



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 3:45 PM
Regular Meeting 5:00 PM

HYBRID MEETING

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

Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 5:00 PM

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DIANE SHAW, PRESIDENT (WARD 5)
MURPHY MCCALLEY, VICE PRESIDENT (WARD 4)
HARPREET S. SANDHU (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
JELENA HARADA, INTERIM DISTRICT SECRETARY

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District Board of Directors held a meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 p.m. for the purpose of Closed Session. All Board members were present. The Board convened in Closed Session to discuss Items 8A-8E as listed on the agenda. Closed Session concluded at 4:25 p.m.

President Shaw called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: SHAW, McCALLEY, WALSH, SYED, SILVA, YOUNG, SANDHU

3. PRESENTATION**3.A. Recognition of Bus Operators with 20 years or more of Safe Driving:** [26-167](#)

Sergio Berumen, 20 Years (Division 6)
Jose Martinez-Robles, 20 Years (Division 6)
Vanessa Rutherford-Johnson, 20 Years (Division 6)

Johnnie Shaw, 25 Years (Division 3)
Lucy Thomas, 25 Years (Division 4)
Hervinder Singh, 25 Years (Division 6)

Presenters:
Diane Shaw, President
Salvador Llamas, Chief Executive Officer
Aaron Vogel, Chief Operating Officer

Director of Transportation Arlee Young presented recognition awards honoring AC Transit Bus Operators with 20 or more years of safe driving. Ms. Young was joined by President Shaw, members of the Board of Directors, General Manager Llamas, and staff in acknowledging the award recipients and in offering congratulatory remarks. No public comment was received.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Melissa Getz urged restoration of bus stops removed during the Realign process, specifically along Lines 43 and 80.

George Species raised concerns regarding regional transit funding measures, recent bus cancellations, and overall service reliability.

Quannah Parker Brightman, with United Native Americans, expressed support for AC Transit following federal transit budget reductions.

Kevin Dalley commented about service reliability and criticized the removal of bus shelters at

multiple stops.

Joanna Pace acknowledged Ryan Lau, External Affairs Representative, for providing outreach materials promoting the Line 7. Pace also invited the public to join the Alternative Travel Fair on April 24th in Kensington.

James Jackson stated that the upcoming fare increase is poorly timed and requested a postponement.

Derrick Sagehorn expressed frustration with the lack of Board support for the transit funding ballot measure in November and continued service reductions following Realign.

Delphine Brody urged identification of budget solutions that avoid fare increases and service reductions.

5. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no modifications to the agenda.

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

No comments were received on the Consent Calendar.

MOTION: YOUNG/McCALLEY to receive, approve and adopt the items on the Consent Calendar as indicated. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: SHAW, McCALLEY, WALSH, SYED, SILVA, YOUNG, SANDHU

- 6.A.** Consider approving Board of Directors meeting minutes of March 25, 2026. [26-046](#)

Staff Contact:

Jelena Harada, Interim District Secretary

[Revised minutes were distributed to the Board and the public prior to the meeting.]

MOTION: YOUNG/McCALLEY to approve the Board of Directors meeting minutes of March 25, 2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: SHAW, McCALLEY, WALSH, SYED, SILVA, YOUNG, SANDHU

- 6.B.** Consider receiving report on Annual Statement of Economic Interest filings. [26-121](#)

Staff Contact:

Jelena Harada, Interim District Secretary

- 6.C.** Consider receiving the General Manager's Access Committee minutes of February 10, 2026. [26-182](#)

Staff Contact:

Ramakrishna Pochiraju, Executive Director of Planning & Engineering

- 6.D.** Consider authorizing the General Manager, or his designee, to execute a Master Program Funding Agreement (MPFA) with the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC), for the programming and allocation of Measure BB and Vehicle Registration Fees (VRF). [26-078](#)

Staff Contact:

Chris Andrichak, Chief Financial Officer

- 6.E.** Consider the adoption of Resolution 26-010 approving the tentative agreement with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local 3916 (AFSCME), which amends certain language found in the collective bargaining agreement (CBA). [26-181](#)

Staff Contact:

James Arcellana, Executive Director of Human Resources

7. REGULAR CALENDAR

Operations Items - Chair Silva

- 7.A.** Consider receiving the 2025 Annual Security Report. [26-158a](#)

Staff Contact:

Salvador Llamas, General Manager/Chief Executive Officer

Manager of Public Safety and Security Ron Erb presented the staff report.

Public Comments:

Kevin Dalley noted reduction in sheriff-issued citations and an increase in AI-based enforcement. Dalley requested clarification on the allocation of citation revenue.

MOTION: SHAW/YOUNG to receive the 2025 Annual Security Report. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: SHAW, McCALLEY, WALSH, SYED, SILVA, YOUNG, SANDHU

Finance and Audit Items - Chair Walsh

- 7.B.** Consider receiving a report on the Draft FY 2026-27 Operating and Capital Budgets. [26-079a](#)

Staff Contact:

Chris Andrichak, Chief Financial Officer

[Written comments received prior to the meeting are incorporated into the record by reference. An updated version of Attachment 3 was distributed to the Board and made available to the public in advance of the meeting.]

Chief Financial Officer Chris Andrichak presented the staff report.

Public Comments:

George Spies highlighted prior service cuts and fare increases and opposed additional taxation through the proposed ballot measure. Spies also recommended reducing non-operator positions, limiting overtime, and implementing a wage freeze.

Joanna Pace opposed further service reductions and shared examples of riders losing access to public transit and shifting to alternative transportation.

Kevin Dalley appreciated transparency regarding fare increases tied to rising fuel costs and the transition to electric buses. Dalley requested information on the expansion of AI ticketing beyond Tempo Line and potential revenue-sharing with the City of Oakland.

Melissa Getz noted that the ballot measure has not yet met the required signature threshold and encouraged additional public participation.

Bryan Culbertson raised concerns about fare revenue and emphasized the importance of improving ridership and reliability before implementing additional taxes.

Delphine Brody acknowledged efforts to address funding gaps but emphasized the need for further cost-saving strategies that protect operators and riders.

Marilyn K. emphasized reliance on public transit as a non-driver and supported cost-reduction approaches over service cuts.

Sheela Gunn expressed dissatisfaction with Realign as a rider with disabilities who depends on transit service.

Mena urged reconsideration of fare increases, service cuts, and Realign, and recommended internal cost reductions instead of additional taxation.

Sydney Richie opposed fare increases and service reductions and supported exploring the alternative solutions discussed by prior speakers.

Diego Aguilar reported ongoing reliability concerns following Realign and stated that operational improvements remain unaddressed.

Ajay Martin noted insufficient signatures for the ballot measure and recommended exploring alternative funding sources, including taxation of rideshare companies such as Uber, Lyft and Waymo.

MOTION: SHAW/McCALLEY to receive report on the Draft FY 26-27 Operating and Capital Budgets and directs staff to return to the Board with a revised draft that is flat relative to the prior fiscal year budget. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: SHAW, McCALLEY, WALSH, SYED, SILVA, YOUNG, SANDHU

Chief Executive Officer Llamas sought clarification to confirm the motion directs staff to return with a second draft budget that is flat relative to the prior year's funded budget (approximately \$22 million). The Board affirmed their direction to ask staff to identify the reductions, as well as the directive to staff to maintain current service levels in alignment with adopted budget principles and noted that incremental cost-saving items raised during the discussion collectively have a significant financial impact.

8. CLOSED SESSION/REPORT OUT

General Counsel Aimee Steele reported out on the following:

MOTION: McCALLEY/YOUNG to authorize settlement via Compromise and release of \$130,000.00, less permanent disability advances, plus supplementary job displacement voucher. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: McCALLEY, YOUNG, SANDHU, WALSH, SYED, SILVA, SHAW

8.A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

(Paragraph 1 of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

1. Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District v. California Department of Transportation, Alameda County Superior Court Case Number: 22CV022839
2. Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District v. CenturyLink, et al., Alameda County Superior Court Case Number: 23CV048523
3. Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District v. Hathaway Dinwiddie, et al., Alameda County Superior Court Case Number: 23CV02878
4. Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District v. The Martin Group, et al., Alameda County Superior Court Case Number: 23CV031555
5. Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District v. East Bay Municipal Utility District, et al., Alameda County Superior Court Case Number: 25CV141929
6. Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District v. City of Oakland: Alameda County Superior Court Case Number: 25CV155142
7. David Lewis v. Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District, WCAB Case Number ADJ13730896

8.B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: One Matter

8.C. 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

8.D. Public Employee Performance Evaluation

(Government Code Section 54957)

Title: General Manager, General Counsel, Interim District Secretary

8.E. Public Employment

(Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))

Title: District Secretary

9. AGENDA PLANNING

- 9.A.** Review of Agenda Planning Pending List and Agenda Planning Request Forms. [26-018f](#)

Staff Contact:

Jelena Harada, Interim District Secretary

No new agenda planning requests were presented.

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.

- 10.A.** Written reports from Board members on travel to District-related conferences occurring in the last 30 days. [26-019f](#)

Staff Contact:

Jelena Harada, Interim District Secretary

No travel reports from the Board of Directors were entered into the record.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for April 22, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully,

/s/Jelena Harada

Interim District Secretary