



MOUNTAIN AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2023

Mountain Area Regional Transit Authority's Board of Directors held a closed session and regular meeting on January 18, 2023 at City of Big Bear Lake, Training Room, 39707 Big Bear Blvd., Big Bear Lake, CA 92315 and via Zoom for Public participation.

OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 10:35 A.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Member Mote

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VIA ROLL CALL

Chairman, Jim Miller, 3rd Supervisorial District
Vice-Chairman, Kyle Schuly, 2nd Supervisorial District (MT CL Office)
Perri Melnick, Member, City of Big Bear Lake
Bynette Mote, Member, City of Big Bear Lake
Scott Rindenow, Member-At-Large (MT CL Office)

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Sandy Benson, General Manager
Karen Wentworth, Clerk of the Board
Sean Gillingham, Financial Analyst (via Zoom)
Karen Martin, MT Driver

OTHERS PRESENT

Adam Ebright, County Legal Counsel (via Zoom)
Todd Warden, AQMD (via Zoom)
Nancy Strickert, SBCTA (via Zoom)
Susan O'Strander, City of Big Bear Lake
Frank Forbes, SBCo Supervisor Rowe Office (via Zoom)

STAFF PRESENTATION

Sandy Benson presented Karen Martin, MT Driver with 4th Qtr 2022 Employee Recognition

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION 10:42 A.M.

In accordance with Government Code §54957(b) Personnel Evaluation, General Manager and Government Code §54957.6 Labor Negotiations, General Manager Compensation

OPEN SESSION RECONVENED 11:26 A.M.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

No Reportable action.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comments

DISCUSSION ITEM: BROWN ACT: ASSEMBLY BILL AB361

Due to changed circumstances regarding the severity of COVID-19 public emergency, this meeting will proceed open to Board Members, staff and the public as teleconference meeting and the posted location in compliance with waivers to certain provisions of the Brown Act pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) (AB361), relating to a proclaimed stat of emergency and required or recommended social distancing measures. Chairman Miller called for discussion and a motion. Chairman Miller made a motion to approve to adopt AB361 findings. Member Mote seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: The motions passed unanimously.

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 October 19, 2022, Board Meeting and Items 1-12. Member Melnick seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Presented by Sandy Benson

Discussion regarding By-Laws update, Adam Ebright recommends General Manager and legal counsel will identify process for Board at March meeting. Chairman Miller asked Clerk of the Board to put a Discussion Item on the March agenda for this item. Sue O'Strander, Director of Community Development for the City of Big Bear Lake attended the meeting and was asked questions regarding the status of the City's consultant working on MT's CEQA document. Per the contract, the document should have been completed. Sue was asked by Board member Melnick to follow up with consultant and report to MT GM on status as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS

13. Amendment to FY23 Operations Budget

Chairman Miller called for discussion and a motion. Ms. Benson provided the background for this item. No further discussion. Vice-Chairman Schulty made a motion to approve amending MT FY23 Operations Budget. Member Melnick seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

14. Mountain Transit Employee Manual – Receive & File

GENERAL COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS


Administration – Ms. Benson had coffee mugs made to represent each year she is General Manager to give to all employees and Board members for the years each of them share their employment anniversary. The Clerk of the Board reminded the Board members of the deadline to complete their Statement of Economic Interest 700 Forms is April 3, 2023. An email will be sent to the Board members.

Board Members – Member Bynette and Chairman Miller compliment MT Staff on their success in making a huge improvement to the winter service and shuttles.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting at 12:21 P.M.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 10:30 A.M. Location: Snow Valley Mountain Resort, 35100 CA HWY 18, Running Springs, CA 92382


Kafon Wentworth, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AT THE March 15, 2023, BOARD MEETING