

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

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2022
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, 12:00 PM**

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



Lea Eriksen, City Representative
Joshua Hickman, City Representative

Kenneth A. McDonald,
President and Chief Executive Officer

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

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REGULAR MEETING - NOON

1. Call to Order. (Michael Clemson)

Chair Clemson called the meeting to order at noon.

2. Roll Call. (Jen Flores)

Commissioners Raúl Añorve, Colleen Bentley, Abigail Mejia and Michael

Present: Clemson

Commissioners David Sutton

Excused:

3. Employee Recognition. (Jen Flores)

Employees of the Month for August and September 2022:

Dewander White, Transit Service Delivery and Planning
Alex Ariola, Maintenance and Infrastructure
Sandra Sanchez, Administrative Staff

Rida B. Shihata, Transit Service Delivery and Planning
Alejandro Perez-Galicia, Maintenance and Infrastructure
Brenda Cisneros, Administrative Staff

INFORMATION ITEM

Jen Flores, Board Secretary, presented the Employees of the Month for August and September 2002.

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 Clemson read a public comment from Kurt Canfield, a member of the public, regarding bus rapid transit creation.

Chair Clemson read a public comment from Alexandros Martinez regarding LBT's Carson service.

Ian Trahan gave a public comment regarding benches at bus stops.

Althea Nelson, Elmer Podadera, Karen Capp, Victor Pearson and Evangelina Ramirez gave public comments regarding LBT's UCLA/Westwood Commuter service.

John Kindred gave a public comment regarding the lack of bus canopies at the bus stops and the lack of smoking enforcement at the bus stops.

Elliot Gonzales gave a public comment a regarding fare free future.

5. President and CEO Report. (Kenneth McDonald)

INFORMATION ITEM

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

CEO McDonald addressed the UCLA/Westwood Commuter service public comments stating that LBT was already looking into what can be done about the schedule for the service.

CEO McDonald stated that LBT has seen a decrease in positive COVID cases and that the agency is still encouraging customers and staff to wear masks onboard buses and at LBT facilities.

CEO McDonald gave a status report to the Board about LBT's pre pandemic and current ridership. As of the week of September 11, 2022 LBT is at 73% of pre pandemic boardings.

LBT service changes went into effect on August 28, 2022, which included updated service hours from 4:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m and running a total of 36 routes. This service change has returned LBT to 85% pre pandemic service levels working towards 90% for the next service change.

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 - 8)

**A motion was made by Director Añorve, seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Mejia, to passed the consent calendar.
The motion carried by the following vote:**

Yes: 4 - Raúl Añorve, Colleen Bentley, Abigail Mejia and Michael Clemson

Excused: 1 - David Sutton

6. [22-064TR](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes of the regular session meeting held on July 28, 2022.
7. [22-065TR](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes of the special session meeting held on August 25, 2022.
8. [22-066TR](#) Recommendation to adopt the resolution to authorize continued teleconferencing meetings pursuant to Assembly Bill 361.

REGULAR CALENDAR

9. [22-067TR](#) Monthly Financial Report. (Lisa Patton)

INFORMATION ITEM

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

Director Bentley inquired about the overtime for maintenance and operators.

Ms. Patton responded that the overtime in Maintenance sticks out because it's causing the entire wage band to be over budget. While Operations is also seeing an increase in overtime, they are able to absorb it within their budget.

This TR-Agenda Item was received and filed.

10. [22-068TR](#) Recommendation to adopt a resolution authorizing the President and CEO to file an application and execute a grant agreement with the Federal Transit Administration for \$25,007,783 under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. (Lisa Patton)

Ms. Patton presented the staff report.

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

Yes: 4 - Raúl Añorve, Colleen Bentley, Abigail Mejia and Michael Clemson

Excused: 1 - David Sutton

12. [22-070TR](#) Recommendation to authorize the President and CEO to enter into a contract with PCN3, Inc., for construction services for \$3,988,241, with a 10% contingency of \$398,824, for a total authorization amount not to exceed \$4,387,065. (Lisa Patton)

Ms. Patton presented the staff report.

Director Bentley inquired about the timeline for the project.

Ms. Patton responded that LBT is expecting the project to be completed within six months.

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

Yes: 4 - Raúl Añorve, Colleen Bentley, Abigail Mejia and Michael Clemson

Excused: 1 - David Sutton

11. [22-069TR](#) Recommendation to adopt a resolution authorizing the President and CEO to submit a funding request to the California Department of Transportation for Senate Bill 1 State of Good Repair funds to obligate allocated funding for Long Beach Transit's capital projects in the amount of \$1,267,781. (Marisol Barajas)

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

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

Yes: 4 - Raúl Añorve, Colleen Bentley, Abigail Mejia and Michael Clemson

Excused: 1 - David Sutton

13. [22-071TR](#) Fiscal Year 2023 Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. (Kenneth McDonald)

INFORMATION ITEM

This TR-Agenda Item was withdrawn.

14. Board Request.

There were no Board requests.

15. [22-072TR](#) Adjourn. The next regular meeting will be held on October 27, 2022. (Michael Clemson)

The meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

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

Yes: 4 - Raúl Añorve, Colleen Bentley, Abigail Mejia and Michael Clemson

Excused: 1 - David Sutton

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