

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

November 20, 2025

[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 9:06 a.m. A roll call sheet listing Board member attendance is attached as Attachment A.

Chair Whitburn opened the meeting by honoring four MTS Light Rail Vehicle (LRV) maintenance team members, Joshua Mavez, Dan Medlin, Jesse Warford, and Andrew Meisenholder, for their heroic actions. He recounted how, during a recent incident near the Green Line at 12th and Imperial, a driver experienced a medical emergency, crashed, and was trapped in a burning vehicle. The MTS crew acted immediately, using fire extinguishers to suppress the flames and rescue the woman before first responders arrived. He praised their courage and quick response, noting that their efforts saved a life, avoided damage to MTS property, and exemplified outstanding public service. He expressed the Board's deep gratitude and invited the team to the podium for commendation. He concluded by saying it was the best way to start a meeting.

**2. Public Comment**

Lorenzo Pimentel – Provided a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Lorenzo expressed concern about being dropped off at an incorrect address rather than at his home. He emphasized the serious health and safety challenges this causes, particularly given his visual impairment and recent experiences such as navigating back from an eye appointment with dilated pupils. Lorenzo highlighted the danger of navigating along a busy street and expressed frustration that their home is considered outside the service area, making safe travel difficult. He asked for a reconsideration of this service limitation to ensure his safety.

Jeanne Ames – Provided a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Jeanne, the mother of Lorenzo Pimentel, spoke about her concerns regarding her son's safety during transit pickups. She emphasized the serious health risks he faces due to a heart condition and past incidents where he was left waiting in the hot sun. She described the unsafe conditions of their neighborhood, including poor sidewalk maintenance, weeds, uneven surfaces, and high-speed traffic on their street. Jeanne noted that MTS vehicles often drive past their home but still require her son to be picked up at a more distant and less safe location. She urged MTS to consider allowing pickup directly from their residence to ensure her son's safety.

Jacqueline Romero – Provided a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Jacqueline, case manager and teacher at Transition Resources for Adult Community Education (TRACE) School, spoke on behalf of her student, Lorenzo Pimentel. She emphasized Lorenzo's serious medical conditions including a heart condition, collapsed lung, and partial blindness and the dangers he faces when navigating 0.3 miles to reach his designated MTS Access pickup location. Jacqueline noted that other students with similar needs receive true door-to-door service and urged the Board to grant Lorenzo an exception to allow home pickup and drop-off. She invited Board Members to accompany them one day to witness firsthand the challenges he faces and stressed that this is a matter of safety and potential life-threatening risk.

Nate Fairman – Representing International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers IBEW made a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Nate urged the Board to strengthen its partnership to enhance the mechanic training program in preparation for future technologies,

especially as Battery Electric Buses (BEB) expand across the system. He emphasized the need for continued evolution through collaboration with the Clean Technology Training Trust. Nate highlighted the benefits of joining this national initiative, including access to state and federal funding, the opportunity to help shape a national apprenticeship model, and the ability for MTS to appoint a trustee to guide training design. He stressed that this strategic partnership would position MTS as an industry leader and invited Board Members to attend an upcoming Zoom meeting on December 1st for more information.

Javier Haros – Representing the Holiday Gardens Homeowners Association (HOA) made a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Javier raised concerns about a pedestrian access path connecting their community to an MTS parking lot. He noted that the path has become a safety issue due to a significant increase in local crime over recent years. Javier acknowledged that the access was originally opened at the HOA's request but now @requested that the Board consider either closing or controlling access to it in light of changing conditions.

David Jentz – Representing Holiday Gardens HOA made a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. David supported the earlier comments made by Javier Haros. He reiterated the HOA's request to reclose a pedestrian walkway connecting their community to the MTS H Street Trolley Station parking lot. David explained that the area has a low traffic cul-de-sac, and restricting access would redirect foot traffic to more well-lit and safer streets. He emphasized that the HOA is willing to cover the costs of closing the walkway and noted that it had historically been closed in the past.

Chair Whitburn expressed gratitude to the speakers from Chula Vista and others who participated in public comment, including Nate Fairman, Lorenzo Pimentel, and his advocates. He acknowledged and appreciated the time and effort each individual took to speak before the Board and share their concerns.

#### CONSENT ITEMS:

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Action would approve the October 16, 2025 Board of Directors meeting minutes.

**4. CEO Report**

**5. State Lobbying Services – Contract Award**

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to: 1) Execute MTS Doc. No. G3098.0-25 with Mark Watts Advocacy, LLC (Mark Watts Advocacy) for State Lobbying Service for a three (3) year base period with two (2) 1-year options, for a total of five (5) years in the amount of \$184,200.00 ; and 2) Exercise the option years at the CEO's discretion

**6. Investment Report – Quarter Ending September 30, 2025**

**7. Temporary Staffing Services – Multiple Contract Awards**

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to: 1) Execute MTS Doc No. G3147.0-26 with Alois, LLC for the provision of Temporary Staffing Services (General Staffing On-Call List) for a period of five (5) years; 2) Execute MTS Doc. No. G3148.0-26 with CPM Ltd Inc. dba Manpower of San Diego for the provision of Temporary Staffing Services (General Staffing and IT Staffing On-Call Lists) for a period of five (5) years; 3) Execute MTS Doc. No. G3149.0-26 with Genesis Global Recruiting for the provision of

Temporary Staffing Services (General Staffing and IT Staffing On-Call Lists) for a period of five (5) years; 4) Execute MTS Doc. No. G3150.0-26 with Infojini Inc. for the provision of Temporary Staffing Services (General Staffing and IT Staffing On-Call Lists) for a period of five (5) years; 5) Execute MTS Doc. No. G3151.0-26 with Nasscomm for the provision of Temporary Staffing Services (General Staffing and IT Staffing On-Call Lists) for a period of five (5) years; and 6) Execute MTS Doc. No. G3152.0-26 with TeleSolv Consulting for the provision of Temporary Staffing Services (IT Staffing On-Call List) for a period of five (5) years.

**8. Adoption of the 2026 San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) Executive Committee and Board of Directors Meeting Schedule**

Action would adopt the 2026 Executive Committee and Board of Directors meeting schedule.

**9. Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5304 Strategic Partnerships - Transit grants via the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant – Grant Award**

Action would approve Resolution No. 25-14 to authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to: 1) Accept the FY 2025-2026 FTA Section 5304 Strategic Partnership - Transit grants via the Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant in the amount of \$442,650 for MTS's Otay Mesa East Transit Planning Study; and 2) Authorize \$57,350 in local matching funds to fully fund the Otay Mesa East Transit Planning Study.

**10. CrowdStrike Software Subscription 3 Year Renewal – Contract Award**

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc. No. G3121.0-26, with Nth Generation Computing, Inc. (Nth), for a CrowdStrike software subscription renewal for three (3) years in the amount of \$389,132.46

**11. Purchase of Hardwood Railroad Ties – Contract Award**

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc. No. L1706.0-26, with Gemini Forest Products (Gemini), for the purchase of hardwood railroad ties in the amount of \$191,922.00, inclusive of 7.75% CA Sales Tax and 1% CA Lumber Products Assessment Fee.

**12. Grantville Elevator Modernization – Contract Award**

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute MTS Doc No. PWL449.0-26, with Kone Inc., (Kone), in the amount of \$873,577.00 for the modernization of two (2) elevators at the Grantville Station.

**13. Downtown Parallel Feeder Cable & Street Trackage Replacement Design – Work Order Agreement**

Action would authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute Work Order MTS Doc. No. WOA354-AE-59, under MTS Doc No. PWL354.0-22, with Mott MacDonald, LLC (MM), in the amount of \$1,766,534.25 for design services for the Downtown Parallel Feeder Cable and Street Trackage Replacement Project.

**14. Orange Line Improvement Project (OLIP) Phase 1 and 2 Design Services – Work Order Amendment**

Action would 1) Authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to execute Work Order Amendment No. WOA356-AE-06.09 under MTS Doc No. PWL356.0-22 with Pacific Rail

Enterprises, Inc. (PRE), a Women-Owned Business Enterprise (WBE), in the amount of \$32,855.71 to add signal enclosure door intrusion alarm support to the Phase 1 Centralized Train Control (CTC) system; and  
2) Authorize the CEO to execute Work Order Amendment WOA356-AE-06.10, under MTS Doc No. PWL356.0-22, with PRE, in the amount of \$4,794,043.51, to provide Design Services During Construction (DSDC), signaling system software development, California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) grade crossing compliance, CTC system changes, and construction contract safety certification for Phase 2 of the OLIP.

**15. Operations Budget Status Report for September 2025**

**Public Comment:**

There were no Public Comments.

**Board Comment for Agenda Item No. 9**

Board Member Moreno moved the consent agenda and noted she had comments on Agenda Item No. 9 but did not wish to pull it. She expressed strong support for Agenda Item No. 9, the FY 2025–26 FTA Section 5304 transit grant for the Otay Mesa East transit planning study. She said the study was long overdue, as Otay Mesa was rapidly growing but lacked adequate transit service. She highlighted the area's economic significance over \$60 billion in commerce and shared that residents had made it clear that poor transit limited access to opportunities. She had pushed MTS for years to focus on the area and believed the study would finally provide needed data on routes, infrastructure, and resources like buses and staffing. Board Member Moreno also praised staff, saying they delivered on their promise to bring the project forward through a grant after it was pulled from a budget item. She closed by thanking staff for their work and expressing pride in supporting the study.

Board Member Moreno moved to approve Consent Agenda Item Nos. 3 to 15. Board Member Hall seconded the motion, and the vote was 13 to 0 in favor with Board Member Bush and Board Member Vaus absent.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**16. Appointment of Ad Hoc Nominating Committee for Recommending Appointments to MTS Committees for 2026 (Sharon Cooney)**

Chair Whitburn explained that this item was an annual process. He stated that a few volunteers would join the Ad Hoc Committee to determine who was interested in serving on various standing committees for the upcoming year. He noted that the Ad Hoc Committee planned to meet next month and would present its recommendation to the Board in January.

**Public Comment**

There were no Public Comments.

**Board Comment**

Board Member Heredia expressed interest in sitting on the Ad Hoc Committee.

Karen Landers, MTS General Counsel, stated that it was ultimately up to the Board to decide who served on the Ad Hoc Committee. She explained that, generally, committee appointments were given to primary Board members so they could report back to the Board and contribute to

discussions effectively. However, she acknowledged that there was precedent specifically on the Public Security Committee where an alternate Board member had also served on a committee.

Board Member Moreno pointed out that she had previously served as the Mayor of San Diego's alternate while also holding the role of budget chair. She emphasized that appointments were ultimately at the discretion of the Board and stated that she wanted to advocate on the matter.

#### **Action Taken**

Chair Whitburn solicited volunteers to serve on the Ad Hoc Nominating Committee. Board Member Elo-Rivera, Board Member Moreno, Vice Chair Goble, Board Member Hall, Board Member Montgomery Steppe, Board Member McCann and Chair Whitburn volunteered to serve on the Committee. The Board voted 13 to 0 in favor with Board Member Bush and Board Member Vaus absent.

#### **17. Audit Results and Draft of Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) (Erin Dunn and Jennifer Pentoney with Suzette Reyes of The Pun Group)**

Suzette Reyes of The Pun Group presented on Audit Results and Draft of Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). She provided details on: Managements and Auditors Responsibilities, Overview of the Financial Statements, Key Pension and Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Information, and Audit Results.

#### **Public Comment**

There were no Public Comments.

#### **Board Comment**

Vice Chair Goble asked a series of questions related to the audit process. He directed the following questions to the auditor: During the audit, were you given full access to any employee that you needed to talk to for the purposes of preparing the audit? Ms. Reyes responded yes, the auditors were provided full access to anyone that they asked to speak to. He asked: Did you ever ask for access to an employee that felt necessary to complete your audit and were denied access to that employee? Ms. Reyes responded that did not occur. He asked: Were you given full access to any documents including ledgers and financial statements and financial documents for the purpose of preparing your audit? Ms. Reyes responded yes, and MTS also provided read-only access to the accounting system. He asked: Did you find any financial practices being used by staff or executives to not be consistent with the best practices of accounting? Ms. Reyes responded no. He asked: What is your overall assessment of the quality of the accounting internal controls and the competency of staff? Ms. Reyes responded that, overall, MTS had done a very good job in designing and implementing internal controls over financial reporting and compliance. She reported that, during the 2025 audit, no audit adjusting journal entries were recorded. He asked: How did you maintain independence during the course of the audit? Ms. Reyes responded that the audit team maintained objectivity and professionalism throughout the audit and remained independent from MTS. She confirmed that no non-audit services were performed, no management decisions were made, and no financial or employment interests existed at the employee or firm level. To prevent familiarity threats, the audit team was changed for 2025, and a separate quality control reviewer independent of the audit team was assigned to review the audit and all issued reports. He asked: Were there any accounting issues on which you sought the advice of other audit firms or regulatory bodies? Ms. Reyes responded that there were none. He asked: Is it your opinion that this audit and MTS's

financial record keeping deserves an unmodified opinion? Ms. Reyes responded yes. He asked: What is the alternative to an unmodified opinion? Ms. Reyes responded that, alternatively, the audit could have resulted in a qualified opinion, indicating the financial statements were fairly presented except for specific material issues. She added that an adverse opinion could have been issued if the statements were not materially fairly stated, or a disclaimer of opinion could have been given if auditors were unable to form an opinion due to scope limitations or insufficient evidence. He asked how many years has their company been conducting finance audits for MTS? Ms. Reyes responded since 2012. He asked: Have you ever found an MTS audit that you did not ultimately conclude that it would be an unmodified opinion? Ms. Reyes responded no. He asked: Are there any new pronouncements and/or risks affecting future financial statements which the Board should be aware of? Ms. Reyes responded that both GASB 103 (Financial Reporting Model Improvements) and Statement 104 (Disclosures of Certain Capital Assets), referenced in Note 1R of the 2025 ACFR, would take effect in fiscal year 2026. She added that these changes were expected to have only a minor impact on MTS's financial statements.

Vice Chair Goble thanked the team for the presentation, praised their good work, and congratulated Mr. Marinesi and his team for receiving an unmodified opinion.

Board Member Downey thanked the staff and acknowledged their work. She stated it was always impressive when no corrections were needed and commended the entire team for their efforts and time. She offered congratulations on a job well done.

Chair Whitburn echoed the congratulations to the financial team for achieving a clean audit.

#### **Action Taken**

No action taken. Informational item only.

### **18. Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Final Operating Budget Results (Gordon Meyer)**

Gordon Meyer, MTS Manager of Financial Planning, presented on Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Final Operating Budget Results. He provided details on: Total operating revenues, total operating expenses, total operating activities, subsidy revenue category descriptions, total non-operating revenues and expenses, total revenues less expenses, contingency reserve balance and recommendation.

#### **Public Comment**

There were no Public Comments.

#### **Board Comment**

There were no Board Comments.

#### **Action Taken**

Chair Whitburn moved to approve the allocation of \$2.9M in excess revenues over expenses in FY25 to the contingency reserve. Board Member Downey seconded the motion, and the vote was 13 to 0 in favor with Board Member McCann and Board Member Vaus absent.

### **19. MTS Financial Sustainability (Mike Thompson)**

Mike Thompson, MTS Deputy Chief Financial Officer (CFO), presented on MTS Financial Sustainability. He presented on: strategic direction, Board direction – February 13, historical non-fare revenues, current five-year projection, fiscal cliff responses at other agencies, revenue

measure, Capital Improvement Projects (CIP), potential CIP impacts, potential CIP impacts – State of Good Repair (SGR), operating budget, external funding, service and fares direction, Board Policy No. 42, major changes vs. minor changes, and staff's recommendation.

### **Public Comment**

Nate Fairman – Representing IBEW made a verbal statement to the Board during the meeting. Nate expressed support for the staff's current budget proposal, including the shift of funds from capital investments to operations. Drawing on his decade of contract negotiations with MTS, he emphasized the need for bold action to ensure long-term transit sustainability. Nate acknowledged uncertainty around the timing of a potential ballot initiative, agreeing that waiting until 2028 might be prudent. He urged collaboration on securing additional state and federal funding and pledged union support. However, he voiced clear opposition to ongoing insourcing efforts at MTS, warning they could lead to avoidable labor disputes.

### **Board Comment**

Board Member Moreno thanked the staff for the presentation and then directed attention to slide nine (9). She stated that the slide presented a five-year projection and requested confirmation that it was a forward-looking analysis. Upon receiving confirmation, she proceeded to ask about the existing amount of funding currently available for CIP. Mr. Thompson responded that they had funded \$163 million in fiscal year 2026. He explained that the overall available funding for CIP amounted to a few hundred million dollars. Board Member Moreno recalled that the last time she reviewed the CIP related to the Zero Emission Bus (ZEB) program, there was approximately \$350 million allocated. Mr. Thompson responded it was about \$200 million for both infrastructure and BEB. Board Member Moreno emphasized that it was important for the Board to see the full list of CIP and their line items, especially since the current action involved a request to move \$50 million from CIP to Operations. Mr. Thompson pointed out that the current action involved a request to move \$50 million from the CIP to operations, not from already funded projects, but from future CIP funds.

Board Member Moreno clarified that while she personally trusted staff, the Board did not have enough information in front of them to assess the request fully. She referenced a similar transfer that occurred the previous year, involving \$35 million, and clarified that while she did not disagree with the transfer itself, the lack of accompanying project details remained an issue. She expressed concern that many projects, particularly the ZEB program, seemed vague and undefined, and stated that in her seven (7) years on the Board, the program had often felt conceptual rather than concrete. She requested a full overview of the CIP to ensure transparency and clarity. Board Member Moreno also stated she agreed with the strategy but voiced disappointment that the organization was targeting 2028 for a ballot measure instead of being prepared for 2026. She noted that she had previously urged the Board to consider a 2026 measure, but it now appeared that they were too late and found this particularly unfortunate in light of the budget shortfall highlighted in a prior agenda item, which showed they were around \$100 million in deficit. Despite her criticism, she expressed willingness to support the staff's recommendation and offered to make the motion. She concluded by stressing the importance of transparency and the need for the Board to have a clear view of how CIP funds were being allocated.

Sharon Cooney, MTS CEO, clarified that detailed reporting on the CIP is provided annually, including the ZEB Transition Plan, which the Board approves each year. She explained that the current discussion was not intended to define the CIP, but rather to gain support for the overarching strategy. She noted that the full CIP, including all relevant details, would be

presented in February or March, at which point the Board could still decide not to allocate the \$50 million. She added that CIP details are also included in the approved annual budget and noted that if there were other action points, it could be challenging to bring all related information to the Board at this stage, as the current focus was solely on securing support for the overarching strategy.

Board Member Moreno clarified that while she supported the motion, she wanted to state for the record that she had never seen a detailed CIP line item, encumbered or unencumbered, only total amounts, such as those shown for the ZEB program. She argued that more detailed information should be standard, especially in five-year outlooks. She suggested the CIP process be revised to include greater detail and transparency, emphasizing that such detail was essential given the current \$50 million request under consideration.

Vice Chair Goble directed staff to slide seven (7) and highlighted the scenario where the Board might move an MTS ballot measure forward and raised a key uncertainty: the possibility of a community or citizens' initiative. He noted the difference in vote thresholds a Board initiative requiring two-thirds support, while a citizens' initiative would only need 50% plus one. He asked what coordination or communication the Board would be allowed or not allowed to engage in if such a citizens' initiative were to take place. Karen Landers, MTS General Counsel, responded that the topic was sensitive and clarified that MTS could not lead a citizens' initiative, such efforts must be entirely citizen driven. She explained that while MTS could provide information to citizen groups, such as how funds might be spent, there were strict limits on communication to avoid the perception of MTS improperly influencing the process. She emphasized the need for clear initiative language to ensure MTS could implement it appropriately if passed and confirmed that while MTS could answer public interest questions, the agency had to remain strictly neutral to avoid legal challenges. Vice Chair Goble clarified that his understanding was education was allowed, but advocacy was not. Ms. Landers confirmed that this interpretation was correct.

Board Member Bush thanked staff for the presentation and agreed with Vice Chair Goble's earlier point, expressing that he also would have preferred to see a 2026 timeline. He voiced concern about the risks associated with the 2028 cycle, noting that multiple competing initiatives could reduce the chances of success, especially given the two-thirds vote threshold required for Board-led measures. He thanked Nate Fairman for his public comments and acknowledged the potential advantage of a citizens' initiative, which would only require a 50% plus one vote. He expressed a lower appetite for pursuing a measure under the current two-thirds requirement and suggested focusing on working with groups like IBEW and business associations in 2026 to advocate for state legislation that would reduce the threshold to a more realistic 55%. He also noted interest in further discussion on insourcing and labor disputes, particularly regarding issues with Transdev and private contractors. He concluded by stating that exploring a citizens' initiative from an educational standpoint for 2026 could be a strong strategy.

Board Member Hall asked to return to slide six (6) and inquired whether the other agencies reporting attempts at ballot initiatives were similar in nature and if any comparisons had been made regarding what each was requesting. Mr. Thompson explained that other agencies have been working on their initiatives for several years and that those measures are often written to provide flexibility allowing funds to be used for whatever the agency deems necessary. Board Member Hall shared his interest in comparing how other ballot initiatives were written versus how they ultimately turned out, especially with the Board considering a 2028 measure. He referenced a past experience involving a fire department initiative that included payroll but was ultimately defeated. He emphasized the importance of learning from such examples to ensure



future measures are written with a stronger chance of passing, even if the Board is not directly writing the measure themselves. He suggested a comparative analysis to better understand effective and ineffective approaches.

### **Action Taken**

Board Member Moreno moved to 1) Move target for revenue measure from November 2026 ballot to 2028. 2) During the development of FY2027-2030 CIP include shift of \$50M per year to the Operating budget. 3) Goal of \$10M in annual operational savings beginning with the FY2027 Operating budget (excludes service changes). 4) Continue pursuing additional funding from regional, state, and/or federal sources, including MTS to pursue legislation to expand transit revenue options through tourism, luxury vehicles or other options other than a sales tax. Board Member Montgomery Steppe seconded the motion, and the vote was 13 to 1 in favor with Board Member McCann voting no and Board Member Vaus absent.

### **CLOSED SESSION:**

#### **20. Public Comment for Closed Session**

There were no public comments.

The Board convened to Closed Session at 10:43 a.m.

#### **21. Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)**

*Angela McGaff, et al. vs. San Diego Metropolitan Transit System, et al.*  
*San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2022-00049144-CU-PO-CTL*

#### **22. Closed Session - Conference with Labor Negotiators Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6**

Agency: San Diego Trolley, Inc. ("SDTI")

Employee Organization: Transit Enforcement Officers Association ("TEOA")

Agency- Designated Representative: Jeffrey M. Stumbo, Chief Human Resources Officer (EEO Officer)

### **Closed Session Reconvening**

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 12:16 p.m.

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

21. The Board received a report from legal counsel and gave instructions.

22. The Board ratified a tentative agreement with the TEOA covering a period of October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2028 that was reached on October 20, 2025 by a yes vote of 13 members with Board Member Leyba-Gonzalez and Board Member Vaus absent.

### **OTHER ITEMS:**

#### **23. Chair, Board Member and Chief Executive Officer's (CEO's) Communications**

Sharon Cooney announced that she had concluded her tenure as Chair of the California Transit Association (CTA) Executive Committee and looked forward to having more time to focus on other responsibilities. She also informed the Board that she had sent a report earlier that day

regarding an incident involving an LRV and a pedestrian, inviting Board members to reach out with any questions. Chair Whitburn thanked Ms. Cooney for her service as Chair of the CTA Executive Committee and congratulated her on a very productive tenure in that role.

Chair Whitburn reminded the Board that an Ad Hoc committee had been formed that morning to recommend committee appointments for the upcoming year. He encouraged any members not on the Ad Hoc committee but interested in serving on a particular committee to inform him or a current committee member, so their interest could be considered during the selection process.

**24. Remainder of Public Comments Not on The Agenda**

There were no public comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**25. Next Meeting Date**

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is December 18, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

**26. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

/s/ Stephen Whitburn

Chairperson  
San Diego Metropolitan Transit System

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San Diego Metropolitan Transit System

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San Diego Metropolitan Transit System

Attachment: A. Roll Call Sheet

SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ROLL CALL

MEETING OF (DATE):	11/20/2025	CALL TO ORDER (TIME):	09:06 a.m.
RECESS:		RECONVENE:	
CLOSED SESSION:	10:43 a.m.	RECONVENE:	12:15 p.m.
PUBLIC HEARING:		RECONVENE:	
ORDINANCES ADOPTED:		ADJOURN:	12:17 p.m.

JURISDICTION	BOARD MEMBER	ALTERNATE	PRESENT (TIME ARRIVED)	ABSENT (TIME LEFT)
City of Chula Vista	Cesar Fernandez <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jose Preciado <input type="checkbox"/>	09:06 a.m.	12:17 p.m.
City of Chula Vista	John McCann <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jose Preciado <input type="checkbox"/>	09:06 a.m.	12:17 p.m.
City of Coronado	Carrie Downey <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mark Fleming <input type="checkbox"/>	09:06 a.m.	12:17 p.m.
County of San Diego	Monica Montgomery Steppe <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paloma Aguirre <input type="checkbox"/>	09:12 a.m.	12:17 p.m.
City of El Cajon	Steve Goble (Vice-Chair) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Phil Ortiz <input type="checkbox"/>	09:06 a.m.	12:17 p.m.
City of Imperial Beach	Matthew Leyba- Gonzalez <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mitch McKay <input type="checkbox"/>	09:06 a.m.	12:17 p.m.
City of La Mesa	Patricia Dillard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mark Arapostathis <input type="checkbox"/>	09:06 a.m.	12:17 p.m.
City of Lemon Grove	Jennifer Mendoza <input type="checkbox"/>	Jessyka Heredia <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	09:06 a.m.	12:17 p.m.
City of National City	Marcus Bush <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jose Rodriguez <input type="checkbox"/>	09:37 a.m.	12:17 p.m.
City of Poway	Steve Vaus <input type="checkbox"/>	Peter De Hoff <input type="checkbox"/>	ABSENT	ABSENT
City of San Diego	Vivian Moreno <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jennifer Campbell <input type="checkbox"/>	09:09 a.m.	12:17 p.m.
City of San Diego	Sean Elo-Rivera <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joe LaCava <input type="checkbox"/>	09:10 a.m.	12:17 p.m.
City of San Diego	Todd Gloria <input type="checkbox"/>	Henry Foster <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	09:06 a.m.	12:17 p.m.
City of San Diego	Stephen Whitburn (Chair) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kent Lee <input type="checkbox"/>	09:06 a.m.	12:17 p.m.
City of Santee	Ronn Hall <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Laura Koval <input type="checkbox"/> John Minto <input type="checkbox"/>	09:06 a.m.	12:17 p.m.

SIGNED BY THE CLERK OF THE BOARD: /s/ Lucia Mansour