



ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT

MINUTES

Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

Ward 1 Board Vacancy - Finalist Interviews

HYBRID MEETING

10th Floor Conference Room - 1600 Franklin Street, Oakland, California

Zoom link <https://actransit.zoom.us/j/98487175063>

Phone (669) 900 6833

Webinar ID: 984 8717 5063

Monday, October 27, 2025 at 4:00 PM

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DIANE SHAW, PRESIDENT (WARD 5)

MURPHY MCCALLEY, VICE PRESIDENT (WARD 4)

VACANT (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

TELECONFERENCE:

Director Sarah Syed, 405 Viale Agostino Marti, Lucca, Italy 55100

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District Board of Directors held a special meeting on Monday, October 29, 2025, at 4:00 p.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 Syed to participate in the meeting and advised that all votes must be taken by roll call vote.

President Shaw called the Board of Directors special meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

- 3.A.** Consider report from the District Secretary on applications received for the Ward 1 vacancy. (verbal)

[25-461](#)

Staff Contact:

Linda Nemeroff, Board Administrative Officer/District Secretary

Board Administrative Officer/District Secretary Linda Nemeroff reported that four individuals expressed an interest in filling the vacancy on the Board of Directors and that all had supplied the necessary information to be considered by the October 8th deadline. Ms. Nemeroff further advised that Alameda and Contra Costa elections offices had confirmed that all applicants making presentations during the meeting lived and were registered to vote within the Ward 1 geographical boundary. There was no public comment offered.

The report was provided for information only.

- 3.B.** Ward 1 Board Vacancy: Applicant Presentations to the Board of Directors:

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4:05 p.m. - Jovanka Beckles
4:10 p.m. - Harpreet Sandhu
4:15 p.m. - Nick Pilch
4:20 p.m. - Joanna Pace

Following the presentations, consider the selection of finalists, discuss the October 29, 2025 interview schedule and any other related matters.

Contact:
President Shaw

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

The Board of Directors heard initial presentations from four applicants vying to fill the seat on the Board.

Public Comment:

Estrella Sandberg supported Nick Pilch's appointment as Ward 1 Board Member, citing his dedication to public transportation, humility, and effectiveness, and urged endorsement of his candidacy.

George Spies, of Traffic Violence Rabbit Response, stressed the need for a Ward 1 representative who understands community transit needs and endorsed Nick Pilch and Joanna Pace. Other applicants were critiqued for not responding to a transit advocacy survey. Spies called for an engaged, rider-focused Board.

David Lyons, representing the People's Transit Alliance (PTA), noted that no applicants addressed ATU192 workers' conditions, such as inadequate meal or restroom breaks, which impact operator retention and service quality. He stated PTA's support for addressing funding shortfalls through a 2% gross receipts tax on the wealthy and endorsed Jovanka Beckles for the Ward 1 seat.

Anthony questioned Harpreet Sandhu's qualifications, referencing Sandhu's past Richmond City Council appointment and subsequent election loss as signs of weak voter support. Anthony argued that the new Board member should have proven electoral backing and a strong record of representing constituents, which Anthony believed the other candidates had demonstrated.

MOTION: SHAW/YOUNG to approve the selection of Harpreet Sandhu and Joanna Pace as finalists for the Ward 1 vacancy. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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