

## MINUTES OF THE JUNE 3, 2024 LAVTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

### 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by Chair Melissa Hernandez at 4:04pm.

### 2. Roll Call of Members

#### **Members Present**

Evan Branning – City of Livermore  
David Haubert – County of Alameda  
Jean Josey – City of Dublin  
John Marchand – City of Livermore, Alternate  
Karla Brown – City of Pleasanton  
Julie Testa – City of Pleasanton  
Melissa Hernandez – City of Dublin

### 3. Meeting Open to Public

Public comments by email were received from Steven Dunbar. He provided feedback, concerns, and options regarding the dairy and detour in Pleasanton. He noted that staff are beginning to install noise reduction devices on our existing buses to reduce the air noise and hopes this may help reduce negative impacts for any of the rerouting options he listed. The public comment was sent to the Board of Directors and posted to our website.

### 4. May Tri-Valley Accessible Advisory Committee Minutes

Herb Hastings, Chair Pro Tem of the Tri-Valley Accessible Advisory Committee (TAAC) reported on the minutes of the May 1, 2024 TAAC meeting. Discussed at the meeting were TAAC recruitments, establishing meeting dates for FY25, and service updates and concerns. An invitation was extended to any Board of Director that would like to attend the TAAC meetings remotely.

### 5. Consent Agenda

**Recommend approval of all items on Consent Agenda as follows:**

#### A. **Minutes of the May 6, 2024 Board of Directors meeting.**

#### B. **Treasurer's Report for April 2024**

The Board of Directors approved the LAVTA Treasurer's Report for April 2024.

#### D. **LAVTA Annual Salary Band Review**

The Board of Directors approved Resolution 15-2024 adjusting the salary bands for LAVTA positions.

#### E. **Adoption of Updated Conflict of Interest Code**

The Board of Directors approved Resolution 17-2024 and the Conflict of Interest Code,

including revised Appendix of Designated Officials and Employees.

**F. Resolution Authorizing Investment of Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) Monies in the State of California Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)**

The Board of Directors adopted Resolution 18-2024 reauthorizing investment of LAVTA monies in LAIF.

**G TAAC Recruitment for Terms Starting FY 2024/2025**

The Board of Directors ratified the Tri-Valley Accessible Advisory Committee (TAAC) appointments for terms starting on July 1, 2024, as follows:

- Shawn Costello, City of Dublin, Member
- Sue Tuite, City of Dublin, Alternate
- Judith LaMarre, City of Livermore, Member
- Kyra Aasen, City of Livermore, Member
- Carmen Rivera-Hendrickson, City of Pleasanton, Member
- Herb Hastings, Alameda County, Member
- Jamie Renton, Social Services, Member
- Amy Mauldin, Social Services, Member

Only Agenda items A-B and D-G were part of the motion.

Motion/Second: Josey/Branning

Aye: Brown, Josey, Testa, Branning, Haubert, Hernandez

No: None

Abstain: Marchand

Absent: None

**C. Update to LAVTA's Human Resource Policies**

Multiple Board members requested further discussion, due to comments and requests. Among the comments and questions from Board members were questions related to time off to vote, acting pay, definition of a designated person, bereavement leave, as well as various grammatical errors. Staff informed that they would discuss comments and requests with legal and make appropriate adjustments, as directed.

The Board of Directors did not approve Resolution 16-2024 and the updated Human Resources Policy. The Board of Directors requested the revisions be made and the agenda item be brought back to the Board for review.

**6. Regional Transportation Revenue Measure (SB 1031) Update**

Executive Director Christy Wegener informed the Board of Directors that Senate Bill (SB) 1031 has been pulled by the authors. LAVTA's state advocates Eric Thronson and Andres Ramirez from Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. assisted in further information and answering Board of Director questions.

The item was discussed by the Board of Directors, staff, and guest speakers.

Informational only.

## **7. Election of LAVTA Chair and Vice Chair**

The Board nominated and elected a LAVTA Board Chair and Vice Chair for FY25 in accordance with the agency's bylaws.

A motion was made by Alternate Director John Marchand to nominate Evan Branning as the LAVTA Board Chair and Julie Testa as the LAVTA Board Vice Chair for FY 2025:

Motion/Second: Marchand/Hernandez

Aye: Brown, Josey, Testa, Branning, Haubert, Hernandez, Marchand

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

## **8. Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Christy Wegener provided a brief overview of the Report that was included in the packet. Wegener reported that LAVTA is seeing weekday ridership increase by 20% post Wheels in Motion service change. The weekend Rapid lines, 10R and 30R are up by 30% and 23% year over year. LAVTA is working with the City of Pleasanton on a Meadowlark Dairy detour starting on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Public Comment was opened by Chair Melissa Hernandez.

Herb Hastings suggested a detour at a specific bus stop across from Delucci Park versus going two blocks further for the Dairy detour and stated he wanted to speak offline. Executive Director Christy Wegener noted that the bus stop concrete pad requires an extension and removal of trees.

Executive Director Christy Wegener announced the upcoming Dublin Transit Center ribbon cutting will be on June 13<sup>th</sup> and the Youth Ride Free Summer promotion kicked off. Also noted was the Transit App usage increased considerably since April 2023. Wegener also gave updates on grants, procurements and upcoming conferences.

The item was discussed by the Board of Directors and staff.

## **9. Matters Initiated by the Board of Directors**

Alternate Director John Marchand commented on his trip to Washington, D.C. and the great advocacy that could translate to additional funding.

## **10. Next Meeting Date is Scheduled for: July 1, 2024**

Chair Melissa Hernandez provided a farewell and thanked everyone on the Board of Directors. She was honored to work with everyone for many years.

**11. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:02pm