

STANISLAUS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes of May 25, 2023
(Thursday) 1:00 p.m.

Important Notice Regarding COVID-19

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Terry Withrow (Stanislaus County); Steven Morrow (Citizen Member); George Carr (City of Hughson)(arrived during Item 5.A); Chris Ricci (City of Modesto) Director Carla Strong; Director Wright (City of Modesto)

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Channce Condit (Stanislaus County);

STAFF PRESENT: Adam Barth (CEO), Valerie Fabela, Leticia Ortiz, Angela Swanson, Nicole Hensley, Roland Fecteau, Dero In

ALSO PRESENT: Monica Streeter (General Counsel), Tanner, Christian, Jean, Ron, James, Hector, Andrew, Genesis, Doug Geis

1. CALL TO ORDER

Terry Withrow opened the meeting at 1:05 pm

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

A Quorum of the Directors was present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ron gave a public comment regarding the Greyhound drivers and their driving speed at the Transit Center. Ron suggests disciplinary action taken on drivers not obeying the speed limit.

Members of the public may address the Board on any item not on the agenda. Comments shall be limited to three minutes unless the Chair of the Board sets a different time limit. The Board cannot take action on matters not on the agenda, unless the action is authorized by Section 54954.2 of the Government Code.

5. PRESENTATION

A. Recognition of Drivers/Employees of the Month

Two Transdev staff were recognized as Employees of the Month.

B. Presentation on ADA Paratransit Services

Angela Swanson gave a presentation on ADA Paratransit Services. Angela's presentation included information about the three-demand response services Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority (StanRTA) offers. These services include ADA Paratransit, Dial-a-Ride and Medivan. Each service was presented in detail, who qualifies for each service, the area that is covered and the ADA federal requirements with each service.

A member of the public gave public comment inquiring for the riders who are permanently disabled, and their health will not get better if they could not have to recertify every three years. Angela advised StanRTA and MOVE are currently working on updating their agreements to make the recertification process every 4-5 years.

6. CONSENT

A. Motion to Approve the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority Regular Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2023

B. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-102 Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to Enter into An Agreement with Cetera Investments for Investment Services

Item 6B Chair Withrow recused himself and stepped away from the dais due to him being a shareholder on the board of directors with Oak Valley Bank.

Director Morrow pointed out a technical error in the motion and suggested changing the verbiage from treasury bonds to treasury securities.

C. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-103 Approving the Master Agreement with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to Execute All Required Documents

D. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-104 Approving an Amendment to the Concept Autobody Agreement for Exterior Bus Repainting and Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to Execute the Same

***By Motion, (Director Wright, Director Morrow), and a 6-0 vote, the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority Board Approved Items 6A, 6C and 6D of the Consent Calendar**

***By Motion, (Director Wright, Director Morrow), and a 5-0 vote, the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority Board Approved Items 6B of the Consent Calendar with a revision to the term “treasury bonds” to “treasury securities” in the investment agreement and resolution.**

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-105 Amending the Bylaws of the Equity and Accessibility Advisory Committee

A presentation was made to amend the Stanislaus Equity and Accessibility Advisory Committee (SEAAC) bylaws to add two additional “at-large” seats to the committee..

***By Motion, (Director Ricci, Director wright), and a 6-0 vote, the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority Board Approved Items 7A of the Discussion/Action Items**

- B. Motion to Adopt Resolution 2023-106 Approving the Appointment of Members to the Authority Equity and Accessibility Committee

The SEAAC was approved at the March 23, 2023, board meeting to form this committee. The SEAAC selected committee members at the April 27, 2023, board meeting for Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, and two Community/Non-Profit organizations. After verification of one of the applicants’ addresses and with the amended bylaws approved in item 7A to add two a-large seats, the following applicants were recommended to be added to the SEAAC.

Community Members Representing the Supervisorial Districts in the County	
District 1:	Michael Wood
At-Large Representatives	Mohammad Rashid
	James Smith

***By Motion, (Director Wright, Director Carr), and a 6-0 vote, the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority Board Approved Items 7B of the Discussion/Action Items**

- C. Discussion and Direction Regarding Authority Facility Next Steps

Adam Barth gave a presentation which included the background of why a new facility is needed. Adam’s presentation included the next steps, funding, advantages and disadvantages on lease vs purchase of capital assets and cost

effectiveness. Adam is looking for a motion and/or discussion on how to move forward.

Chair Withrow asked for clarification on how the cost of the lease was calculated in which Adam provided that calculation. Withrow also asked if there are any other transit agencies who have leased rather than purchased. To Adam's knowledge there are no transit agencies that have gone the route of leasing. Withrow would like some research to be done to see if there are any developers interested in investing in this project. Both Adam and Financial Analyst Nicole advised they are not aware of any capital grants that are available for leasing.

Beginning in 2026 the StanRTA is required to start purchasing zero-emission buses and would need a hydrogen fueling station, in which our current facility cannot house. Chair Wright suggests tabling this item for now until some of the questions and concerns have been addressed.

***By Motion, (Director Withrow, Director Wright), and a 6-0 vote, the Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority Board directed staff to get answers on funding sources and private investment opportunities for Item 7C of the Discussion/Action Items**

D. Transdev Operations Performance Update

Regional Vice President Doug Geis and General Manager Christian Pereira were present to give a performance update. The key components Doug would like to focus on are safety, on time performance, missed trips and complaints. Doug's commitment to the board and to StanRTA is to provide an updated, improved, and enhanced action plan. Beginning June 1 through June 30 several subject matter experts (SME) will be visiting Transdev to assist with making improvements. These improvements will focus on improving operations, skillsets, and overall service.

Director Morrow suggests adding part-time drivers to help alleviate the split shifts and overtime.

Mohammad, a member of the public, suggests disability sensitivity training for the drivers.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Key Performance Indicators

CEO Adam Barth pointed out that the ridership on both the demand response and fixed route is going up. Preventable collision rate in April for fixed route is a concern that Adam has discussed with Transdev. Breakdowns are also

another KPI concern, however with the new 15 buses being added to the fleet this should help with that issue.

9. CEO REPORT

StanRTA and Turlock Transit will have free rides in July on all services. This year Merced will also be free to provide a regional free transit initiative. Additional hours will be added to existing routes to provide transit options for Stanislaus County Fair riders.

StanRTA is 1 of 3 transit agencies nominated for the Best Transit Project in the state. The award is being presented by California Transportation Foundation (CTF), the award will be presented at the Awards Gala taking place on Tuesday, June 6 2023.

10. DIRECTOR REPORTS

Director Morrow suggests the video recording of the StanRTA board of directors meeting be posted to the StanRTA website going forwards.

Director Ricci is working with Adam and April in Marketing and Engagement on some possible artwork to be displayed at the bus stops.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM

**Next Regularly Scheduled Stanislaus Regional Transit Authority Meeting:
Thursday, June 22, 2022, at 2:25 p.m.**