

# County Connection

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Agenda Item No. 4.a.

## CCCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

September 19, 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 Anderson, Dessayer, Hudson, Manning, Schroder, Weir and Worth. Director Hoffmeister arrived after the meeting convened. Directors Simmons and Storer were absent.

Staff: Ramacier, Chun, Barnes, Barrientos, Bowron, Burdick, Casenave, Churchill, Crayton, Hill, Mitchell, Polee, Robinson, Robinson, Jr, and Thompson.

#### PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

Tyrone Bowie, a driver with First Transit (County Connection Paratransit Contractor), notified the Board of his displeasure with First Transit's dispatchers scheduling drivers with fewer hours on a weekly basis and fewer time slots for the clients.

Ossie Robinson, Jr., an operator with County Connection and an ATU Local 1605 representative, also wanted to speak on behalf of the First Transit drivers. He wanted to express that although the First Transit drivers are dedicated workers they feel that they are not respected or cared for by management.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

**MOTION:** Director Hudson moved approval of the Consent Calendar, consisting of the following items: (a) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 15, 2013; (b) CCCTA Investment Policy-Quarterly Reporting Requirement. Director Manning seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval.

Aye:	Directors Andersen, Dessayer, Horn, Schroder, Weir and Worth
No:	None
Abstain:	Director Worth abstained from Approval of Minutes of August 15, 2013
Absent:	Directors Hoffmeister, Simmons and Storer

#### REPORT OF CHAIR

##### Election and Seating of CCCTA Officers

The recommendation from the Nominating Committee for Election of CCCTA Officers is Director Simmons as Chair, Director Dessayer as Vice Chair, and Director Storer as Secretary. He asked if there were any further nominations for the CCCTA Officers. Hearing none, he closed the nomination period.

**MOTION:** Director Hudson moved to adopt the recommendation from the Nominating Committee for Election of CCCTA Officers, which consists of Director Simmons as Chair, Director Dessayer as Vice Chair, and Director Storer as Secretary. Director Worth seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval.

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

On behalf of the Board, Director Dessayer expressed appreciation for Director Horn's great work as the Chair, and presented him with a plaque. Director Horn stated that it was his pleasure to be the Chair this past year, and noted that much was accomplished, including the signing of the labor contracts with all the labor unions and the ground breaking of the long awaited Pacheco Transit Hub.

## **REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER**

### Update on AB1222 (Formerly AB160)

General Manager Rick Ramacier reported on the conflict between the state law known as the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA), and the determination by the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) that PEPRA conflicts with collective bargaining rights protected under the federal labor protection statute applicable to public transportation employees known as Section 13(c). He reported that the Governor is expected to sign AB 1222, which the Legislature enacted to provide a temporary exemption from PEPRA for public transit employees. During this exemption period, it is anticipated that Sacramento RTD will sue the Department of Labor on their finding that PEPRA violates Section 13(c). It is anticipated that the courts will make the final determination on this point. Meanwhile the Department of Labor is to release all of the other Federal grants being held up from California operators, which includes County Connection. Mr. Ramacier anticipates that County Connection's federal grant funds should be released sometime this fall.

## **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Administration & Finance Committee:**  
(Director Hoffmeister arrived.)

### PARS OPEB Trust and OPEB Liability

Director Dessayer presented information regarding the performance of our PARS OPEB Trust and OPEB Liability. At the direction of the A & F Committee, County Connection used a moderately conservative discount rate. As a result, we have a slight positive balance in this trust account. The Board had no questions.

**Marketing, Planning & Legislative Committee:**

### Bus Advertising Services-Contract Extension

The MP & L Committee recommends that the Board execute its option for the final one year extension with Lamar Transit Advertising Inc. to continue operating our bus advertising program. The Chair of the committee informed the Board that it is reviewing other advertising options and will report back in the coming months.

**MOTION:** Director Schroder moved adoption of Resolution No. 2014-006, Authorizing Extension of Professional Services Agreement with Lamar Transit Advertising Inc. for Bus Advertising Services, for the final option year. The motion was seconded by Director Hudson and it received the following vote of acceptance.

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

**BOARD COMMUNICATION:**

On behalf of Chair Simmons, Director Dessayer announced the committee assignments for the coming year as follows:

Administration & Finance: Dessayer, Manning, Storer, Horn  
Marketing, Planning & Legislation: Worth, Shroder, Hoffmeister  
Operations & Scheduling: Weir, Anderson, Hudson

Director Weir commented on the Paratransit Workshop held on September 6, 2013, noting that he was very pleased with staff's presentation, and looked forward to input from all stakeholders on this important subject. Director Hudson commented that the input from volunteers providing transportation for seniors would be valuable.

**Public Communication:**

A First Transit driver arrived to the meeting late and wanted to speak, so Director Hoffmeister made a motion to re-open the public communication.

**MOTION:** Director Hoffmeister moved to re-open the public communication. The motion was seconded by Director Horn and it received the following vote of acceptance.

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

The driver wanted the Board to know how she was treated by First Transit dispatchers and managers on the day that she had an accident. She feels that the dispatchers and managers did not show her the ample concern that her injuries warranted.

General Manager Rick Ramacier clarified for the Board that the person making the comments works for First Transit and not County Connection. Therefore County Connection can not get directly involved but can express concern about these issues to management at First Transit.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Vice Chair Dessayer adjourned the regular Board meeting at 9:25a.m.

Minutes prepared by

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