

County Connection

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CCCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

July 19, 2018

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/CONFIRM QUORUM

Chair Schroder called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9:04 a.m. Board Members present were Directors, Dessayer, Haydon, Hoffmeister, Hudson, Noack, Storer, Wilk and Worth. Directors Andersen and Tatzin were absent.

Staff: Ramacier, Chun, Cheung, Churchill, Duenas, Glenn, Hedgpeth, Hill, Horta, Kamara, Martinez, McCarthy, Mitchell and Rettig

Guests: Robert Jackson, ATU President

Public Comment: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Director Noack moved approval of the Consent Calendar, consisting of the following items: (a) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 21, 2018; (b) Lifeline Cycle 5 Grant Funding, Resolution No. 2019-01. Director Dessayer seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval:

Aye: Directors Dessayer, Haydon, Hoffmeister, Hudson, Noack, Schroder, Storer, Wilk and Worth
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Directors Andersen and Tatzin

REPORT OF CHAIR:

Report from Nominating Committee for Election of CCCTA Officers

Chair Schroder stated that the nominating committee, consisting of himself and the two past Chairs, Director Storer and Director Hoffmeister met and they nominated the following officers:

Sue Noack representing the City of Pleasant Hill as Chair
Candace Andersen representing the Contra Costa County as Vice Chair
Keith Haydon representing the City of Clayton as Secretary

MOTION: Director Schroder moved to elect Sue Noack, Board Chair, Candace Andersen, Vice Chair and Keith Haydon, Secretary. Director Worth seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval:

Aye: Directors Dessayer, Haydon, Hoffmeister, Hudson, Noack, Schroder, Storer, Wilk and Worth

No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Directors Andersen and Tatzin

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER:

Update the Board on the schedule of public hearing meetings on the proposed route and fare restructuring

Ruby Horta, Director of Planning, informed the Board that the attendance to the Public Hearings has been very low. One common comment in all of the meetings was the elimination of the Free mid-day/Senior fares. The seniors are afraid that if the free service goes away they will not be able to afford to buy bus passes. Staff will continue to reach out to the community out reach to come up with possible options.

Update on the work of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to adopt a public transit Zero Emission Based (ZEB) bus purchase mandate

General Manager, Rick Ramacier updated the Board on the proceedings at CARB as they work towards an update to the Innovative Clean Transit rule. CARB is on target to discuss this at their September 27, 2018 Board meeting where it is expected that the CARB staff will go over the proposed regulation in detail. The outstanding issues for public transit include but not limited to; How to define a small operator vs a large operator, questions on so called incentive funding being eligible to be used with regulation compliance and working to have benchmarks included related to any purchase mandate.

REPORT OF LEGAL COUNSEL

Janus v. AFSCME: U.S. Supreme Court Rejects Mandatory Agency Fees for Public Sector Employees

Madeline Chun, Esq. introduced the item and turned the meeting over to Pat Glenn, Esq. He discussed the Supreme Court's recent decision that the First Amendment prohibits public employees from being compelled to pay what are known as "agency fees" when they choose not to join their union. Almost simultaneously, Governor Brown signed SB 866, which changes the new employee orientation system regarding the process for securing authorization for deducting union dues. Staff will keep the Board updated as new developments occur.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Marketing, Planning & Legislative Committee

County Connection's Position on Proposition 6

Director Wilk introduced the item and stated that County Connection must protect its funds and minimize budget cuts. SB1 STA revenue is vital to County Connection maintaining and sustaining existing levels of services. Director Dessayer noted that the No on Proposition 6 campaign is well funded, and that in some communities there are perceptions regarding excessive spending in transit. Other directors commented on the impact that the repeal of SB 1 would have on transit services, how SB 1 funds are protected from diversion to other non transit purposes, and the need to better educate the public about how transit funding is spent.

MOTION: Director Wilk moved adoption of Resolution No. 2019-02, Opposing Proposition 6, Which Would Repeal SB1. Director Storer seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval:

Aye: Directors Haydon, Hoffmeister, Hudson, Noack, Schroder, Storer, Wilk and Worth
No: None
Abstain: Director Dessayer
Absent: Directors Andersen and Tatzin

BOARD COMMUNICATION: None

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Schroder adjourned the regular Board meeting at 9:52 a.m.
Minutes prepared by

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Date