



ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES

Board of Directors/Board Officers Retreat

HYBRID MEETING

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

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

Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 9:00 AM

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JOEL YOUNG, PRESIDENT (AT-LARGE)

DIANE SHAW, VICE PRESIDENT (WARD 5)

JOVANKA BECKLES (WARD 1)

JEAN WALSH (WARD 2)

SARAH SYED (WARD 3)

MURPHY MCCALLEY (WARD 4)

H. E. CHRISTIAN PEEPLES (AT-LARGE)

BOARD OFFICERS

MICHAEL A. HURSH, GENERAL MANAGER/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

AIMEE L. STEELE, GENERAL COUNSEL/CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER

LINDA A. NEMEROFF, BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/DISTRICT SECRETARY

TELECONFERENCE:

Director H. E. Christian Peeples, 13328 San Pablo Avenue, Room 38C, San Pablo, California 94806

Vice President Shaw, 92-161 Waipaha Pl, Kapolei, Hawaii 96707

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District Board of Directors held a Board of Directors/Board Officers Retreat on Wednesday, October 30, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Prior to the start of the meeting, General Counsel Aimee Steele confirmed that all requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Govt. Code Sections 54950, et seq.) and the provisions of Board Policy 101, Section 4.9 regarding teleconferenced meetings were met in order for Director Peeples to teleconference to the meeting. The General Counsel advised that all votes must be taken by roll call vote.

President Young called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Director Syed used an excused absence for this meeting.

Director Beckles arrived at 10:46 a.m. during the discussion of Item 4.B.

Present: YOUNG, SHAW, BECKLES, WALSH, McCALLEY, PEEPLES

Absent: SYED

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment offered.

4. DISCUSSION ITEM(S)**4.A. Revenue Measure Update.**[24-486](#)

Presenters:

Stuart Cohen, SC Strategies

Anthony Burton, SFMTA

Claudia Burgos, Director of Legislative Affairs and Community Relations

The following presentations were given:

- Stuart Cohen, SC Strategies, provided an overview of the various scenarios under consideration by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

- Anthony Burton gave an update on SFMTA's development of "Plan B" funding scenarios for transportation.

- Claudia Burgos, Director of Legislative Affairs and Community Relations, gave an update on the impacts of a regional measure on AC Transit.

Public Comment:

Laurel Paget-Seekins, Public Advocates, commented on the importance of equity in the MTC process and suggested a regional equity analysis of post-pandemic service levels. Paget-Seekins noted that providers should work together to build the case for citizens' initiatives while assessing how budget reductions impact worker job levels and transit provider service levels. Paget-Seekins agreed that the state needs to provide more funding for transit.

Warren Cushman, Community Resources for Independent Living, commented on MTC processes and challenges in determining the most effective measures and ideas and thought the AC Transit Board should weigh in and offer a leadership role with these scenarios and the MTA proposal. Cushman noted the importance of involving the community in the deliberations and discussions and hopes that AC Transit management will hear from the community and participate in the discussion.

Anthony Campana commented on the uncertain future of the transit system by the current MTC services and tax cut scenarios. Campana emphasized the need for a regional commitment to transit in order to better influence state- and federal-level support for transit-funding needs. Campana noted the idea of passing a robust regional measure that meets the needs of AC Transit and its operators with legislators to support a full funding restoration and a positive vision for the future.

The item was presented for informational purposes only.

A brief recess was called at 10:30 a.m., and the meeting resumed at 10:35 a.m.

Director Beckles briefly left the meeting at 10:48 a.m. and returned at 10:57 a.m.

4.B. AC Transit Financial Update.

[24-485](#)

Presenter:

Chris Andrichak, Chief Financial Officer

Chief Financial Officer Chris Andrichak gave the presentation and addressed questions from the Board.

Public Comment:

Warren Cushman acknowledged the financial pressures on the Board and commented on what its budget priorities should look like, which include avoiding draconian service cuts, urging greater Board engagement with MTC, and suggesting alternative solutions at state and federal levels.

Lauren Paget-Seekins commented on the financial challenges faced by AC Transit and the importance to review how different financial planning scenarios can be worked out

to best solve these challenges.

Jane Kramer commented that the Board's decisions have led to unnecessary expenses that draw on District financial reserves. Kramer noted that by disallowing the public to be given mutual ownership, the Board is reducing the information needed for the public to support its work, thereby disenfranchising the public from this process.

The item was presented for informational purposes only.

4.C. Inter-Agency Liaison Committees - Structure & Appointments.

[24-487](#)

Presenters:

Linda Nemeroff, Board Administrative Officer/District Secretary

Robert del Rosario, Director of Service Development & Planning

Director of Service Development and Planning Robert del Rosario and Board Administrative Office Linda Nemeroff gave the presentation and addressed questions from the Board. There was no public comment offered.

Direction was given to staff to discuss the possible consolidation and/or elimination of ILCs with the various municipalities as well as changes in scope and appointments and to keep the Board apprised of the feedback received.

5. CLOSED SESSION/REPORT OUT

At 12:37 p.m., the General Counsel announced that the Board would convene in Closed Session to discuss the items listed on the agenda. Closed session commenced at 12:50 p.m. and concluded at 1:45 p.m. There was no report out.

5.A. Conference with Labor Negotiators

(Government Code Section 54957.6):

Agency Designated Representative:

- General Manager Michael Hursh;

- Labor and Employee Relations Representative;

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

Unrepresented Employees

5.B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Potential Litigation

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: (2 cases)

5.C. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

(Government Code Section 54956.9 (a))

- Poonam Kukreja v. AC Transit, Alameda County Superior Court Case No. 23CV050454

- Pamela Edwards v. AC Transit, Alameda County Superior Court Case No. 23CV028305

6. BOARD/STAFF COMMENTS

(Government Code Section 54954.2)

There were no Boar/Staff comments offered.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for November 13, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Linda A. Nemeroff
Board Administrative Officer/District Secretary