

**Tri-Valley – San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority  
Minutes of Board Meeting on February 12, 2025**

**Dublin City Hall, Council Chambers  
100 Civic Plaza, Dublin, CA 94568**

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

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by Chair Robert Rickman at 2:02 p.m. Chair Robert Rickman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**a. Oaths of Office**

The following board members were sworn in by Chair Robert Rickman

- Mark Armstrong, City of San Ramon
- Christina Fugazi, City of Stockton
- Dotty Nygard, City of Tracy

**2. Roll Call of Members and Confirmation of Quorum**

***Members Present - In-Person***

Director Paul Akinjo, City of Lathrop  
Director Mark Armstrong, City of San Ramon  
Director David Haubert, Alameda County  
Director Bernice King-Tingle, City of Mountain House  
Director Michael McCorriston, City of Dublin  
Director Jeff Nibert, City of Pleasanton  
Director Karen Stepper, City of Danville  
Director Julie Testa, LAVTA  
Director Leo Zuber, ACE/SJRRC  
Vice Chair, John Marchand, City of Livermore  
Chair Robert Rickman, San Joaquin County

***Members Present – Remote***

Director Christina Fugazi, City of Stockton  
Director Regina Lackey, City of Manteca  
Director Dotty Nygard, City of Tracy

***Members Absent***

Director Melissa Hernandez, BART

**3. Public Comments**

Public comment was heard from by Tim Robertson, Brian Werner, Michael Mark.

**4. Consent Agenda – ACTION**

Motion to approve all items on Consent as follows:

- Minutes of December 11, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting
- Treasurer's Report for October, November and December 2024
- ADSS Contract Addendum 1
- PMSS Contract Addendum 1
- State Legislative Advocacy Contract Addendum 1
- Statement of Investment Policy

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Directors discussed these items. Items 4.c and 4.d were pulled for discussion. Item 4.f was pulled for a punctuation change. Motion was made to approve items 4.a to 4.e as stated, and item 4.f as amended. There was no public comment.

**Motion:** Stepper/Akinjo

**Aye:** Akinjo, Armstrong, Fugazi, Haubert, King-Tingle, Lackey, Marchand, McCorriston, Nibert, Nygard, Rickman, Stepper, Testa, Zuber

**Nay:** None

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Hernandez

**Motion Passed**

**5. Legislative Update and 2025 Strategic Priorities – ACTION**

Gus Khouri, State Legislative Consultant, summarized the written report and provided updates on the overview of funding challenges. Khouri requested the board approve the reestablishment of Board Ad Hoc committees for Funding, Sustainability and Access. Directors discussed this item. There was no public comment.

**Motion:** Marchand/McCorriston

**Aye:** Akinjo, Armstrong, Haubert, King-Tingle, Marchand, McCorriston, Nibert, Nygard, Rickman, Stepper, Testa, Zuber

**Nay:** None

**Abstain:** Lackey

**Absent:** Fugazi, Hernandez

**Motion Passed**

**6. Alternative Delivery Strategy (ADSS) Update – INFORMATION**

A presentation was made by Andy Robbins, AECOM ADSS Procurement Lead. Robbins explained the delivery methods on construction project, and recommended using the Construction Manager General Contractor method and the Progressive Design-Build method. Robbins also discussed risk management and mitigation strategies. Directors discussed this item. No public comment was made.

**7. Project Labor Agreement (PLA) Update – INFORMATION**

Lauren Jaquith, AECOM ADSS DBE/PLA Lead, presented the benefits of a PLA which included the ensuring of labor stability/skilled workforce availability, the promotion of local job creation and workforce development. In addition to outlining steps needed to ensure compliance with state and federal requirements, Jaquith also addressed funding and political requirements, and the potential collaboration with labor unions for advocacy efforts. Directors discussed this item. Public comment was heard from Tim Robertson, Brian Werner and Michael Mark.

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8. **Alstom Zero-Emission Rail Vehicles – INFORMATION**

Bill O'Hair, Director of Engineering, Construction and Operations, introduced Ian Hodgkinson, Alstom's Business Development Director. Hodgkinson gave a presentation that shared the latest updates on their innovations and deployment of zero-emission rail vehicles in North America. He discussed the potential integration of the Alstom hydrogen-powered trains into the Valley Link system. Directors discussed this item. Public comment was heard from Miguel Carlos.

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

Executive Director Kevin Sheridan updated the board on recent public outreach efforts. Staff participated in a Tracy Earth Project (TEP) event at the Tracy Community Center. The TEP event was designed to educate high school students about the Valley Link commuter rail project. Sheridan also announced other opportunities for community outreach and engagement at upcoming Earth Day events.

10. **Directors' Discussion – Comments, Questions and Agenda Requests**

Director King-Tingle congratulated Chair Rickman, Vice Chair Marchand, and Executive Director Kevin Sheridan for their leadership within Valley Link. Public comment was heard from Miguel Carlos and Hassieb Hassib.

11. **Upcoming Meeting Details –** The next regular meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m. on April 9, 2025 at Mountain House Chambers, 251 East Main Street, Mountain House, CA 95391

12. **Meeting was Adjourned to CLOSED SESSION** at 4:10 p.m. without objection. This was information only. No reportable action.