

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

**THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2022
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, 12:00 PM**

Michael Clemson, Chair
David H. Sutton, Vice Chair
Abigail Mejia, Secretary/Treasurer
Raul Anorve, Director
Colleen Bentley, Director
Jeffrey Price, Director



Lea Eriksen, City Representative

Kenneth A. McDonald,
President and Chief Executive Officer

**BOARD MEETING VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361**

ZOOM MEETING ID: 837 8217 0688 (PASSWORD: 1963)

REGULAR MEETING - NOON

1. Call to Order. (Michael Clemson)

Chair Clemson called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call. (Jen Flores)

Commissioners Colleen Bentley, Abigail Mejia, David Sutton and Michael

Present: Clemson

Commissioners Jeffrey Price

Excused:

Commissioners Raúl Añorve

Absent:

3. Employee Recognition. (Jen Flores)

Employees of the Month for April 2022:

Peter Diaz, Transit Service Delivery and Planning

Oscar Romo, Maintenance and Infrastructure

Erlin Martinez, Administrative Staff

INFORMATION ITEM

Jen Flores, Board Secretary, presented the Employees of the Month for April 2022.

4. Public Comment.

Any member of the public may raise their hand, upon recognition by the Chair, state his or her name and proceed to address the Board on any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Long Beach Transit Board of Directors, provided that no action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law. Comments shall be limited to three minutes, unless different time limits are set by the Chair, subject to the approval of the Board.

Julie Dean, a member of the public gave the following comment:

"Hello, my name is Julie Dean and I have lived in Belmont Shore for 25 years. I would like to state that the parklets on Second Street in Belmont Shore are causing issues with our bus stops for our bus drivers and for people who are disabled or elderly. I believe the city has removed some Belmont Shore bus stops and now we've run into an even bigger issue, large delivery trucks cannot find parking spaces to stop because of the many parklets so they park in the bus stops now often for up to half an hour. When this happens the bus cannot make its designated stop there's nowhere for them to stop, they must continue on to the next best bus stop even if that means going over the small bridge into Naples. This requires customers with disabilities or elderly people to then travel back to their destination no matter how far or how difficult that might be for them, and I believe that that's unjust and unfair. This is just one of many reasons why I believe the permanent parklets should not be constructed in Belmont Shore.

I'm also wondering why the bus stop on Second Street at the southeast corner of Glendora in front of Dogz Bar and Grill has moved and is now on the southwest corner of Second Street and Glendora in front of the dry cleaner. I was advised that Long Beach places its bus stops at the opposite end of a block from the traffic signal to give the bus and the bus driver space and a better chance to pull out of the bus stop rather than placing it at the same end as the traffic signal. This Second Street and Glendora bus stop is now at the traffic signal end of the block. I don't understand why this change was made and would appreciate an explanation. I've realized that the same change occurred with the bus stop that was in front of the Domenico's, it's also been moved to the other side of Santa Ana and is now at the traffic signal end of the block, so that a park that could be built for the restaurants between Santa Ana and Pomona. We know that guiding principles were made based on city and industry studies research and analytics and are built around public safety and behavior so it's difficult to understand why these principles would be changed to other case by case basis. Usually, principles like that are not changed randomly due to the

rationale and why they were created in the first-place deviations seem unsafe and illogical. I know it's not normal during public comment for it to be a Q&A session, but I do have these questions that I posed and I'm wondering if I can get answers either now or at a later time via email or by phone."

Mr. McDonald responded that staff will look into the issues and will follow-up with a response to Ms. Dean's concerns.

Chair Clemson read the following public comment from James Stouvenel, a member of the public:

"Hi, my name is James Stouvenel. I'm a Palmdale resident. I want to comment under public comment.

The free fares for blind and wheelchair riders is illegal under the FTA half fare program, as well as an ADA violation. Please make the discounts the same for all disabled passengers. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Sincerely, James Stouvenel."

5. President and CEO Report. (Kenneth McDonald)

INFORMATION ITEM

Kenneth McDonald, President and CEO, presented his monthly report.

Mr. McDonald stated that LBT has seen a reduction in employees reporting positive COVID tests.

Mr. McDonald provided information regarding the revised County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health's masking order dated April 21, 2022.

Mr. McDonald stated that LBT will be continuing its policy requiring face masks onboard vehicles and at LBT facilities.

Mr. McDonald provided an update on the GoPass program and LBT's presence at the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach and various other community events.

Director Bentley inquired about data regarding the where most of the students are using the GoPass service.

Mr. McDonald responded that most of the data is being provided by METRO and staff is working to make sure service is put in the right places.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

All matters included on the Consent Calendar are considered routine by the Long Beach Transit (LBT) Board of Directors and will all be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Board of Directors or the public so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

CONSENT CALENDAR (6 and 8)

A motion was made by Director Bentley, seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Mejia, to remove Item 7 from the Consent Calendar and approve the Consent Calendar Items 6 and 8.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Colleen Bentley, Abigail Mejia, David Sutton and Michael Clemson

Excused: 1 - Jeffrey Price

Absent: 1 - Raúl Añorve

- 6. 22-026TR Recommendation to approve the minutes of the regular session meeting held on March 24, 2022

- 8. 22-028TR Recommendation to adopt the resolution to authorize continued teleconferencing meetings pursuant to Assembly Bill 361.

- 7. 22-027TR Recommendation to approve the minutes of the special session meeting held on April 18, 2022.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Sutton, seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Mejia, to approve Item 7 recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Abigail Mejia, David Sutton and Michael Clemson

Abstain: 1 - Colleen Bentley

Excused: 1 - Jeffrey Price

Absent: 1 - Raúl Añorve

REGULAR CALENDAR

9. 22-029TR Monthly Financial Report. (Lisa Patton)

INFORMATION ITEM

Lisa Patton, Executive Director/VP, Finance and Budget, presented the monthly financial report.

This TR-Agenda Item was received and filed.

10. 22-030TR Recommendation to adopt Long Beach Transit's 2022 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan. (Kenneth McDonald)

Mr. Mc Donald presented the staff report.

Chair Clemson inquired about the decrease in total number of injuries for 2020 and 2021.

Mr. McDonald responded that he believes it has to do with the buses running less miles in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic. He also pointed out that LBT has been doing a lot of safety outreach with operators and that the agency has been seeing improvement in the safety in the organization.

A motion was made by Director Bentley, seconded by Vice Chair Sutton, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Colleen Bentley, Abigail Mejia, David Sutton and Michael Clemson

Excused: 1 - Jeffrey Price

Absent: 1 - Raúl Añorve

11. 22-031TR Recommendation to authorize the President and CEO to enter into a contract with ADT Commercial LLC to deploy the Access Control System at the Long Beach Transit Corporate Office. (Patrick Pham)

Patrick Pham, Executive Director/VP, Information Technology, presented the staff report.

Director Bentley inquired about the project timeline.

Mr. Pham responded that staff does not have an exact timeline due to the supply chain issues. However, once the equipment has been received staff will work with the vendor and make sure they stick to the installation schedule.

Vice Chair Sutton inquired about the technology of the access cards.

Mr. Pham responded that it will be a tap to enter card, not a swipe card.

Vice Chair Sutton requested that staff research the use of a combination type card that will allow access to the building, as well as the transit system.

Mr. McDonald responded that staff will research utilizing that type of access technology for LBTCO.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Sutton, seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Mejia, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Colleen Bentley, Abigail Mejia, David Sutton and Michael Clemson

Excused: 1 - Jeffrey Price

Absent: 1 - Raúl Añorve

12. Closed Session.

CONFERENCE REAL PROPERTY (Gov. Code sec. 54956.8)

Property: 4801 Airport Plaza Drive, Long Beach, CA 90815

Kenneth A. McDonald, President and CEO; Lisa Patton, Executive Director/VP, Finance and Budget

Re: Price, Terms

Meeting went into Closed Session at 12:49 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 1:09 p.m.

Vince Ewing, General Counsel, reported that no action was taken.

Commissioners Colleen Bentley, Abigail Mejia, David Sutton and Michael

Present: Clemson

Commissioners Jeffrey Price

Excused:

Commissioners Raúl Añorve

Absent:

13. Board Request.

Director Bentley inquired about the project timeline for the bus shelter installation reported at the March 24, 2022 Board meeting.

Director Bentley requested that the Board be informed in advance of community events that could be attended by the Board members.

14. 22-032TR Adjourn. The next regular meeting will be held on May 26, 2022.
(Michael Clemson)

The meeting adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Sutton, seconded by Director Bentley, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Colleen Bentley, Abigail Mejia, David Sutton and Michael Clemson

Excused: 1 - Jeffrey Price

Absent: 1 - Raúl Añorve

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