

**MINUTES OF THE  
EAGLE VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY d/b/a Core Transit  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
April 9, 2025**

A meeting of the Eagle Valley Transportation Authority (“Authority”) Board of Directors (“Board”) was held on April 9, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held in person at the Avon Council Chambers located at 100 Mikaela Way, Town of Avon, Colorado, 81620, and on Zoom. Notice of the meeting was posted on April 4, 2025, and included agenda items, location, and time, as well as the teleconference information needed to participate in the public portion of the meeting. The Notice of Board of Directors Meeting dated April 4, 2025, and the certification of posting are attached hereto.

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**ATTENDANCE**

**Directors in Attendance:**

Chair: Director Earle Bidez, Mayor, Town of Minturn

Alternate Director Kevin Hyatt, Councilor, Town of Avon

Director Dave Eickholt, Beaver Creek Metro District

Alternate Director Bryan Woods, Councilor, Town of Eagle

Director Jeanne McQueeney, Commissioner, Eagle County

Director Garrett Alexander, Member of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Red Cliff

Director Barry Davis, Councilor, Town of Vail

**Attendance:**

Scott Robinson, Deputy Director, Core Transit

Dayana Herr, Marketing, Communications & Customer Relations Manager, Core Transit

Aryn Schlichting, Director of People & Culture, Core Transit

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Scott Robinson, Deputy Director, Core Transit

Tanya Allen, Executive Director, Core Transit

Dave Snyder, Director of Transportation, Core Transit

Sanjok Timilsina, Director of Finance, Core Transit

Dave Levy, Planning Manager, Core Transit

Kimber Walker, Planner, Core Transit

Amy Burford, Executive Assistant & Special Projects Coordinator, Core Transit

Kathryn Winn, Core Transit Legal Counsel, Attorney, Collins Cole Flynn Winn & Ulmer, PLLC

Nick Erickson, Vail, CO

Gladys Vilca, Vail, CO

Chatham Mayberry, Eagle, CO

Simon Marsh, Edwards, CO

Barrett Brown, Edwards, CO

Luz Rios, Avon, CO

John Meyer, Avon, CO

Aaron Chaussighand, Avon, CO

Shelley Hall, Vail, CO

Zoe Goldstein, Vail Daily

Tim McMahon, Avon, CO

**Attendance on Zoom:**

James Wooldridge, Community Member

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Sierra, Community Member

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**APPROVAL OF THE  
AGENDA**

Director Bidez announced that the business item on adopting the Records Management Manual would be removed from the agenda, as it was not ready for consideration.

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**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES AND  
FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS**

Director Bidez presented the March 12 meeting minutes for approval. Director Eickholt motioned to approve the minutes. Director Davis seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous 6-0 vote. Director Bidez presented the financial statements and payables for approval. Director Eickholt motioned to approve the financial statements. Director Davis seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous 6-0 vote.

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**BOARD COMMENT**

Director McQueeney recognized the staff members who gave Core Transit merchandise to a rider traveling across Colorado, demonstrating that it's possible to explore the state using public transit. Director Bidez shared that he and Director McQueeney attended a Gypsum Town Council meeting, where Executive Director Tanya Allen gave a presentation on Core Transit. Executive Director Allen highlighted the past year's successes, including increased ridership and improved service reliability. She explained that while the council expressed appreciation, they also emphasized that their focus is currently on other community priorities.

Alternate Director Kevin Hyatt entered the meeting.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tim McMahon from Avon expressed concerns about outdated ECO Transit signage in Vail and employee morale. He also asked whether Core

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Transit has begun developing an emergency plan for highway closures.

Aaron Chaussighand from Avon said the transition from ECO Transit to Core Transit has been a significant improvement. He requested that the lights at the Highway 6 bus stops be fixed and asked for more afternoon service on the Minturn route to the VSSA ski club.

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## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **6. Presentations**

#### **6.1 Public Feedback on Winter Schedule**

Planning Manager Dave Levy shared that a public survey is currently open to gather feedback, which will inform the next schedule-building process. He noted that this approach represents Core Transit's public-focused method for developing the schedules.

Director Eickholt referenced a previous board meeting where a planning presentation showed options for more frequent buses versus faster arrival times, and asked which option was ultimately chosen. Executive Director Allen clarified that the planning process he mentioned is separate from the current summer schedule, which was developed six months ago, and noted that the planning presentation he is referring to is part of the 10-Year Plan process currently in development.

Executive Director Allen invited the public up to give feedback on the Winter schedule.

Shelley Hall from Vail expressed appreciation for a recent schedule change that has made it more convenient for her to use the bus. She also suggested a transit hub at the West Vail mall.

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Simon Marsh from Edwards shared that he is a frequent bus rider and expressed appreciation for the fare-free service and morning route frequency. He asked whether there are plans to increase morning service with the Valley Routes or Highway 6 due to timing gaps, and whether future route extensions to Singletree, Homestead, or from Edwards to Beaver Creek are being considered. He also inquired about the addition of electric buses and the installation of new or more bus shelters.

Luz Ruiz from Vail expressed appreciation for Core Transit's focus groups, noting that they were the first she had attended where she saw quick action taken afterward, demonstrating that the feedback was truly valued and made a difference.

## **6.2 Strategic Plan Draft Goals and Objectives**

Executive Director Allen explained that during the Board retreat in February, both the board and staff reviewed progress on the current Interim Strategic Plan and discussed a range of potential new goals to consider for the next 1-5 years. She presented a draft of the strategic plan, which included the following goals: Build Core to Last, Be Safe, Trustworthy and Accountable, Put People First, Improve the Transit Experience and Serve the Community and Share in Success.

Director Eickholt asked whether the next big project is on schedule and on budget. Executive Director Allen responded that once the Board approves the strategic plan, including its goals and objectives, it will guide future budget decisions and resource allocation.

Director McQueeney expressed support for the proposed goals and objectives and noted that she is looking forward to seeing the measurement component in the future. Executive Director Allen explained that the metrics will be developed on a

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year-to-year basis and that a measurement framework will be built underneath each objective.

Director Bidez mentioned he is thinking about future goals such as microtransit and last mile connections. Executive Director Allen explained that those types of connections are part of Goal 5. She added that this shows staff that the board sees value in these initiatives within the five-year time horizon, so when opportunities arise, and they align with the plan and available resources, staff will pursue them.

## **7. Business**

### **7.1 Eagle County Fair and Rodeo Sponsorship**

Marketing, Communications, and Customer Relations Manager Dayana Herr explained that the annual Eagle County Fair and Rodeo will take place July 23–26, and Eagle County is requesting an in-kind donation of transit services from Core Transit to support shuttle operations during the event. In exchange, Core Transit will receive marketing benefits including banners, advertisements, social media mentions, and logo placements. She also noted that Eagle County will provide several rodeo tickets for Core Transit staff.

Director Alexander motioned to approve the in-kind sponsorship for the Eagle County Fair & Rodeo up to a maximum of \$12,000 in donated transit service over four days. Director Eickholt seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

### **7.2 CCW Bus Refurbishment Contract**

Director of Transportation Dave Snyder explained that one of the transit buses is scheduled for refurbishment to extend its service life. He noted that the cost of the refurbishment is \$442,720.27

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which falls within the approved budget, and that Core Transit has selected Complete Coach Works as the contractor to perform the services.

Director Bidez asked how much a refurbishment extends the life of a bus. Director of Transportation Snyder explained that it extends the lifespan by either 12 years or 500,000 miles, whichever comes first. He also confirmed that Core Transit has previously used Complete Coach Works for two other bus refurbishments.

Alternate Director Woods motioned to approve the service agreement for the refurbishment of one 40' diesel bus. Director Eickholt seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

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## **8. Staff Reports**

Deputy Director Scott Robinson welcomed the new Director of Finance, Sanjok Timilsina, to the team. He also praised Director of Innovation and IT, Lance Trujillo, for his efforts in ensuring the smooth transition of IT services from ECO Transit, which was successfully completed on March 31. He provided an explanation for the expenses at Quail Run, a property owned by Core Transit, noting that many of the household items required replacement within a single month.

Director of Transportation Snyder reported a 47% increase in service for the month of March compared to the previous year. He also highlighted that Core Transit completed 99.9% of its scheduled trips, maintaining strong reliability in service. He noted that most of the winter seasonal operators have departed.

Executive Director Allen shared that all current Federal grants awarded to Core Transit are progressing and should continue as planned. She also mentioned that RFTA has requested Core Transit's support in advocating for a senate bill that

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would apply the sales tax exemption to employee housing construction. Additionally, she congratulated Deputy Director Robinson for successfully completing his Certified Public Manager program.

Director Bidez thanked the public for attending the meeting.

Director Eickholt asked how quickly Core Transit could revise the budget in the event of a recession. Executive Director Allen responded that the revision could be done quickly. She explained that potential adjustments would include reducing service hours if necessary. She added that Core Transit currently has significant reserves, which would allow for a balanced approach if such adjustments were needed.

Director McQueeney asked for clarification on the Executive Director review process in May. Ms. Winn explained that the recommended process involves Executive Director Allen completing a self-evaluation, which will then be distributed to the board. She then suggested the Personnel Committee review the self-evaluation and conduct the formal evaluation.

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

Director Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm. Director Eickholt seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

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