

# County Connection

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Agenda Item No. 4.a.

## CCCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

January 15, 2015

#### CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/CONFIRM QUORUM

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

Staff: Ramacier, Chun, Glenn, Barnes, Barrientos, Bernhus, Bowron, Churchill, Dean, Gaston, Hill, March, Mitchell, Muzzini, Vassallo and Woodard

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Judy Barrientos, ATU Local 1605 President, thanked the Board for approving the raises for the operators. But they still have to deal with difficult passengers. She would like to talk about this subject again during negotiations on the next contract talks.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

**MOTION:** Director Manning moved approval of the Consent Calendar, consisting of the following items: (a) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 18, 2014: (b) Authorization of General Manager to Apply for Transit Security Program Funds for 2015 to Support ITS Maintenance Cost and Resolution No. 2015-019. Director Simmons seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval:

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

**REPORT OF CHAIR:** None

#### REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER:

##### Recognition of Employees with 20 Years of Service

Monroe Woodard, an operator and current Rodeo participant. He is a great employee who all the drivers, as well as management, love to work with. Not only is he the current Rodeo participant he has represented County Connection on two different occasions.

Nils Bernhus is a dedicated, humble and cordial operator who has received numerous complimentary letters from passengers throughout the years.

Director Worth arrived.

Robin March is not only an operator, he is also an instructor and he is great at being both. We look forward to enjoying more years to come with these great employees.

Chair Dessayer thanked the operators for continued great service and appreciates all of their hard work, as they are the back bone of the company.

Director Hoffmeister arrived.

#### Appointment of CCTA Bus Transit Board Ex-Officio Alternate

General Manager Rick Ramacier explained that CCTA asked for County Connection to appoint a Board member to be an Alternate Ex-Officio for this year and then next year County Connection will be the Ex-Officio. After some Board discussion, Director Hudson made a motion:

**MOTION:** Director Hudson moved the Appointment of CCTA Bus Transit Board Ex-Officio Alternate to be Bob Simmons representing the City of Walnut Creek. Director Manning seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval:

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

#### Update on the Application of PEPRA to Public Transit Employees in California

General Manager Rick Ramacier explained that PEPRA, the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act, triggered action by the U.S., Department of Labor to hold up all federal transit grants in California, under the labor protection provision known as 13(c) in federal transit law. A California bill was passed that would exempt public transit employees from PEPRA until a court decision was made on the applicability of PEPRA to them. On December 30, 2014, the federal district court ruled that the Department of Labor had over stepped its authority in refusing to certify pending federal grants. Accordingly, PEPRA became applicable to new public transit employees as of 12/31/2014. Rick and CCCTA's attorneys will continue to monitor the proceedings to evaluate their effect on CCCTA employees.

### **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

#### **Administration & Finance Committee**

##### Shadelands Fare Reimbursement Agreement

Director Manning stated that the A & F Committee met and discussed the Shadelands Fare Reimbursement Agreement. Anne Muzzini explained that the Shadelands property owners have agreed to subsidize a free shuttle to the Shadelands area to BART. Staff has negotiated an agreement for the funding with the Chamber of Commerce, as the fiscal agent for the Shadelands property owners, will remain in effect until one of the parties want to discontinue it. After some Board discussion, Director Manning made a motion.

**MOTION:** Director Manning moved approval of Resolution No. 2015-020, authorizing the General Manager to enter into an agreement with the Walnut Creek Chamber for fare subsidy of Route #7. Director Weir seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval:

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

## **Marketing, Planning & Legislative Committee**

### **Title VI Program Report**

Director Schroder introduced the item and turned the meeting over to Laramie Bowron, Manager of Planning. He explained that every three years it is required that County Connection update its Title VI Standards and Policies to ensure that its services are provided in a nondiscriminatory manner. Laramie explained that the Title VI Program Report will be submitted to the Federal Transit Administration. He noted that under County Connection's Language Assistance Plan, certain bus materials will be translated into the seven different languages that represent the demographics of the public that we serve. After a brief Board discussion, Director Schroder made a motion.

**MOTION:** Director Schroder moved that the Board adopt Resolution No. 2015-021 and adopt the Title VI Plan. Director Andersen seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval:

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

Director Simmons thanked the MP & L Committee for all of their hard work.

**BOARD COMMUNICATION: None**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Dessayer adjourned the regular Board meeting at 9:38 a.m.

Minutes prepared by

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