

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 8, 2023

[Clerk's note: Except where noted, public, staff and board member comments are paraphrased. The full comment can be heard by reviewing the recording at the [MTS website](#).]

1. Roll Call

Chair Whitburn called the Board meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. A roll call sheet listing Board member attendance is attached.

2. Public Comment

Mylande Liseski – Provided a written statement to the Board prior to the meeting. The written comment is provided in the [June 8, 2023 Final Meeting Packet](#).

Jose Puga – A Teamsters 683 representative provided a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Puga acknowledged the service workers and the mechanics in the room that are honoring the ongoing strike that will be in the same negotiating positions at the end of the year. Puga urged the Board to address the recent split, premium and minimum wage denials in the ongoing strike negotiations. Puga expressed the alarming tactics of zip tying bathrooms as a retaliation tactic.

Ronald Barnes – A service worker in the South Bay made a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Barnes expresses concern about ongoing employee loss and worker's financial insecurity during the ongoing strike and urged the Board to cancel or reform the contract.

Nicholas Cambrix – A resident of Imperial Beach and Transdev employee, provided a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Cambrix expressed his disappointment with the attendance and hour compensation ratio and urged the Board to bring the contract in-house.

Fausto Surposa – A Transdev bus operator provided a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Surposa gave an anecdotal experience about a driver's personal life being impacted because of the long-split hours. Surposa talked about the zip tied bathrooms.

Joel BoJorquez – A mechanic for the agency made a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. BoJorquez provided first hand problems he has experienced about his experience from being an in-house employee to a subcontractor. BoJorquez urged the Board to reform the contract and bring all drivers in-house.

Leif Gensert – A member of Ride SD made a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Gensert urged the Board to resolve the strike as it brings reduced frequency and increased wait times and inconveniences passengers across various communities.

Zack Defazio Farrell – Provided a written statement to the Board both during and prior the meeting. The written comment is provided in the [June 8, 2023 Final Meeting Packet](#). Farrell urged the Board to bring a resolution to bus service as critical for environmental and equity goals. Farrell encouraged MTS to meet the demands of transit workers.

Truth – Provided a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Truth expressed dissatisfaction with Ride Assured and on the operator speaker button as a source of emergency communication that the agency provides. Truth expressed dissatisfaction with the Board membership.

The Original Dra – Provided a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. The Original DRA expressed dissatisfaction with the Board membership and the ongoing strike discussion.

Nicky – A resident of El Cajon made a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Nicky stated their reliance on bus service and asked that the Board consider voiding the Transdev contracts.

Nevo Magnezi – A resident of Hillcrest made a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Magnezi expressed disappointment in the way that MTS and management addressed the strike.

CLOSED SESSION:

The Board convened to Closed Session at 9:26 a.m.

3. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code 54956.9 (d)(4) (one potential case)

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 11:39 a.m.

Karen Landers, General Counsel, reported the following oral report of final actions taken in Closed Session:

The Board instructed staff by motion to place on the June 15, 2023 Board of Directors open session agenda, an item to consider up to an additional \$1 million in funding for the Transdev Fixed Route Operating Contract contingent on service being restored no later than June 23, 2023 and authorize further legal action if service is not restored. The vote passed with 10 members in favor (Member: Chavez, Donovan, Elo-Rivera, Frank, Gastil, Goble, Hall, Leyba-Gonzalez, McCann and Whitburn), 4 members opposed (Member: Bush, Dillard, Moreno and Montgomery Steppe) and Board Member Vargas absent.

ADJOURNMENT

4. Additional Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

There were no additional public comments.

5. Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is June 15, 2023 at 9 a.m.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 a.m.



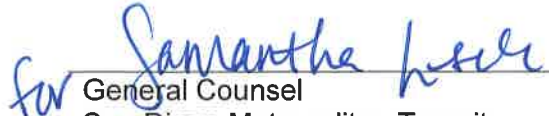
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Attachment: Roll Call Sheet

SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROLL CALL

MEETING OF (DATE): June 8, 2023 CALL TO ORDER (TIME): 9:01 a.m.
 RECESS: _____ RECONVENE: _____
 CLOSED SESSION: 9:26 a.m. RECONVENE: 11:39 a.m.
 PUBLIC HEARING: _____ RECONVENE: _____
 ORDINANCES ADOPTED: _____ ADJOURN: 11:44 a.m.

JURISDICTION	BOARD MEMBER		ALTERNATE		PRESENT (TIME ARRIVED)	ABSENT (TIME LEFT)
City of Chula Vista	Chavez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cardenas	<input type="checkbox"/>	9:01 a.m.	11:39 a.m.
City of Chula Vista	McCann	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cardenas	<input type="checkbox"/>	9:01 a.m.	11:39 a.m.
City of Coronado	Donovan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Duncan	<input type="checkbox"/>	9:01 a.m.	11:39 a.m.
County of San Diego	Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vargas	<input type="checkbox"/>	ABSENT	ABSENT
City of El Cajon	Goble (Vice-Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ortiz	<input type="checkbox"/>	9:01 a.m.	11:44 a.m.
City of Imperial Beach	Leyba-Gonzalez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Aguirre	<input type="checkbox"/>	9:01 a.m.	11:39 a.m.
City of La Mesa	Dillard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Arapostathis	<input type="checkbox"/>	9:04 a.m.	11:39 a.m.
City of Lemon Grove	Gastil	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mendoza	<input type="checkbox"/>	9:01 a.m.	11:44 a.m.
City of National City	Bush	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rodriguez	<input type="checkbox"/>	9:01 a.m.	11:44 a.m.
City of Poway	Frank	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pepin	<input type="checkbox"/>	9:01 a.m.	11:39 a.m.
City of San Diego	Montgomery Steppe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Von Wilpert	<input type="checkbox"/>	9:03 a.m.	11:39 a.m.
City of San Diego	Elo-Rivera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LaCava	<input type="checkbox"/>	9:03 a.m.	11:44 a.m.
City of San Diego	Gloria	<input type="checkbox"/>	Moreno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9:13 a.m.	11:39 a.m.
City of San Diego	Whitburn (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Campillo	<input type="checkbox"/>	9:01 a.m.	11:44 a.m.
City of Santee	Hall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Koval	<input type="checkbox"/>	9:01 a.m.	11:44 a.m.
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SIGNED BY THE CLERK OF THE BOARD:

