

# EASTERN SIERRA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

## Minutes of Thursday, January 5, 2017 Regular Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority met at 10:00a.m. on Thursday January 5, 2017 at the Town of Mammoth Lakes Council Chambers, Mammoth Lakes, California. The following members were present: Karen Schwartz, Bill Sauser, Joe Peci, Jeff Griffiths, Kirk Stapp and Bob Gardner. Directors Cleland Hoff, and Mark Tillemans were absent. Director Schwartz led the pledge of allegiance.

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| Public Comment   | The Chairperson opened the public comment period at 10:17a.m. There was no one from the public wishing to address the Board. Public comment was closed.   |
| Approval of Minutes  | Moved by Director Stapp and seconded by Director Sauser to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 19, 2016 and Special Meeting of November 9, 2016. Motion carried 5-0, with Director Gardner abstaining and Directors Hoff and Tillemans absent.  |
| Closed Session   | Open session was recessed at 10:19 a.m. to convene in closed session with Director Griffiths arriving at 10:20 a.m. and Directors Hoff and Tillemans absent, to consider Agenda Item #6 Conference with Labor Negotiators. (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6) – Authority designated representative; John Helm. Bargaining Group; ESTA-EEA.  |
| Report on Closed Session                                       | Closed session was recessed at 10:30 a.m. to reconvene in open session with all Board Members present. There were no items discussed in closed session, which were required by law to be reported on in open session.   |
| Approval of MOU with EEA and Personnel Rules with EEA and MCEA | Moved by Director Peci and seconded by Director Stapp to adopt and approve the Memorandum of Understanding between ESTA and the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Employees Association (EEA), and the Personnel Rules applicable to EEA and the ESTA Management and Confidential Employees Association (MCEA) and to authorize Resolution 2016-03, 2016-04 and 2016-05. Motion carried 6-0, with Directors Hoff and Tillemans absent. |
| Update of ESTA's Contribution to Cal PERS Health               | Moved by Director Griffiths and seconded by Director Stapp to approve and adopt Resolution 2016-06, an action fixing the Authority's contribution for 2017 to the CalPERS Health Program under the Public Employee' Medical and Hospital Care Act   |

(PEMHCA) for all members of the Eastern Sierra Transit Employees Association (EEA). Motion carried 6-0, with Directors Hoff and Tillemans absent.

Reds Meadow Road Rehabilitation Funding Update

Director Sauser reviewed the Mammoth Lakes Town Council discussion of the Reds Meadow Road funding proposal. Mr. Helm reviewed the discussions that have taken place regarding an application for a federal grant to fund the rehabilitation of the Reds Meadow Road, and the concept of a surcharge to the Reds Meadow fare to help to fund the long-term maintenance of the road.

Mammoth Lakes Service Changes

Mr. Helm updated the Board on the service changes in the Town of Mammoth Lakes and the complaints received. Mono County Supervisor, Stacy Corless, addressed the Board on the impacts to the constituents. The Board provided direction to staff work with the Town of Mammoth Lakes staff to find alternative transit options for the Old Mammoth Road area. (This item was taken after Item #12 at the request of Director Griffiths)

Equal Employment Opportunity Policy Update

Moved by Director Pecs and seconded by Director Griffiths to approve Resolution 2016-07 approving the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority's Equal Employment Opportunity Policy. Motion carried 6-0, with Directors Hoff and Tillemans absent.

Confirmation of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Moved by Director Griffiths and seconded by Director Pecs to confirm the selection of Director Schwartz as Chairperson and Director Stapp as Vice-Chairperson for 2017. Motion carried 6-0, with Directors Hoff and Tillemans absent.

2017 Board Meeting Calendar

Moved by Director Griffiths and seconded by Director Stapp to approve the ESTA Board meetings be held on the third Friday of each month and/or to coordinate Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) meeting dates. The meetings are to alternate between Bishop and Mammoth with two consecutive meetings in each location. ESTA Board meetings will begin at 8:30 am except on days when coordinating with ESCOG meetings, when the ESTA meeting will begin at 11:30am. The meeting date are scheduled as follows:

February 17 in Mammoth \*  
March 17 in Bishop  
April 21 in Bishop \*  
May 19 in Mammoth  
June 16 in Mammoth \*  
July 21 in Bishop  
August 11 in Bishop \*  
September 15 in Mammoth

October 20 in Mammoth \*  
November 17 in Bishop  
December 8 in Bishop \*

\* Denotes meeting date in coordination with ESCOG

Financial Report	Mr. Helm presented the Financial Report for the period ending 1/4/2017.
Operations Report	Mr. Helm presented the Operations Report for the month of November 2016.
Board Member Reports	Director Griffiths commented on the use of Google Transit in Mexico City.
Executive Director Report	Mr. Helm announced the hiring of the new Administrative Analyst, Kari Bentley.  Mr. Helm commented on the use of Twitter in the Mammoth area to communicate route adjustments during inclement weather.
Future Agenda Items	None
Adjournment	The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 11:43 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority Board of Directors is scheduled for February 17, 2017, in the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

Recorded & Prepared by:



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Eastern Sierra Transit Authority

Minutes approved: **February 17, 2017**

