

Tri-Valley San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority (TVSJVRRRA)
Minutes of Special Board meeting on April 13, 2022 via Zoom Teleconference

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

The meeting of the board of directors was called to order by Vice Chair Melissa Hernandez at 2:05 p.m. Hernandez lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Roll Call of Members**

Members Present

Chair Veronica Vargas, City of Tracy (*joined during item #7*)

Vice Chair Melissa Hernandez, City of Dublin

Director Paul Akinjo, City of Lathrop

Director David Haubert, Alameda County

Director David Hudson, San Ramon

Director Brittini Kiick (Livermore), LAVTA

Director Kathy Narum, City of Pleasanton

Director Bernice King Tingle, Mountain House

Director John McPartland (District 5), BART

Director Robert Rickman, San Joaquin County

Director Karen Stepper, Town of Danville

Director Bob Woerner, City of Livermore

Director Dan Wright, City of Stockton

Director Leo Zuber (Ripon), ACE

Members Absent

Director Benjamin Cantu, City of Manteca

3. **Public Comments**

There was no public comment.

4. Consent Agenda – **ACTION**

Recommend approval of all items on Consent Agenda as follows:

- a. Minutes of March 9, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. Minutes of April 6, 2022 Special Board of Directors Meeting.
- c. Treasurer's Report for February 2022.
- d. Resolution R09-2022 Declaring that Agency meetings will continue to be held via teleconference

Motion: Hudson/Stepper

Aye: Akinjo, Haubert, Hernandez, Hudson, Kiick, King-Tingle, McPartland, Narum, Rickman, Stepper, Woerner, Wright, Zuber

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cantu, Vargas

Motion Passed

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5. Amendments to Bylaws to Address Succession Issues and Executive Director/CEO Position – **ACTION**

Executive Director Kevin Sheridan introduced this item, then turned the floor over to legal counsel Michael Conneran. Conneran summarized the details of the staff report and the suggested changes to the bylaws. There was no discussion by the directors and no public comment.

Motion: Hudson/Stepper

Aye: Akinjo, Haubert, Hernandez, Hudson, Kiick, King-Tingle, McPartland, Narum, Rickman, Stepper, Woerner, Wright, Zuber

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cantu, Vargas

Motion Passed

6. Approve resolutions R10-2022 and R11-2022 adopting ICMA-RC standard retirement plan documents for the 401(a) and 457 – **ACTION**

Sheridan introduced this item and outlined the process involved in selecting a provider. Legal counsel Ed Bernard answered questions from the board. There was no public comment.

Motion: Hudson/Wright

Aye: Akinjo, Haubert, Hernandez, Hudson, Kiick, King-Tingle, McPartland, Narum, Rickman, Stepper, Woerner, Wright, Zuber

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Cantu, Vargas

Motion Passed

7. Executive Director's Report – **INFORMATION**

Sheridan informed the board of various funding related activities that have taken place since the last board meeting. He highlighted project briefings that he and Chair Vargas had with David Stammerjohan, Chief of Staff for Senator Susan Eggman, as well as Mark Tollefson Deputy Cabinet Secretary for the Governor. Sheridan noted that March 23 the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) unanimously approved a regional grants strategy for the major competitive transportation funding programs under the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). The MTC board voted to add the Valley Link rail project to the list of regional project priorities for the Capital Investment Grant (CIG) Program. Sheridan thanked Alameda County District 4 Supervisor Nate Miley for his efforts during the process. He also thanked everyone who provided letters of support, among them Congressman Swalwell and San Joaquin Council of Governments. Directors Hudson, Haubert and Vice Chair Hernandez all gave comment at the meeting in support of this move by MTC. Sheridan gave the floor to Deputy Director, Wil Ridder.

Ridder discussed the Major Project Advancement Policy (MAP) that is being developed by MTC. MAP is intended to be a regional policy to support Plan Bay Area 2050's regionally significant projects. Staff will take MAP into consideration in the current project funding strategy and adopted TOC policy. Last week staff submitted requests for fiscal year 2023 (FY23) federal appropriations

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through Senators Feinstein and Padilla’s offices. The same project will be submitted as a FY23 community project funding request through State Representative Harder’s office. These requests specifically seek funding for construction of the first phase of the hydrogen fuel production facility. Directors discussed this item. There was no public comment.

8. Directors’ Discussion

There was no further discussion.

9. Adjourn to CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation; Alameda County Taxpayers' Assoc. v. Tri-Valley — San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority et al., Alameda County Superior Court Case No. RG21110126

10. Reconvene to OPEN SESSION

Conneran reported out that there was no reportable action was taken.

11. Next Meeting

May 11, 2022 at 2 p.m. via teleconference

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned without objection at 3:27 p.m.