

Tri-Valley San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority (TVSJVRRRA)
Minutes of November 10, 2021 meeting via Zoom Teleconference

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

The meeting of the board of directors was called to order by Chair Veronica Vargas at 2:00 p.m. Director Benjamin Cantu lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Roll Call of Members**

Members Present

Chair Veronica Vargas, City of Tracy
Vice Chair Melissa Hernandez, City of Dublin
Director Paul Akinjo, City of Lathrop
Director Benjamin Cantu, City of Manteca
Director Brittini Kiick (Livermore), LAVTA (**arrived during Item 4*)
Director Bernice King Tingle, Mountain House
Director John McPartland (District 5), BART
Director Kathy Narum, City of Pleasanton
Director Karen Stepper, Town of Danville
Director Bob Woerner, City of Livermore
Director Dan Wright, City of Stockton (**arrived during Item 5*)
Director Leo Zuber (Ripon), ACE

Members Absent

Director David Haubert, Alameda County
Director David Hudson, San Ramon
Director Robert Rickman, San Joaquin County

3. **Public Comments**

There was no public comment.

4. **Consent Calendar – ACTION**

Motion to approve all items on Consent Calendar as follows:

- a. Minutes of Oct 14, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. Treasurer’s Report for September 2021.
- c. Approve Resolution R17-2021 of the Board to conduct meetings using teleconferencing pursuant to Government Code 54953 as amended by AB 361

Motion: Stepper/Narum

Aye: Akinjo, Cantu, Hernandez, Kiick, McPartland, Narum, Stepper, Tingle, Vargas, Woerner, Zuber

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Haubert, Hudson, Rickman, Wright

Motion Passed

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5. Fiscal Year 2021 Basic Financial Statements and Memorandum of Internal Control – ACTION

Tamara Edwards, Director of Finance, gave the floor to David Alvey, Audit Partner with MAZE & Associates, the authority's independent external auditor. Alvey summarized the findings of the audit and congratulated the Authority on receiving an unmodified/clean audit opinion, the highest level of assurance an audit firm can give an entity. Chair Vargas thanked Edwards for her hard work in making this possible.

Motion: Hernandez/Zuber

Aye: Akinjo, Cantu, Hernandez, Kiick, McPartland, Narum, Stepper, Tingle, Vargas, Woerner, Wright, Zuber

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Haubert, Hudson, Rickman

Motion Passed

6. Executive Directors Report – INFORMATION

Executive Director Michael Tree summarized the details of his staff report then turned the floor over to Deputy Executive Director Kevin Sheridan, who gave an update of the ongoing work with Caltrans. Marianne Payne, Manager of Policy, Planning and Environmental, reported on the recently adopted strategic plan, Plan Bay Area 2050 and a major infrastructure bill in the works. Tree wrapped up with an update on green hydrogen opportunities for the project. Comments were heard from members of the board. Public comment was heard from Vaughn Wolfe.

7. Resolution R18-2021 AECOM Contract Agreement Addendum #5 – ACTION

This item was pulled from the agenda without objection.

8. Directors' Discussion

Chair Vargas advised the board that Tree and Sheridan have been very active with community engagement, and after a successful report to the Mountain House Community Services District they will make a project presentation at the next meeting of the Tracy City Council. Directors Stepper and Akinjo requested additional information regarding Agenda Item #7.

9. Adjourn to CLOSED SESSION

10. Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b): PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION Title: Executive Director

11. Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR Agency Representative: Michael Conneran, Legal Counsel Unrepresented Employee: Executive Director

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12. **Reconvene to OPEN SESSION**
13. Consideration of Modification to Stipend Payment Arrangement with Executive Director Michael Tree – **ACTION**
No reportable action was taken during closed session.
14. **Next Meeting**
December 8, 2021 at 2 p.m. via teleconference
15. **Adjourn (McPartland/Wright)**
Meeting adjourned without objection at 3:26 p.m.