

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

**THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023
411 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
CIVIC CHAMBERS, 3:30 PM**

David H. Sutton, Chair
Abigail Mejia, Vice Chair
Raul Añorve, Director
Colleen Bentley, Director
Randy Rawlings, Director



Christopher Koontz, City Representative
Joshua Hickman, City Representative

Kenneth A. McDonald,
President and Chief Executive Officer

REGULAR MEETING - 3:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order. (David Sutton)

Chair Sutton called the meeting to 3:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call. (Jen Flores)

Commissioners Raúl Añorve, Colleen Bentley, Randy Rawlings, Abigail Mejia
Present: and David Sutton

3. Employee Recognition. (Jen Flores)

Employees of the Month for May 2023:

La Tanya Haynes, Transit Service Delivery and Planning
Bruce Kong, Maintenance and Infrastructure
Branden Spalding, Administrative Staff

INFORMATION ITEM

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

Secretary/Treasurer Clemson joined the meeting in progress at 3:34 p.m.

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.

Frances Emily Dawson Harris gave a live comment regarding ADA compliance

John Morris, owner of Boat House on the Bay, gave a live comment regarding the Aqualink restrooms at Alamitos Bay.

Chair Sutton read two comments submitted via email prior to the start of the meeting:

Anthony Rivera submitted a comment regarding LBT transfers.

Wayne Wright submitted a comment regarding an older bus being used for the 60th Anniversary wrap, AC on the buses and LBT transfers.

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 Director Añorve, seconded by Director Rawlings, to passed the consent calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Raúl Añorve, Colleen Bentley, Randy Rawlings, Michael Clemson and Abigail Mejia

Abstain: 1 - David Sutton

Absent: 1 - Rolando Cruz

6. [23-030TR](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes of the regular session meeting held on April 27, 2023.

REGULAR CALENDAR

7. [23-031TR](#) Monthly Financial Report. (Lisa Patton)

INFORMATION ITEM

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

Frances Emily Dawson Harris asked for an explanation about the items in the financial report that have decreased.

This TR-Agenda Item was received and filed.

8. [23-032TR](#) Recommendation to approve the updated Investment Policy Statement for the financial assets of Long Beach Transit. (Ashley Liang)

Ashley Liang, Treasurer, presented the staff report.

A motion was made by Director Añorve, 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

5. President and CEO Report. (Kenneth McDonald)

President and CEO Kenneth McDonald presented his monthly report.

CEO McDonald reviewed his CEO statement from the Long Beach Transit FY 2024 Budget Book.

Frances Emily Dawson Harris gave a comment regarding the feasibility of federal funding for ADA.

9. [23-033TR](#) Recommendation to adopt the Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget of \$125,778,099 and the Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Budget of \$37,905,959. (Kenneth McDonald)

CEO McDonald presented the staff report.

Frances Emily Dawson Harris gave a public comment regarding quality of the budget presentation.

Vice Chair Mejia inquired about one time federal funding.

CEO McDonald responded that the funding will be up next year.

Vice Chair Mejia inquired about the effects of the state budget deficit on LBT funding.

CEO McDonald responded that in FY 24 there is no impact.

Secretary /Treasurer Clemson inquired about the local return funding and the county sales tax and how that become city funding.

CEO McDonald responded that the funds go to the city and the city distributes those funds for transportation projects throughout the city.

Discussion ensued about the agreement between LBT and the city about the amount of funds distributed.

Chair Sutton commented on the lack of public comment on the budget agenda item, customer amenities funding and bus operator recruitment.

CEO McDonald responded that staff would look at how to involve the public in the meetings.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Mejia, seconded by Director Rawlings, 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

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Frances Emily Dawson Harris gave a comment regarding funding safety.

11. Board Request.

Secretary/Treasurer Clemson gave a comment about the customer service of the transit ambassadors.

Secretary/Treasurer Clemson stated that this would be his last meeting as he was moving to another commission.

Discussion ensued about Secretary/Treasurer Clemson's time on the Board.

Vice Chair Mejia inquired about a report about the agency's transportation priorities regarding the Senior Advisory Commission.

12. [23-034TR](#) Adjourn. The next regular meeting will be held on June 22, 2023. (David Sutton)

The meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

A motion was made by Secretary/Treasurer Clemson, seconded by Vice Chair Mejia, 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

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