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Agenda Item No. 4.a.

CCCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

March 21, 2013

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/CONFIRM QUORUM

Chair Horn called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9 a.m. Board Members present were Directors Andersen, Dessayer, Hudson, Manning, Schroder, Simmons, Storer, Weir. Director Worth arrived after the meeting convened. Director Hoffmeister was absent.

Staff: Ramacier, Chun, Glenn, Barnes, Burdick, Casenave, Churchill, Hill, Madrigal, Muzzini, Polk, Thompson

Guest: No guests were in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: No public communication.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Director Dessayer moved approval of the Consent Calendar, consisting of the following items: (a) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 21, 2013, (b) Approval of CCCTA Investment Policy-Quarterly Reporting Requirement and (c) Approval of Proposition 1B Transit Security Funding 2013 and Resolution 2013-015. Director Manning seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval.

Aye: Directors Andersen, Dessayer, Horn, Hudson, Manning, Schroder, Simmons, Storer, Weir and Worth

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Director Hoffmeister

REPORT OF CHAIR

Chair Horn discussed his trip to the APTA Legislative Conference in Washington, DC. He reported on meetings with the offices of Congressman Miller, Swalwell, and Thompson as well as the office

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of Senator Barbara Boxer. Chair Horn also reported on various APTA sessions he attended. Most of these sessions discussed preparations for the reauthorization of MAP-21.

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. Ramacier discussed his trip to the APTA Legislative Conference in Washington, DC. Mr. Ramacier emphasized his discussions with federal officials regarding the importance of federal funding for suburban bus operators. He noted that currently rail transit has priority, and that it will be a challenge to keep the transit community working together so that the needs of smaller bus systems are addressed as well.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Marketing, Planning, & Legislative Committee:

County Connection Brand

Director Schroder discussed the County Connection brand and the importance of being associated with one name. The Committee recommends that the name of the agency be simplified to "County Connection". It was discussed that internal and external print communication materials will be modified, and that changes to the logo on vehicles, -buses and bus stops would take place over time to lessen upfront fees. In response to a question from Director Dessayer, the General Manager and Legal Counsel explained that while County Connection would be the brand name, the Central Contra Costa Transit Authority will remain its legal and official name.

MOTION: Director Worth moved acceptance of changing the agency's brand name to County Connection. The motion was seconded by Director Manning and it received the following vote of acceptance.

Aye: Directors Andersen, Dessayer, Horn, Hudson, Manning, Schroder, Simmons, Storer, Weir, and Worth
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Director Hoffmeister

Operations & Scheduling Committee:

Paratransit Contract Update

Director Simmons recommended that the board hold a session to focus on Paratransit service options before issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) . Staff continues to research and investigate different options for both Paratransit service deliveries and Paratransit organizational approaches which will be the basis for further Board review and direction. No action required.

BOARD COMMUNICATION

Director Hudson praised Mr. Ramacier on his understanding and explanation of how to use federal funds for small operators, the use of funds for express lanes and using grants as a source of funding as well. Director Schroder mentioned that he writes a monthly article for a local

newspaper called, Community Focus, and this month his article will be about County Connection's bus tracker system.

CLOSED SESSION

Consultation with Labor Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Employee Organizations: Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1605, AFL-CIO, Bus Operators, and Teamsters Union, Local 856, AFL-CIO, Transit Supervisors

At 9:49 a.m. Chair Horn announced the Board would take a two minute break and reconvene for a closed session to consult with its Labor Negotiator, Pat Glenn, Esq., pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, regarding negotiations with the Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1605, AFL-CIO, Bus Operators, and Teamsters Union, Local 856, AFL-CIO, Transit Supervisors.

REPORT OF ACTION(S) TAKEN DURING THE CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:52 a.m. Chair Horn announced the Board met in closed session with its Labor Negotiator, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, regarding negotiations with the two employee organizations.. Direction was given to the labor negotiating team.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Horn adjourned the regular Board meeting at 9:53 a.m.

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Date