

**LONG BEACH TRANSIT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MINUTES**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015  
333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 12:00 PM**

Barbara Sullivan George, Chair  
Maricela de Rivera, Vice Chair  
Sumire Gant, Secretary/Treasurer  
April Economides, Director  
Victor Irwin, Director



Nancy Pfeffer, Director  
Amy Bodek, City Representative  
Ara Maloyan, City Representative

President and Chief Executive Officer  
Kenneth A. McDonald

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**Public Hearing**

**SPECIAL MEETING - 12:00 PM**

1. Call to Order. Maricela de Rivera
2. Roll Call. Sarah Miller

CITY REPRESENTATIVE:  
Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services

ALSO PRESENT:  
Kenneth A. McDonald, President and Chief Executive Officer  
Debra A. Johnson, Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
Vincent C. Ewing, General Counsel  
Lisa Patton, Executive Director and Vice President of Finance and Budget  
Lee Burner, Executive Director and Vice President of Transit Service Delivery and Planning  
LaVerne David, Executive Director and Vice President of Employee and Labor Relations  
Rolando Cruz, Executive Director and Vice President of Maintenance and Infrastructure  
Patrick Pham, Executive Director and Vice President of Information Technology  
Sarah Miller, Board Secretary  
Ivette Gonzalez, Office Administrator

**Commissioners** Maricela de Rivera, Sumire Gant, Nancy Pfeffer and Victor Irwin

**Present:**

**Commissioners** Barbara Sullivan George and April Economides

**Excused:**

3. 15-001TR Public Hearing to Consider the Proposed Purchase of Transit Buses in Compliance with State Statute. Debra Johnson

Recommendation to:

1. Receive, consider and place into the record any public comments regarding the proposed procurement of a new fleet class of battery electric buses and the expansion of an existing fleet class of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses of which the rear axles may exceed 20,500 pounds;
2. Adopt a resolution that includes a finding that the procurement of a new fleet class of battery electric buses and the expansion of an existing fleet class of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses of which the rear axles may exceed 20,500 pounds on any one axle is necessary to address a need to serve new and existing transit markets.

Vice Chair de Rivera noted that three comments were received during the public comment period, February 2 through February 13, 2015.

One of the comments submitted was a question from the public, pertaining to the anticipated delivery date of the new buses. LBT's Customer Service staff responded to the individual with the information requested.

The second commenter expressed support for the purchase of electric buses.

The third comment was from the City of Lakewood, expressing its opposition to allowing heavier axle load limits on city streets. The City of Lakewood asserts that the load limit ensures that loads are transported safely and pavement design will be able to withstand anticipated traffic loads. Without the limit, bridges and pavement exposed to repetitive overweight loads will eventually fatigue and reduce to the point that they will no longer support a load.

Debra Johnson, Deputy CEO, presented the staff report.

**A motion was made by Director Irwin, seconded by Director Pfeffer, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Maricela de Rivera, Sumire Gant, Nancy Pfeffer and Victor Irwin

**Absent:** 2 - Barbara Sullivan George and April Economides

4. Public Comments.

Any member of the public may approach the lectern and, upon recognition by the Chairperson, state his or her name and address for the record and proceed to address the Board on any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board, provided that no action may be taken on off agenda items unless authorized by law. Comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes, unless different time limits are set by the Chairperson, subject to the approval of the Board.

There were no comments from the public.

Director Pfeffer asked if there had been a response to the concerns from Lakewood.

Debra Johnson answered that the concerns have not been directly responded to as pursuant to the public hearing process. LBT receives those comments and takes them under advisement until the Board acts upon finding a need.

Secretary/Treasurer Gant asked what percentage of the existing fleet exceeds the limits.

Rolando Cruz responded that 100 percent of the fleet exceeds the limits.

Secretary/Treasurer Gant noted that LBT is already traveling on Lakewood streets.

5. 15-009TR          Adjourn Public Hearing.

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