

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL TRANSIT TRAINING CONSORTIUM

May 31, 2007
(by Teleconference)

The Board of Directors of the Southern California Regional Transit Training Consortium (the “consortium” or “SCR TTC”) held a special meeting, via teleconference, commencing at 3:00 p.m. on May 31, 2007, pursuant to electronic notice to the Board of Directors and consortium members in accordance with consortium by-law requirements. .

The following directors were present for the meeting, pursuant to telephone call-in:

Kevin Anderson	Ralph Merced
Jim Ditch	Mike Slavich
Jess Guerra	Milo Victoria
Cal Macy	

Directors Al Pierce, Steven Donley, and Tom Barrio were absent.

Also present by telephone were the following individuals:

Patrick Astredo (Los Angeles County MTA)
Nina Babiarz (Training Coordinator, SCR TTC)
Rolando Cruz (Long Beach Transit)
Alan L. Fox (Secretary of SCR TTC)
Rodney Lineweber (Rio Hondo College)
Greg Newhouse (Miramar College)
Pete Sparks (Long Beach City College)
David M. Stumpo (Program Manager, SCR TTC)
Dayle Withers (OCTA)

I. Welcome and Roll Call

Milo Victoria, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m., welcomed all participants to the meeting, and proceeded to take roll call of the directors present on the call.

II. Approval of Minutes

Chair Victoria requested comments or discussion regarding the proposed minutes of the February 8, 2007, regular meeting of the consortium Board, copies of which had been posted on the consortium website in advance of the meeting. Upon motion by Jess Guerra, and seconded Mike Slavich, the minutes of the meeting of February 8, 2007, were unanimously approved.

III. Date of Annual Meeting and Election of Directors

Dave Stumpo reminded the meeting participants that the Board had recently approved a change in the consortium's by-laws to direct that the consortium's annual meeting and election of directors take place in the fall, in part to coordinate more effectively with the consortium's calendar year accounting and organizational systems, and he provided a brief history of the Board's reasoning and the practical effects of such decision. Stumpo advised that any change in the timing for the consortium's annual meeting and Board elections would require an amendment to the by-laws. Chair Victoria inquired of the meeting participants whether in their collective or any individual's opinion there were strong reasons to change the current by-law requirements. Cal Macy in turn inquired of the group whether, in light of recent resignations and anticipated changes in the make-up of the Board, there would be advantages in holding early elections. After discussion, including suggestions from Mike Slavich that the easiest way to handle Board elections would be for the Board to make interim appointments for the balance of the current year, the Board concurred that there was no urgency or need to make changes at the current time, and that the Board should proceed to make temporary Board appointments to fill vacancies until the time of the next annual meeting.

IV. Resignations of Board Members

Dave Stumpo reported that resignation letters had been received from current Chair and Board member Milo Victoria, effective June 6, 2007, and from current Vice-Chair and Board Member Al Pierce, effective March 31, 2007. Stumpo commented that Chair Victoria has accepted an important career appointment in Washington, D.C., necessitating his geographic move and resulting resignation, and that Al Pierce has retired from OCTA, prompting his retirement from the consortium as well. Cal Macy, current consortium Chief Financial Officer and Board Member, explained his current status and timing in relation to his anticipated sabbatical from Long Beach City College, advising that he plans to be in the Long Beach area until at least the next annual meeting of the consortium in November, 2007, and that accordingly he desires and can continue to perform his present responsibilities, including execution of consortium checks, until the November elections, at which time he plans to resign from his current responsibilities for at least the balance of his sabbatical.

V. Election of New Board Members To Fill Vacancies

Dave Stumpo announced that nominations should proceed for new Board members to replace those who have resigned, following which the Board should then elect consortium officers from the current directors to fill the terms of those officers who have recently resigned. Chair Victoria proceeded to nominate Patrick Astredo, Director of Operations Systems Support for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, as a new director. Jim Ditch indicated that he would like to nominate Greg Newhouse of new consortium member Miramar College in San Diego. Dayle Withers of OCTA inquired whether self-nominations were appropriate, and proceeded to nominate himself as Al Pierce's replacement from OCTA for the Board position opening created by Al Pierce's resignation. Jim Ditch further commented that he would like to nominate Rolando Cruz of Long Beach Transit for a Board position in the future, to which comment Dave Stumpo reminded the group that there cannot be two current Board directors from the same transit agency or college. Cal Macy remarked that he would like to have Pete Sparks of Long Beach City College begin to attend consortium Board meetings, and to serve on consortium committees and subcommittees as appropriate.

Following further discussion regarding potential nominees, Cal Macy moved, and Mike Slavich seconded the motion, that Patrick Astredo and Dayle Withers be elected to serve the balance of the current director terms being vacated by Milo Victoria and Al Pierce. After discussion of the motion, Chair Victoria called for a roll call vote of the directors in response to the motion, and Patrick Astredo and Dayle Withers were unanimously elected as new Board directors.

VI. Election of Board Executives To Fill Vacancies

Dave Stumpo then announced that nominations should proceed for Board Executive positions to fill the vacancies for Chair and Vice Chair created by the recent resignations. Mike Slavich proceeded to nominate Ralph Merced of the City of Santa Monica Big Blue Bus for the position of Board Chair. Cal Macy seconded the nomination. Jess Guerra indicated his desire to add a further second to the nomination. There were no further nominations. Chair Victoria called for a vote on the motion and nomination of Ralph Merced as Chair, and the Board proceeded to unanimously elect Ralph Merced as consortium Chair for the balance of the term created by Milo Victoria's resignation. Chair Victoria congratulated Ralph Merced on his election.

Jim Ditch then nominated Jess Guerra for Vice Chair. Ralph Merced seconded the nomination. There were no further nominations. Chair Victoria called for a vote on the nomination of Jess Guerra as Vice Chair, and the motion and nomination of Jess Guerra for Vice Chair was unanimously approved.

VII. Other Business

Following the elections, Chair Victoria asked whether there were other subjects or business for the consideration of the Board and participating members while the meeting was in session. Jim Ditch announced that he wanted to publicly thank Milo Victoria for his efforts and contributions to the SCRTTC as Chair and consortium Board member, and wish him the best in the future. Chair Victoria in turn thanked Jim Ditch and the members and meeting participants for their thanks, and commented on the personal satisfaction involved in being part of an effort to bring positive results for the transit vehicle maintenance industry and create a more educated workforce. Chair Victoria expressed his personal thanks to Jim Ditch for his vision and tenacity in creating and maintaining the momentum for the consortium, and to Dave Stumpo and Alan Fox and Nina Babiarz and Dana Lee and numerous others including the entire Board for their collective efforts and help in bringing the consortium to its present status. He stated to the group that “This consortium is going to flourish under your collective direction.”

Chair Victoria announced that the next Board meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2007. He inquired as to possible hosts for such meeting. Long Beach City College, Rio Hondo College, and San Bernardino Valley College each in turn offered to host the meeting, and, after discussion, the consensus was that the meeting should be held at San Bernardino Valley College. Upon motion by Mike Slavich, and seconded by Jess Guerra, the Board unanimously approved San Bernardino Valley College as the venue for its August 9th meeting. Dave Stumpo indicated that he would provide all members and Board participants with a map and appropriate notes and notice for such meeting.

Dave Stumpo then announced that the floor and gavel for the remainder of the meeting would be in Ralph Merced’s hands as newly elected Chair. Chair Merced inquired whether there was any other new business. Cal Macy announced that there was a training panel grant for \$300,000 which would be potentially available through the State Chancellor’s office, with a short time frame for application, and for which a college must be the grantee, with, presumably and as applicable, the consortium as partner. Dave Stumpo and Nina Babiarz responded that they were already working on an application for the grant, in conjunction with Rio Hondo College. Nina Babiarz announced a new consortium member in Santa Monica Community College, and Cal Macy and Chair Merced gave additional background on the recruitment and anticipated participation of Santa Monica Community College in the consortium. Dave Stumpo commented that he looked forward to Greg Newhouse’s participation in the consortium, stated that it is great to see San Diego-area members involved, and thanked Greg Newhouse specifically for his and his college’s participation.

Chair Merced indicated that were there no further business, he would entertain a motion to adjourn. Upon motion by Jess Guerra, as seconded by Mike Slavich, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn. Chair Merced commented that he would see everyone again on August 9th, if not before.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan L. Fox, Secretar