOUNG

**Abstained:** WALSH

- 5.D.** Consider receiving the Monthly Report on Investments for the months of April and May, 2025. [25-348](#)

Staff Contact:

Chris Andrichak, Chief Financial Officer

MOTION: PEEPLES/McCALLEY to Received Consider receiving the Monthly Report on Investments for the months of April and May, 2025. The motion carried by the

following vote:

**Ayes:** SHAW, McCALLEY, PEEPLES, WALSH, SYED, SILVA, YOUNG

- 5.E.** Consider authorizing the General Manager to attend the 2025 Latinos in Transit Leadership Summit on October 2-4, 2025, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

[25-390](#)

Staff Contact:

Salvador Llamas, General Manager/Chief Executive Officer

MOTION: PEEPLES/McCALLEY to authorize the General Manager to attend the 2025 Latinos in Transit Leadership Summit on October 2-4, 2025, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** SHAW, McCALLEY, PEEPLES, WALSH, SYED, SILVA, YOUNG

- 5.F.** Consider the adoption of Resolution No. 25-028 establishing the Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2025-26 at \$721,083,199.

[25-337a](#)

Staff Contact:

Chris Andrichak, Chief Financial Officer

MOTION: PEEPLES/McCALLEY to adopt Resolution No. 25-028 establishing the Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2025-26 at \$721,083,199. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** SHAW, McCALLEY, PEEPLES, WALSH, SYED, SILVA, YOUNG

- 5.G.** Consider approving amendments to Board Policy 244 - Temporary Worker Staffing Policy.

[25-375](#)

Staff Contact:

James Arcellana, Interim Executive Director of Human Resources

MOTION: PEEPLES/McCALLEY to approve amendments to Board Policy 244 - Temporary Worker Staffing Policy. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** SHAW, McCALLEY, PEEPLES, WALSH, SYED, SILVA, YOUNG

## **6. REGULAR CALENDAR**

### **External Affairs Items - Chair Peeples**

- 6.A.** Consider receiving the monthly legislative report and approving legislative positions.

[25-385](#)

Staff Contact:

Claudia Burgos, Interim Executive Director of External Affairs,  
Marketing & Communications

Interim Executive Director of Legislative Affairs, Marketing and Communications Claudia

Burgos presented the staff report.

**Public Comment:**

**Laurel Paget Seekins, Public Advocates**, commented on the expenditure plan released by Senator Weiner for the five-county sales tax measure. According to Seekins, this measure will not be sufficient to sustain ridership, and the gross receipts tax was suggested as a more effective alternative. Seekins urged the board to review the ballot measures San Francisco will present in the Fall election and recommended supporting the measure most likely to succeed.

MOTION: SYED/WALSH to receive the report, approve staff's recommended position on SB 827, and change the position to Watch and Seek Amendments on SB 707. The motion failed by the following vote:

Ayes: SYED, WALSH

Nayes: PEEPLES, SILVA, McCALLEY, SHAW

Abstain: YOUNG

Upon further discussion, President Shaw made a motion as follows:

MOTION: SHAW/YOUNG to approve the recommended positions as presented and direct staff to bring a report to the Board on AC Transit's proposed changes to SB 707. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** SHAW, McCALLEY, PEEPLES, SILVA, YOUNG

**Nayes:** WALSH, SYED

**Finance and Audit Items - Chair McCalley**

- 6.B.** Consider receiving a report on the economic impact of AC Transit spending. [Requested by Director Shaw - 4/9/25]

[25-389](#)

Staff Contact:

Chris Andrichak, Chief Financial Officer

Claudia Burgos, Interim Executive Director of External Affairs

Marketing & Communications

Interim Executive Director of Legislative Affairs, Marketing and Communications Claudia Burgos presented the staff report. There were no public comments offered.

MOTION: YOUNG/PEEPLES to receive a report on the economic impact of AC Transit spending. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** SHAW, McCALLEY, PEEPLES, WALSH, SYED, SILVA, YOUNG

**Planning Items - Chair Young**

- 6.C.** Consider authorizing the General Manager to expend additional funds

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for Project Management Oversight (PMO) services required to implement the East Bay Paratransit Consortium's (EBPC's) Software, up to \$1,115,477.

Staff Contact:

Ramakrishna Pochiraju, Executive Director of Planning & Engineering  
Ahsan Baig, Chief Information Officer

Accessible Services Manager Mallory Brush presented the staff report. There were no public comments offered.

MOTION: McCALLEY/SHAW to continue the agenda item to the next Board of Directors meeting.

Upon further discussion, Director Peebles proposed a substitute motion to authorize the payments that have already been expended, but not approve the contingencies, and request staff to report back addressing the requests made during the discussion. The motion failed due to the lack of a second. Chair Young entertained the main motion on the floor. President Shaw clarified that staff must report to the Board on the following matters: the capitalized cost associated with implementing the software, evaluating and validating the implementation cost, and considering ways to avoid contingency.

Upon clarification, the main motion was revised as follows:

MOTION: McCALLEY/SHAW to continue the agenda item to the next Board of Directors meeting and direct staff to report on the capitalized cost associated with implementing the software, evaluating and validating the implementation cost, and considering ways to avoid contingency. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** SHAW, McCALLEY, PEEPLES, WALSH, SYED, SILVA, YOUNG

## **7. CLOSED SESSION/REPORT OUT**

General Counsel Aimee Steele stated that there was nothing to report out of closed session.

### **7.A. Conference with Labor Negotiators**

(Government Code Section 54957.6):

Agency Designated Representative:

- General Manager Salvador Llamas
- Labor and Employee Relations Representative

Employee Organizations: ATU Local 192, AFSCME Local 3916, IBEW Local 1245,  
Unrepresented Employees

### **7.B. Threat to Public Services and Facilities**

(Government Code Section 54957)

Consultation with: Ahsan Baig, Chief Information Officer

**8. AGENDA PLANNING**

- 8.A.** Review of Agenda Planning Pending List and Agenda Planning Request Form submitted by President Shaw. [25-015n](#)

Staff Contact:

Linda Nemeroff, Board Administrative Officer/District Secretary

President Shaw's agenda planning request was accepted.

**9. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

- 9.A.** General Manager's Report for July 23, 2025. [25-014g](#)

The report was presented for information only.

**10. BOARD/STAFF COMMENTS**

(Government Code Section 53232.3(d))

Members of a legislative body shall provide brief reports on meetings attended at the expense of the local agency at the next regular meeting of the legislative body.

Members of the Board commented on meetings, conferences and events attended since the last Board meeting.

**Public Comment:**

**Wahetta Johnson** responded to a comment made by Director Peeples regarding the retiree funds and requested that a favorable arrangement be made to allocate some of the funds back to retirees or operators.

- 10.A.** Written reports from Board members on travel to District-related conferences occurring in the last 30 days. [25-038n](#)

Staff Contact:

Linda Nemeroff, Board Administrative Officer/District Secretary

There were no written reports presented. Director Silva provided a brief oral report on his recent travel to the American Public Transportation Association Seminar in Kansas City.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, the meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for August 6, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Linda A. Nemeroff

Board Administrative Officer/District Secretary

-----Original Message-----

From: aleta dupree [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2025 7:37 AM

To: MyVoice <[myvoice@actransit.org](mailto:myvoice@actransit.org)>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Comments for Board Meeting of 23 July, 2025

Attention District Secretary, please forward this message to the full AC Transit Board for the General Meeting of 23 July 2025.

Greetings Board President Diane Shaw and Members.

Aleta Dupree for the record, she, her.

I share with you my comments pertaining to AC Transit. I will not be able to attend your upcoming Board Meeting in person.

I reflect on the Meeting of 25 June, 2025, of which I attended and shared Public Comments. I had some conversations with various staff members, which found to be most helpful. I have found it much easier to access the Board Meeting materials on the AC Transit website. This change was made pretty quickly, I think I noticed that the next day.

I also had a meaningful conversation with Chris Andrichak, your Chief Financial Officer. We shared about the Fare Capping Program. Not long after our conversation I left the Bay Area, going to Seattle and Portland for a while.

I returned to the Bay Area, and I was thinking of how to use the fare capping program. And I remembered my conversation with Chris, and I bought ten single ride passes in the mobile application (Token Transit). And I still felt like I was going out on a limb, unsure of the process. And I used the first single ride, good for thirty minutes, and then later on a second.

And later in the day I used a third pass, figuring I've spent \$3.75 for the day. And then I got a text message, letting me know that the third single ride was converted into a day pass, and a refund of \$1 would be due to me. And in the Token Transit application, I did see the day pass displayed. I am a Reduced Fare user of Public Transportation, so the values I share with you are reflective of Reduced Fares.

I have not yet completed one week, but I am sure that once I reach \$12.50 in spend, I will see a 7 day pass displayed, to complete the 7 day period that began with the first ride I used at the beginning of that time frame.

And so I am enjoying this innovative fare capping program, which is helping me to manage my payment of fare, and not risking overspending. For me, this is the first time seeing a fare capping program using visually displayed fare media. I have used fare capping in the past, such as with OMNY on New York City Transit (open payment with reduced fares), the Portland

Oregon fare integration system, and daily fare capping on Clipper for our own AC Transit. But the big difference with these programs is their use of counting fares through near field communication systems (NFC), as opposed to visually displayed fare media, which is what most people have experience with.

I would have used this program sooner, yet in my previous approaches to AC Transit, I found answers lacking. I called the customer service line, and the people staffing that line couldn't really answer my questions. This was probably about a year ago. I chalk this up to lack of experience. I am one who often learns from experience, both my own and from others. I can understand why many at AC Transit don't have the experience with this program. And that is because AC Transit employees have the benefit of free fares, and deservingly so. I would never expect employees to pay for something that they get for free in their benefits package.

I do see some explainers on the AC Transit website about the fare capping, and I find them helpful. Yet the links are a bit obscured, I have to go through several clicks to get to the information. I would like to see a more direct link to the explanation of how fare capping works in the Token Transit mobile application.

And so given that I will not be able to attend your Meeting, I share my thoughts with you in this letter. It is essential to continue advocating for Clipper 2, which will allow AC Transit to offer more types of fare products within the Clipper Program. I am appreciative of the work of your new General Manager Sal Llamas, who is leading AC Transit into bigger and better things.

I cannot claim long standing with AC Transit. Yet I do remember my first time on Public Transportation. This was in early 1970, when I was introduced to the legendary and historic New York City Subway, in the 34 Street-8 Avenue Station. It is my hope to be at another one of your Meetings soon, and continue to respectfully share my thoughts with you about AC Transit.

Thank you.