



**Report of the Meeting
of the
Board of Trustees of the Utah Transit Authority (UTA)
held at UTA FrontLines Headquarters located at
669 West 200 South, Salt Lake City, Utah
January 25, 2017**

Board Members Present:

Robert McKinley, Chair	Karen Cronin
Sherrie Hall Everett, Vice Chair	Babs De Lay
Jeff Hawker, Vice Chair	Charles Henderson
Jeff Acerson	Dannie McConkie
Cortland Ashton	Bret Millburn
Keith Bartholomew	Michael Romero
Gregory Bell	Troy Walker
Necia Christensen	

Board Members Excused/Not in Attendance: Matthew Bell

Also attending were members of UTA staff, as well as interested citizens and media representatives.

Welcome and Call to Order. Chair McKinley welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. with fourteen voting board members present. The board and meeting attendees then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Safety Minute. Chair McKinley yielded the floor to Dave Goeres, UTA Chief Safety, Security & Technology Officer, for a brief safety message.

Swearing in of Chief Internal Auditor. The oath of office was administered to Riana de Villiers by Rebecca Cruz, UTA Board of Trustees Support Manager.

Resolution: R2017-01-01: Naming of Johnny Anderson to the UTA Honor Roll

Presentation of Item. Jerry Benson, UTA President/CEO, outlined contributions former state Representative Johnny Anderson made to transportation infrastructure in Utah, including the passage of HB362.

Public Input. In-person comment was given by Andrew Gruber and Muriel Xochimitl (representing the Wasatch Front Regional Council); Abby Osborne and Michael Parker (representing the Salt Lake Chamber); Carlos Braceras (representing the Utah Department of Transportation); and George Chapman. No public comments were received online relative to this resolution.

Board Discussion and Decision/Action. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Trustee Greg Bell and seconded by Trustee McConkie. The motion carried by unanimous consent with fourteen aye votes. Following the vote, Mr. Anderson made brief remarks. He was publicly commended by Trustees Greg Bell, McConkie, Millburn, and Christensen.

General Public Comment Period. In-person public comment was given by Tammi Diaz, Mayor Toby Mileski, Claudia Johnson, and George Chapman.

President/CEO Report. Jerry Benson, UTA President/CEO, delivered his monthly report to the board which included:

- Capitol Connector service
- Award of the \$75 million grant on the Provo-Orem bus rapid transit project
- Employee highlights of Chief Fred Ross, Jennifer McGrath, and Amy Cornell-Titcomb
- New wayfinding signage
- Improvements in communicating snow routing

Items for Consent. Consent items were comprised of the following:

- Approval of December 14, 2016 Meeting Report
- Monthly Financial Reports for November 2016

A motion to approve the consent items was made by Trustee Henderson and seconded by Trustee Romero. The motion carried by majority consent with one abstention from Trustee De Lay.

Presentations/Informational Items.

Community Engagement and Communications Update. Nichol Bourdeaux, UTA Vice President of External Affairs, introduced Siobhan Locke from the Langdon Group. Ms. Locke delivered a presentation on UTA's community relations plan, outlining the goals and process. Trustee Bartholomew expressed support for the plan. Trustee Henderson suggested the plan include a way to communicate responses, actions, and results to customers.

Legislative Update. Matt Sibul, UTA Government Relations Director, gave a brief update on the agency's legislative strategy, which includes communicating one-on-one with elected officials, showing the value of transit, discussing the implementation of Proposition 1, looking at how transit affects redevelopment opportunities, and forming partnerships to address bigger issues. Discussion ensued. Questions were posed by the board and answered by Mr. Sibul. Trustee Ashton suggested the board have a formal process to support or oppose legislation, perhaps using the Executive Committee as a decision-making body. Vice Chair Everett suggested sending out legislative alerts to the board via email. Chair McKinley suggested the issue of board positions on legislation be a topic at the next Stakeholder Relations Committee meeting. Trustee Henderson suggested a daily email outlining the legislative plan for the day. Trustee Cronin suggested email alerts in addition to a daily email. Trustee De Lay suggested that all UTA board members and staff at the Capitol wear name tags. Mr. Benson clarified that the document the board currently receives each day is a draft working document and that no formal, public position will be taken on any legislation without board approval.

Closed Session. Chair McKinley indicated there were matters to be discussed in closed session relative to litigation, personnel, and real property. A motion to move into closed session was made by Trustee McConkie and seconded by Trustee Christensen. The motion carried by unanimous consent and the board moved into closed session at 3:28 p.m.

Trustee Bartholomew left the meeting during closed session at 3:55 p.m.

Open Session. A motion to return to open session was made by Trustee Millburn and seconded by Trustee Romero. The motion carried by unanimous consent and the board returned to open session at 4:32 p.m.

Action Taken Regarding Matters Discussed in Closed Session. No action was taken regarding matters discussed in closed session.

Other Business.

Board Retreat Dates. Chair McKinley asked trustees to provide Rebecca Cruz with any Friday-Saturday date combinations in May when they would be available to participate in a board retreat.

Discussion of Board Meeting Start Time. Chair McKinley asked if there were any objections from the trustees for moving the start time of board meeting to 1:30 p.m. No objections were raised.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m. by motion.

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