

**MINUTES OF THE
EAGLE VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 8, 2024**

A meeting of the Eagle Valley Transportation Authority (“Authority”) Board of Directors (“Board”) was held on May 8, 2024, at 12:00 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 May 3, 2024, 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 May 3, 2024, and the certification of posting are attached hereto.

ATTENDANCE

Directors in Attendance:

Director Amy Phillips, Mayor and Councilor, Town of Avon

Director Dave Eickholt, Beaver Creek Metro District

Director Jeanne McQueeney, Commissioner, Eagle County

Director Nick Sunday, Councilor, Town of Eagle.

Director Earle Bidez, Mayor, Town of Minturn

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

Director Barry Davis, Councilor, Town of Vail

Attendance:

Aryn Schlichting, Director of People & Culture, EVTA

Tanya Allen, Executive Director, EVTA

Scott Robinson, Deputy Director, EVTA

Ursula Hayden, Finance Director, EVTA

Dayana Herr, Marketing, Communications & Customer
Relations Manager, EVTA

Lance Trujillo, Director of Innovation and Technology, EVTA

Larry Tenenholz, Acting Director, ECO Transit

Jeff Wetzel, Operations Manager, ECO Transit

Ray Shei, Alternate Director, Beaver Creek Metro District

Bryan Woods, Alternate Director, Town of Eagle

Tim McMahon, Community Member, Town of Avon

Zoe Goldstein, Reporter, Vail Daily

Attendance On Zoom:

Aaron Cherek, Lead operations Manager, EPIC Mountain Express

Douglas Stallworthy, Attorney, Collins Cole Flynn Winn & Ulmer, PLLC

Kathryn Winn, Attorney, Collins Cole Flynn Winn & Ulmer, PLLC

Vanesa Duarte, Admin/Fiscal Tech II, ECO Transit

Randy Belisle, Lead Trainer, ECO Transit

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Director Phillips presented the agenda for the meeting and inquired if there were any proposed changes. There were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Director Phillips presented the minutes dated April 10, 2024, and April 24, 2024, for approval. Director Bidez moved to approve the minutes and financial statements. Director Eickholt seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous 6-0 vote.

BOARD COMMENT

Director Phillips expressed her excitement about the launch of the fare-free bus routes on May 19.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tim McMahon proposed an evening board meeting time to encourage public attendance.

AGENDA ITEMS

6. Presentations

6.1 ECO Quarterly Update

Mr. Tenenholz acknowledged bus operator Rick Martinez for his commitment to ECO Transit and his exemplary safe driving record. He stated that electric buses will be delivered by the end of 2024. The Board discussed their concerns about the usability of the electric buses. Mr. Tenenholz confirmed that staff will assign the electric buses to the appropriate routes based on their operating capabilities and maintenance needs. He highlighted the positive impact of an increase in staff compared to April 2023 and the challenges presented by the third-party maintenance facilities not being operational yet. He addressed the accident report numbers from February and noted that 5 out of 7 incidents involved new drivers who lacked experience with driving in the snow. The Board discussed options for training the bus operators to drive in snowy conditions before the snow season arrives. Deputy Director Scott Robinson explained that the potential insurance provider has a skid steer truck available to EVTA for training purposes.

Director Alexander joined the meeting.

6.2 Vail/BC Winter 23-24 Express Rider Survey Results

Executive Director Tanya Allen highlighted the high ridership numbers and observed that the new route appeared to have expanded the audience for transit use. Marketing, Communications & Customer Relations Manager Dayana Herr shared that the survey results indicated that full-time Eagle County residents accounted for the largest percentage of riders, followed by seasonal or part-time residents. Customer satisfaction with the service was high, particularly after some early season issues were addressed.

7. Business

7.1 Resolution 2024-06 Appointing a New Treasurer

Deputy Director Robinson shared that the current bylaws require an EVTA staff member to be Treasurer. He explained that the Treasurer role is suitable for a staff member because the duties are operational in nature and time sensitive.

Director Davis motioned to approve Scott Robinson as Treasurer. Director Eickholt seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

7.2 Investment Policy

Director of Finance Ursula Hayden presented the proposed investment policy and explained that upon approval, staff will establish an investment committee.

Director Eickholt motioned to approve the presented investment policy. Director Davis seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

Director Philips appointed Director Eickholt to the investment committee. Director Davis seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

Deputy Director Robinson stated that the members recommended for the investment committee are Scott Robinson and Ursula Hayden, along with Board member Dave Eickholt. It passed with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

7.3 Resolution 2024-07 - Multi-Bank Securities (MBS)

Deputy Director Robinson explained that MBS serves as a CD and treasury broker for many Eagle County agencies and can provide the same services for EVTA.

Director Alexander motioned to approve resolution 2024-07, Multi-Bank Securities, Inc. Non-Corporate Resolution. Director Davis seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

7.4 Other Business

Director Eickholt requested a board discussion about retaining independent legal counsel for matters related to Gypsum potentially joining the EVTA. Executive Director Allen confirmed the topic will be included in an upcoming agenda. Director Eickholt proposed amending the bylaws pertaining to the appointment of treasurer. Director Robinson suggested the item be added to a future meeting.

8. Staff Reports

8.1 Administration Division Report and Budget Forecast Update

Deputy Director Robinson acknowledged Director of People & Culture Aryn Schlichting for outlining the various types of communication methods being used to inform ECO Transit staff about the upcoming transition and welcomed ongoing feedback on the topic. Director Eickholt asked about the timeline for the brand launch. Marketing, Communications & Customer Relations Manager Herr explained that there will be an internal brand launch for staff set for the beginning of June and a public launch in July.

Director McQueeney suggested addressing public comments about the board meeting times by adding the topic to a meeting agenda. Director Davis proposed a quarterly meeting in the evenings to accommodate public engagement and feedback.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:26 PM.
