

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2, 2024
LAVTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by Chair Evan Branning at 4:00pm.

2. Roll Call of Members

Members Present

Evan Branning – City of Livermore

Jean Josey – City of Dublin

Karla Brown – City of Pleasanton

Julie Testa – City of Pleasanton

John Marchand – City of Livermore, Alternate

David Haubert – County of Alameda (departed at 5:52pm)

Michael McCorrison – City of Dublin

3. Meeting Open to Public

Chair Evan Branning noted that Agenda Item 4 will be moved further down the agenda, due to the presenter running late.

Herb Hastings, Dublin resident, expressed concerns about the reroute of 10R in Pleasanton.

5. Consent Agenda

Recommend approval of all items on Consent Agenda as follows:

A. Minutes of the November 4, 2024 Board of Directors meeting.

B. Treasurer’s Report for October 2024

The Board of Directors approved the October 2024 Treasurer’s Report.

C. Six-Month Ridership Trend Following the Wheels-in-Motion Service Changes

This was informational only.

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

Motion/Second: Haubert/Marchand

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4. November Tri-Valley Accessible Advisory Committee Minutes

Tri-Valley Accessible Advisory Committee (TAAC) Chair Shawn Costello reported on the minutes of the November 6, 2024 TAAC meeting. Discussed at the meeting were potential

Summer 2025 service modifications, One Seat Ride update, TAAC meeting locations, and service updates and concerns.

6. Public Hearing: Route 201 – Service to Emerald High School

1. Open Public Hearing

The Public Hearing was opened at 4:23pm by the Chair, Evan Branning, for a staff presentation and then public comment.

2. Present Staff Report

Executive Director Christy Wegener informed the public that the purpose of the public hearing is to receive testimony on formalizing Route 201. LAVTA staff took significant steps advertising the public comment period and public hearing.

Director of Operations Michael Tobin gave the public a brief summary of Route 201.

Director of Customer Experience David Mark reported that LAVTA used a variety of multi-lingual methods to solicit feedback on the formalization of Route 201. Announcements to notify the public included printed media with publications of record, the Wheels website, “pinned” social media, notices onboard buses, and displays at the LAVTA corporate office and Transit Center. A general press release was also issued. As of December 2, 2024 LAVTA did not receive any comments.

3. Hear Public Comments

Chair Evan Branning then opened the podium for public comment.

No public comments were received.

Before closing the public hearing, Chair Evan Branning requested Legal Counsel Michael Conneran give a brief summary and description of the action required.

Legal Counsel Michael Conneran informed that staff presented the purpose of this hearing, a brief description of the formalization of Route 201, and identified how the public was notified of potential changes. LAVTA afforded the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed changes and satisfied all legal requirements. Legal Counsel Michael Conneran noted that the public hearing can come to a close.

4. Close Public Hearing

Chair Evan Branning closed the public hearing at 4:29pm.

The Board of Directors will consider taking action on the formalization of Route 201 at the January 2025 Board meeting.

7. Paratransit One-Seat Ride Program – Permanent MOU

Staff provided a PowerPoint presentation that gave a brief summary of the benefits of the One Seat Ride program and permanent Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

The item was discussed by the Board of Directors and staff. Director Jean Josey requested LAVTA to find out if there is some way to make Paratransit less expensive and noted that the cost per trip of One Seat Ride is significantly lower than traditional Paratransit.

Director Josey made the motion to approve the program and directed staff to return to the Board with a comprehensive financial report in a year.

The Board of Directors approved Resolution 35-2024 to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a permanent MOU with County Connection, Tri Delta Transit, and WestCat to formalize the One-Seat Ride Paratransit program.

Motion/Second: Josey/McCorriston

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

8. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Christy Wegener provided a brief overview of the Executive Director's Report that was included in the packet. Wegener reported that LAVTA's ridership continues to have positive gains and provided information on On-Time Performance (OTP) and miles between mechanical failures. Wegener also noted marketing events that included the Federal award presentation for Atlantis Hydrogen Fueling Station, Clipper update, and the regional transportation measure update. Lastly, Wegener announced LAVTA's employee appreciation holiday luncheon and invited all Board Members and reviewed upcoming procurements.

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

9. Adjourn to CLOSED SESSION

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 5:20pm.

10. Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b): PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION Title: Executive Director

11. Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR Agency Representative: Michael Conneran, Legal Counsel Unrepresented Employee: Executive Director

[David Haubert, from County of Alameda, departed during closed session.]

12. Reconvene to OPEN SESSION

Meeting reconvened at 6:25pm

13. Consideration of Amendment to Employment Agreement with Executive Christy Wegener

The Board of Directors approved an amendment to the employment agreement with Executive Director Christy Wegener that will include an additional 5% in salary, an additional 2% contribution to her 457-deferred compensation plan and a \$3,000.00 annual contribution to her flex spending account effective December 5, 2024. Her employment agreement will extend through December 5, 2027

Motion/Second: Josey/Brown

Aye: Josey, Testa, McCorriston, Brown, Branning, Marchand

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Haubert

14. Matters Initiated by the Board of Directors

None.

15. Next Meeting Date is Scheduled for: January 6, 2025

16. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:28pm.