

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

**THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, 3:30 PM**

David H. Sutton, Chair
Abigail Mejia, Vice Chair
Michael Clemson, Secretary/Treasurer
Raul Añorve, Director
Colleen Bentley, Director
Rolando Cruz, Director
Randy Rawlings, Director



Lea Eriksen, City Representative
Joshua Hickman, City Representative

Kenneth A. McDonald,
President and Chief Executive Officer

BOARD MEETING VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

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REGULAR MEETING - 3:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order. (David Sutton)

Chair Sutton called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

2. Roll Call. (Jen Flores)

Commissioners Raúl Añorve, Randy Rawlings, Michael Clemson, Abigail Mejia
Present: and David Sutton

Commissioners Colleen Bentley

Excused:

Commissioners Rolando Cruz

Absent:

3. Employee Recognition. (Jen Flores)

Employees of the Month for March 2023:

Miguel Hernandez, Transit Service Delivery and Planning
Adrian Lopez, Maintenance and Infrastructure
Akinwale Akinyinka, Administrative Staff

INFORMATION ITEM

Jen Flores, Board Secretary, presented the Employees of the Month for March 2023.

Director Bentley joined the Board of Directors meetings at 3:37 p.m.

Commissioners Raúl Añorve, Colleen Bentley, Randy Rawlings, Michael

Present: Clemson, Abigail Mejia and David Sutton

Commissioners Rolando Cruz

Absent:

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.

Chair Sutton read public comments submitted by Alexandros Martinez and Wayne Wright.

Serina Lim gave a live public comment.

5. President and CEO Report. (Kenneth McDonald)

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

CEO McDonald gave a summary of the APTA Legislative Conference held on March 12 - 14 in Washington, D.C. that was attended by CEO McDonald and Marisol Barajas, Government Relations Manager.

March 18 was Transit Worker Appreciation Day. LBT observed this day on March 17 by providing employees with snacks.

An update was provided about upcoming LBT 60th Anniversary events.

CEO McDonald highlighted events in which LBT had a presence at during the month of March.

Ms. Flores presented an update regarding the changes to the Board teleconferencing meeting procedures.

Kevin Meno gave a public comment.

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)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Mejia, seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Clemson, to approve the Consent Calendar Item 6. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Raúl Añorve, Colleen Bentley, Michael Clemson, Abigail Mejia and David Sutton

Abstain: 1 - Randy Rawlings

Absent: 1 - Rolando Cruz

6. [23-019TR](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes of the regular session meeting held on February 23, 2023.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. [23-020TR](#) Monthly Financial Report. (Lisa Patton)

INFORMATION ITEM

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

Director Rawlings inquired about the increase in advertising.

Ms. Patton responded that this cost includes past expenses such as promotions for Movies on the Beach, bus video and photography and a wayfinding consultant.

This TR-Agenda Item was received and filed.

8. [23-021TR](#)

Recommendation to adopt a resolution policy statement in support of prioritizing the movement of people by bringing forward a "Transit First" policy advancing strategies to drive sustainable and equitable investment within the communities served by Long Beach Transit.
(Marisol Barajas)

Marisol Barajas, Manager, Government Relations, presented the staff report.

Secretary/Treasurer Clemson commented about the Transit First Policy.

Vice Chair Mejia requested clarification about the identify and protect high usage transit corridors and if LBT had gotten any community feedback on the policy.

CEO McDonald responded that when transit projects are identified, LBT should make sure that public transit options are included in the conversations. This policy has been compiled from existing agency documents, so community feedback was not solicited in the creation of this policy.

Director Bentley inquired if the policy was going to be expanded upon.

CEO McDonald responded that specifics of the policy were presented in the Board report.

Discussion ensued regarding LBT and transit project prioritization.

Director Anorve inquired if LBT would be seeking community input for future projects.

CEO McDonald responded that this policy is a guideline and community input gathered is when a project is being implemented.

Director Anorve inquired about how investment and participation will be

measured and if the Board will be updated about project performance.

CEO McDonald responded that when LBT is the owner of a project, staff does report to the Board.

Chair Sutton commented that this should be looked at as a living policy and that public transit should be consider the first way to travel instead of the third or fourth.

A motion was made by Director Anorve, seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Clemson, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Raúl Añorve, Colleen Bentley, Randy Rawlings, Michael Clemson, Abigail Mejia and David Sutton

Absent: 1 - Rolando Cruz

9. Board Request.

Director Anorve requested a presentation regarding the LBT's policy and procedure about moving a bus stop.

Director Bentley requested that Board Members be utilized as advocates with the City Council for the Transit First Policy.

Vice Chair Mejia inquired about LBT's plan is regarding the homeless state of emergency in the city.

CEO McDonald responded that he has been working with the city to be a part of the solution while working under the FTA requirements.

City Representative Lea Erickson announced that she would be stepping down from the LBT Board of Directors.

10. [23-022TR](#) Adjourn. The next regular meeting will be held on April 27, 2023. (David Sutton)

The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

**A motion was made by Secretary/Treasurer Clemson,
seconded by Director Bentley, to approve recommendation.
The motion carried by the following vote:**

Yes: 6 - Raúl Añorve, Colleen Bentley, Randy Rawlings, Michael
Clemson, Abigail Mejia and David Sutton

Absent: 1 - Rolando Cruz

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