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**MOUNTAIN AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**February 16, 2022**

Mountain Area Regional Transit Authority's Board of Directors held a Regular meeting on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 due to changed circumstances regarding the severity of COVID-19 public emergency, this meeting was approved by the Board of Directors to proceed as a teleconference meeting in compliance with waivers to certain provisions of the Brown Act pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) (AB 361), relating to a proclaimed state of emergency and required or recommended social distancing measures. There was no physical location for members of the public to participate. In compliance with the Brown Act, members of the public observed and participated in the meeting via Zoom.

**OPEN SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Miller called meeting to order at 10:33 A.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Member Mote

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VIA ROLL CALL**

Chairman, Jim Miller, 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisorial District  
Vice-Chair, Kyle Schulty, 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisorial District (via Zoom)  
Bynette Mote, Member, City of Big Bear Lake  
Perri Melnick, Member, City of Big Bear Lake (via Zoom)

**ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS**

Rodney Shepherd, Member At Large

**AGENCY STAFF PRESENT**

Sandy Benson, General Manager (via Zoom)  
Karen Wentworth, Clerk of the Board  
Sean Gillingham, Financial Analyst (via Zoom)  
Mary Hickey, Administrative Clerk (via Zoom)

**OTHERS PRESENT**

John Tubbs II, County Legal Council (via Zoom)  
Nicole Soto, SBCTA (via Zoom)  
Todd Warden, AQMD (via Zoom)  
Judy Bowers, Grizzly (via Zoom)  
Ryan Goss, Big Bear Airport (via Zoom)  
Frank Forbes, Big Bear Disposal (via Zoom)

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comments

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Chairman Miller called for any items to be pulled from the Consent Calendar. Member Mote made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, Board Minutes January 19, 2022 and Items 1-4. Member Melnick seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: The motion passed. Member Shepherd absent.

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Presented by Sandy Benson

Member Mote asked if the GM was concerned about the lack of response to schedule the Union negotiations meeting. Ms. Benson responded she is not concerned at this time.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 5. Revised Board Meeting Schedule for FY21/22

Chairman Miller presented on behalf of Member Shepherd, who was absent, this agenda item to change the frequency of the Board of Director meetings to every other month. Staff created a new meeting schedule reflected in this item. Chairman Miller called for discussion and a motion. Ms. Benson will continue to provide a GM report to the Board Members on the alternate meeting month. No further discussion. Member Mote made a motion to approve the revised meeting schedule for FY21/22 and change the meeting frequency to every other month beginning February 16, 2022. Chairman Miller seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: The motion passed. Member Shepherd absent.

### 6. Resolution 2022-001: Authorized Agent & Certs and Assurances for 5310.

Chairman Miller called for discussion and a motion. Ms. Benson provided background for this item. No further discussion. Member Melnick made a motion to approve the GM to execute and file all applications for 5310. Member Schulty seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: The motion passed. Member Shepherd absent.

### 7. Customer Service Representative

Chairman Miller called for discussion and a motion. Ms. Benson provided background for this item. No further discussion. Member Mote made a motion to approve the position of Customer Service Representative. Member Melnick seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: The motion passed. Member Shepherd absent.

### 8. Brown Act: Assembly Bill AB361 Regarding Teleconferencing

Chairman Miller called for discussion and a motion to approve. Chairman Miller made a motion to approve the findings contained herein shall apply to this meeting on February 16, 2022 according to AB361. Member Mote seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: The motion passed. Member Shepherd absent.

## **GENERAL COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Administration –

Ms. Benson announced Mr. Ray Wolfe, SBCTA will be visiting MT on 2/17/2022.

The Clerk of the Board reminded Board members to submit their original Statement of Economic Interest, 700 Form to her before 4/1/2022.

Board Members –

Member Mote acknowledges the efforts of MT's great job on increased ridership and looks forward to her Member Orientation with Ms. Benson on 2/18, 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting at 11:02 A.M.

The next regularly schedule meeting will be held Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at 10:30A.M. Location: Snow Valley Mountain Resort, Pine Room (located upstairs far left of the resort building) 35100 CA HWY 18, Running Springs, CA 92382



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Karen Wentworth, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AT THE April 20, 2022, BOARD MEETING