

EASTERN SIERRA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Minutes of Friday, November 12, 2021 Meeting

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, November 12, 2021, via Zoom. The following members were present: Directors Bob Gardner, Karen Schwartz, Jim Ellis, Jeff Griffiths and Rhonda Duggan. Directors Dan Totheroh, Bill Sauser and Kirk Stapp were absent.

Director Ellis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment None

Executive Directors Report Mr. Moores reported on ESTA activities and performance. Mr. Moores introduced two Employees of the Quarter: Brian Von Tersch as second quarter winner and Craig Bernard as third quarter winner. Both are Utility and Bus Operator employees.

Preliminary Financial report FY 2020/21 Ms. Bentley presented Eastern Sierra Transit Authority's Preliminary Financial Report for FY 2020/21 as of October 22, 2021.

Financial Report 2021/22 Ms. Bentley presented the Financial Report for 2021/22 as of November 4, 2021.

Ridership Report Mr. Moores presented the Ridership Report for August and September, 2021.

Vehicle Replacement Plan Mr. Moores presented the Vehicle Replacement Plan report.

Grant Funding Opportunity – Fleet Replacement Moved by Director Ellis and seconded by Director Griffiths to approve and pass Resolution 2021-08 authorizing submittal of an application for grant funding under the Federal Transit Administration's Bus and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investment Program, and to approve the use of matching funds from the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

Roll call vote taken.

Motion carried 5-0 with Directors Sauser, Stapp and Totheroh absent.

Budget Appropriation Moved by Director Griffiths and seconded by Director Gardner to authorize the Appropriation Change Request Form to move \$6,239.86 to Budget Unit 153209 Reds Meadow, Object Code 5650 Equipment from the Reds Meadow line items 5232-Office & Other Equip<\$5,000 and 5001-Salaried Employees.

Roll call vote taken.

Motion carried 5-0 with Directors Sauser, Stapp and Totheroh absent.

Hero Pay – Vaccine Incentive

Moved by Director Schwartz and seconded by Director Gardner to authorize the Executive Director to carry out the Hero Pay – Vaccine Incentive premium pay program within the budget of up to \$29,000 +/- 10%.

Roll call vote taken.

Motion carried 5-0 with Directors Sauser, Stapp and Totheroh absent.

2021-22 Winter Service Review

Moved by Director Gardner and seconded by Director Duggan to approve the 2021-22 Winter Service Plan as presented.

Roll call vote taken.

Motion carried 5-0 with Directors Sauser, Stapp and Totheroh absent.

2022 Board Meeting Calendar

Moved by Director Schwartz and seconded by Director Gardner to approve this schedule of dates for the regular meetings of the board for 2022.

January 14 in Bishop, 9am

July 8 in Bishop, 9am

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February 11 in Mammoth, 11am

August 12 in Bishop, 11am

March 11 in Bishop, 9am

September 16 in Mammoth, 11am

April 8 in Bishop, 11am

October 14 in Mammoth, 11am

May 13 in Mammoth, 9am

November 18 in Bishop, 9am

June 10 in Mammoth, 11am

December 9 in Bishop, 11am

Roll call vote taken.

Motion carried 5-0 with Directors Sauser, Stapp and Totheroh absent.

Election of 2022 Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

The 2022 Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson was postponed until December 10, 2021.

Consent Agenda:

Moved by Director Griffiths and seconded by Director Gardner to approve the Consent Agenda Consisting of:

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2021.

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Updated Harassment, Discrimination and Retaliation Policy.

Approval of Updated Harassment, Discrimination and Retaliation Policy Roll call vote taken.
Motion carried 5-0 with Directors Sauser, Stapp and Totheroh absent.

AB 361 – Virtual Public Meetings Moved by Director Griffiths and seconded by Director Schwartz for the board to adopt findings pursuant to AB 361 that:
A) the Board reconsidered the circumstances of the existing State of Emergency issued on March 4, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;
B) local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing, and/or the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person.

Roll call vote taken.

Motion carried 5-0 with Directors Sauser, Stapp and Totheroh absent.

Board Member Comments None

Closed Session Open Session was recessed at 9:49 am to convene in closed session to consider:
DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION. Conference with Labor Negotiators. (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6) – Authority designated representatives; Phil Moores and John Vallejo. Bargaining Group; ESTA- ESTA Employee Association (EEA)

Report on closed session Closed session was recessed at 10:06 am. Director Ellis stated there was nothing to report from the closed session.

Adjournment The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 10:14 am
The next regular meeting of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for December 10, 2022 at 11:00 am. Check ESTA website for details on attending the meeting.

Recorded & prepared by:



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