

**MINUTES OF THE  
EAGLE VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY d/b/a Core Transit  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
January 8, 2025**

A meeting of the Eagle Valley Transportation Authority (“Authority”) Board of Directors (“Board”) was held on January 8, 2025, 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 January 3, 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 January 3, 2025, and the certification of posting are attached hereto.

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**ATTENDANCE**

**Directors in Attendance:**

Director Dave Eickholt, Beaver Creek Metro District

Director Earle Bidez, Mayor, Town of Minturn

Director Jeanne McQueeney, Commissioner, Eagle County

Director Nick Sunday, Councilor, Town of Eagle

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

Director Rich Carroll, Councilor, Town of Avon

**Directors Absent:**

Director Barry Davis, Councilor, Town of Vail

**Attendance:**

Bryan Woods, Alternate Board Member, Town of Eagle

Ray Shei, Alternate Board Member, Beaver Creek Metro District

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Kevin Hyatt, Alternate Board Member, Town of Avon

Scott Robinson, Deputy Director, Core Transit

Tanya Allen, Executive Director, Core Transit

Dave Snyder, Director of Transportation, Core Transit

Dave Levy, Planning Manager, Core Transit

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

Tim McMahon, Community Member

**Attendance on Zoom:**

Aryn Schlichting, Director of People & Culture, Core Transit

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

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

Jodi Doney, Terminal Operations Manager, EGE

Jordan Winters, Town of Vail

Carlos Molina, Community member

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**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Director McQueeney, who was conducting the meeting until the resolution confirming the new Board Chair was approved, introduced an addition to the agenda by addressing a letter of support request submitted to Executive Director Tanya Allen by the Town of Eagle. She noted that this letter has been endorsed by the Core Transit board

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in the past and Executive Director Allen will be signing it again on the Board's behalf.

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Director McQueeney presented the minutes, financial statements, and payables dated December 11, 2024, for approval. Director Sunday moved to approve the minutes, financial statements, and payables list. Director Alexander seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous 6-0 vote.

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**BOARD COMMENT**

Director Sunday shared feedback from constituents indicating that bus ridership appears to have significantly increased compared to last winter. Director Eickholt expressed his appreciation for the recent Vail Daily article and suggested including a link to the bus schedule in future articles. Director Bidez acknowledged his appreciation for the public's participation and attendance at the board meetings.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tim McMahon from Avon mentioned that he found it difficult to locate the bus schedule on the website and suggested adding more routes to and from Minturn. He also raised concerns about language on the bus's destination sign potentially confusing riders and his experience with crowded buses.

Joanna Kerwin from Edwards praised the bus operators' skills and patience and suggested that the blue buses' keep their headlights on during dusk and dawn. She also requested the replacement of bus stop 205 in Edwards.

Executive Director Allen explained that a third-party contractor, unrelated to Core Transit, accidentally caused the damage while doing construction work nearby. Staff is working on

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replacing the bus stop and recognizes the importance of the shelter.

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## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **6. Business**

#### **6.1 Annual Administrative Matters for 2025 Admin Resolution 2025-01**

Executive Director Allen presented the annual administrative matters resolution 2025-01, confirming the elected officers: Chair, Earle Bidez; Vice-Chair, Nick Sunday; Secretary, Amy Burford; Treasurer, Scott Robinson; and Executive Director, Tanya Allen.

She also presented the Board members who will serve as Board representatives to other local boards, Barry Davis and Bryan Woods, and the 2025 Core Transit Board meeting schedule which included two evening meetings.

Director Sunday moved to approve the Annual Administrative Matters Resolution 2025-01. Director Eickholt seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous 6-0 vote.

Following the approval of the Annual Administrative Matters Resolution 2025-01, Director Bidez officially assumed the role of Board Chair and took over conducting the meeting from Director McQueeney.

#### **6.2 Bank Account Signer Update and MBS Resolution 2025-02**

Deputy Director Scott Robinson presented the update to the authorized signers on Core Transit's financial accounts and MBS Resolution 2025-02. He explained that this involves removing former Core Transit Board Chair Amy Phillips as an account

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signer and replacing her with a current board member.

Director Alexander made a motion to approve bank account signer update and MBS Resolution 2025-02. Director Sunday seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous 6-0 vote.

### **6.3 FY2024 Budget Amendment: Budget Resolution: 2025-03**

Deputy Director Robinson explained that the 2024 budget was created with the understanding that a budget amendment would be necessary to reflect changing conditions after the transition. He noted that there were no initial capital fund expenses but stated that the proposed budget resolution includes an amendment to accurately account for additional expenses incurred by the housing and capital funds.

Director Bidez opened the public budget amendment hearing. There were no public comments. Director Bidez closed the public budget amendment hearing.

Director Sunday made a motion to approve FY 2024 Budget Amendment: Budget Resolution 2025-03. Director Eickholt seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous 6-0 vote.

### **6.4 GFI Farebox Retirement – Issues and Planned Approach**

Executive Director Allen shared that Core Transit is currently planning to retire the GFI Farebox system at the end of March and that the Masabi system will become the primary fare collection mechanism. She explained staff is currently working to identify those most impacted and are looking at examples from other agencies that have faced similar challenges. She noted that current

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efforts are focused on communicating with customers, exploring ways to ease the transitions, and identifying potential partners. She invited the Board to share their thoughts and input.

Director Alexander expressed concerns about eliminating cash payment options on the bus for riders in Leadville and Red Cliff. Executive Director Allen noted a benefit of the new smartcards is fare capping, allowing riders to pay per trip until they reach the cost of a monthly pass, after which no additional fares are charged for the month.

Discussion followed between the Board and staff about the best locations for riders to purchase or add value to their smartcards with cash, including the potential for vending machines. Executive Director Allen also explained that ECO Transit had already planned to move away from the GFI farebox to a modernized fare system due to the significant cost of the GFI farebox.

Director of Transportation Dave Snyder explained that bus operators are currently engaging with riders to inform them about the planned transition away from cash payments on the bus.

Director McQueeney inquired about the expected lifespan of the GFI system. Executive Director Allen explained that the farebox in vehicles is no longer being manufactured and the software is hosted on Eagle County servers. She noted that after March 31, Core Transit would need to transition to a new support system and sign a new contract with GFI which would incur significant costs. She also highlighted that the long-term vision is to move towards offering as much fare-free service as possible, provided Core Transit can secure the necessary revenue.

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Director Sunday suggested gradually transitioning riders by distributing smartcards early and implementing the change in phases.

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### **8. Staff Reports**

Deputy Director Robinson explained that Core Transit's organizational development consultant will be conducting an employee survey, with the results to be shared in aggregate form. He also mentioned that the new website project has officially started. Director of Transportation Snyder reported a 21% increase in ridership for December 2024 compared to December 2023. He explained that while accident totals began the year higher in 2024, they have been trending downward in the fourth quarter. He stated that this improvement is attributed to improvement in the training process, stability in the operator team, and strong accountability measures.

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### **ADJOURNMENT**

Director Bidez made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 pm. Director Eickholt seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous 6-0 vote.

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