



Call to Order

The Monday, January 9, 2023, regular meeting of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and affiliated agencies was called to order by Vice Chairman Hernandez at 9:03 a.m. at the OCTA Headquarters, 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.

Directors Present: Gene Hernandez, Vice Chairman
Doug Chaffee
Jose Diaz
Andrew Do
Jon Dumitru
Jamey Federico
Katrina Foley
Brian Goodell
Patrick Harper
Steve Jones
Fred Jung
Farrah N. Khan
Jessie Lopez
Tam Nguyen
Vicente Sarmiento
Donald P. Wagner

Directors Absent: Michael Hennessey
Ryan Chamberlain, Ex-Officio

Staff Present: Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
Jennifer L. Bergener, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Andrea West, Interim Clerk of the Board
Gina Ramirez, Clerk of the Board Specialist, Principal
Sahara Meisenheimer, Clerk of the Board Specialist
Aaron Delgado, Employee Rotation Program
James Donich, General Counsel

Special Calendar

1. Administration of the Oath of Office to New and Returning Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors

James Donich, General Counsel, administered the Oath of Office to incoming new Board Members Jon Dumitru, Jamey Federico, Farrah N. Khan, and returning Board Members Doug Chaffee, Katrina Foley, Patrick Harper, Fred Jung, and Vicente Sarmiento.



2. Election of Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors Chair

Vice Chairman Hernandez stated that the OCTA Administrative Code notes that the Board of Directors shall elect a Chair and Vice Chair at its first Board meeting in January.

A motion was made by Director Do, seconded by Director Jones, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 16-0, to elect Vice Chairman Gene Hernandez as the 2023 Chairman of the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors.

3. Election of Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors Vice Chair

A motion was made by Director Do, seconded by Director Jones, and following a roll call vote, declared passed 16-0, to elect Director Tam Nguyen as the 2023 Vice Chairman of the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors.

4. Update on Emergency Railroad Track Stabilization in the Vicinity of Milepost 206.8 on the Orange Subdivision

James G. Beil, Executive Director of Capital Programs, provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Gina Ramirez, Clerk of the Board Specialist, Principal, read into the record a public comment received from Russell H. McDonald Jr. on January 5, 2023 which was emailed to the Board of Directors on Sunday, January 8, 2023 at 5:32 p.m.

Public comments were received by Gary Walsh, Susie Whitelaw, and Paul Hyek.

A motion was made by Director Diaz, seconded by Director Foley, and following a roll vote, declared passed 16-0, to reaffirm Resolution No. 2022-075 authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to take all necessary actions to address the emergency need for railroad track stabilization in the vicinity of Mile Post 206.8 on the Orange Subdivision, and to return to the Board of Directors, as required, to report on the status thereof.

5. 2022 Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer Initiatives and Action Plan – End-of-Year Report

Darrell E. Johnson, CEO, congratulated the newly elected Chairman and Vice Chairman and introduced a video.



Consent Calendar (Item 6)

6. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Director Do, seconded by Director Foley, and declared passed by those present, to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2022, Orange County Transportation Authority and affiliated agencies' regular meeting.

Regular Calendar

7. Zero-Emission Bus Pilot Updates

Darrell E. Johnson, CEO, provided opening comments and introduced Cliff Thorne, Director of Maintenance, who provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Director Wager referenced page two of the staff report and asked if OCTA had received the buses and to update the Board of Directors. Cliff Thorne, Director of Maintenance, described the difficulties with the factory and that OCTA had not received the buses yet.

No action was taken on this receive and file information item.

Discussion Items

8. 20-Year Anniversary of Purchase of the 91 Express Lanes

Darrell E. Johnson, CEO, provided opening comments and introduced Tim Keenan, former Board Member, who commented on his experience with the purchase of the 91 Express Lanes and a short video was played.

9. Public Comments

Gina Ramirez, Clerk of the Board Specialist, Principal read into the record a public comment received from Craig A. Durfey on January 7, 2023 which was emailed to the Board of Directors on Sunday, January 8, 2023 at 5:32 p.m.

10. Chief Executive Officer's Report

No report was given.



11. Directors' Reports

Director Foley provided her experience with the California State Route 91 freeway.

Vice Chairman Nguyen expressed his appreciation to the Board and acknowledged his appreciation to former Director Greg Winterbottom.

Chairman Hernandez participated in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses and announced that the Rotary Club International float won the Princess Award, in which he worked on.

12. Closed Session

A closed session was not scheduled.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of this Board will be held:

9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 23, 2023

OCTA Headquarters

550 South Main Street

Orange, California.

ATTEST:

Gina Ramirez
Clerk of the Board Specialist, Principal