

MORONGO BASIN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

**REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Thursday, January 27, 2022 5:00PM

MBTA Operations Center

62405 Verbena Road

Joshua Tree, CA 92252

ACTION MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER – Vice Chair Abel called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Karmolette O’Gilvie led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL - On call of the roll the following Board Members were present:
Jeff Drozd, Danielle Harrington, Ellen Jackman, Karmolette O’Gilvie, Ben Sasnett, McArthur Wright and Merl Abel.

2.0 SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Employee of the Quarter

Matt Atkins, Operations Manager, recognized Andrew Bernstein as the Employee of the Quarter for the care and concern he showed his ready ride customers, as well as his flexibility and understanding for last minute assignment changes. This was Andrew’s second opportunity having been recognized for Employee of the Quarter.

3.0 CLOSED SESSION

3.1 Gov. Code § 54957(b)(1): Public Employee Appointment: Title: General Manager

No items were reported.

3.2 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

No items were reported.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

5.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

- 5.1 Minutes of the November 18, 2021 Board Meeting
- 5.2 Treasurer's Report for October and November 2021
- 5.3 Warrant Register through December 31, 2021
- 5.4 Ridership Reports
- 5.5 Financial Reports
- 5.6 General Manager's Report
- 5.7 Operations Report
- 5.8 Audited Financial Reports for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021
- 5.9 LCTOP Zero Emission Vehicle
- 5.10 LCTOP Bus Stop Improvement
- 5.11 Resolution 22-03 to Authorize the General Manager to apply for 5310 Grant Funding for the Transportation Reimbursement Escort Program (TREP)
- 5.12 2022 Board Calendar

ACTION: Board Member Harrington moved to approve the Consent Calendar (items 5.1 - 5.12); seconded by Board Member Wright; passed by Roll Call Vote (7-0).

6.0 ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSIONS AND/OR PARTICIPATION AND/OR ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

7.0 OLD BUSINESS

NONE

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 8.1 Election of Board Officers for Calendar Year 2022

Cheri Holsclaw, Interim General Manager, explained the past practices of nominating the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary.

ACTION: Board Member Drozd moved to keep tradition nominating Merl Abel as Chair, McArthur Wright as Vice Chair and General Manager as Board Secretary; seconded by Board Member Jackman; passed by Roll Call Vote (7-0).

- 8.2 Election of Member "At-Large" for Calendar Year 2022 and 2023

Cheri Holsclaw informed the Board that MBTA advertised the Member "At-Large" position in the local newspapers during the month of December and received two

responses indicating interest. Staff recommended nominating Ben Sasnett since he had been on the MBTA Board since 2007.

ACTION: Chair Abel appointed Ben Sasnett as Member “At-Large”; seconded by Board Member O’Gilvie: passed by Roll Call Vote (6-0).

8.3 MBTA Sub Committee Assignments

With the departure of Daniel L. Mintz Sr, it left a vacancy in the Sub Committee assignments. Discussion ensued.

ACTION: Vice Chair Wright moved to add Board Member O’Gilvie to the Taxi committee and keep all other current assignments as is; seconded by Chair Abel: passed by Roll Call Vote (7-0).

8.4 Clean Energy Amended Maintenance Agreement

This agreement would extend our maintenance agreement with Clean Energy at the same scope of service and cost MBTA had since 2013. It would also allow Clean Energy to report, manage and sell our LCFS credits, as well as supply MBTA with Renewable Natural Gas and monetize the resulting credits for us.

Alphonse with Clean Energy gave a presentation on Renewable Natural Gas.

ACTION: Vice Chair Wright moved to authorize the Interim General Manager to execute the Clean Energy Amended Maintenance Agreement; seconded by Board Member Drozd: passed by Roll Call Vote (7-0).

9.0 GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE

Cheri Holsclaw reported the bicycle locker installation was completed at both transit centers.

10.0 FUTURE BOARD INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Abel suggested evaluating the Bylaws if MBTA changes the name during rebranding. He also recommended discussing separating our legal counsel from the Town or City during that time; seconded by Vice Chair Wright.

11.0 BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board Member Sasnett congratulated Andrew for employee of the quarter and Cheri as interim General Manager as a job well done.

Board Member Jackman echoed Board Member Sasnett’s sentiments, welcomed Board Member O’Gilvie to the Board and thanked Cheri for doing a good job.

Board Member Drozd thought it was a great meeting and congratulated the employee of the quarter.

Board Member O’Gilvie said it was a pleasure to be back on the Board. She loved learning more about clean energy. She also congratulated the employee of the quarter and told Cheri she was doing a great job.

Vice Chair Wright also congratulated the employee of the quarter and told Cheri she was doing a great job. He welcomed Board Member O'Gilvie back.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:20pm Thursday, January 27, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cheri Holsclaw', is written over a horizontal line.

Cheri Holsclaw, Assistant Board Secretary