



## **Call to Order**

The January 12, 2026, regular meeting of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors and its affiliated agencies was called to order by Chair Chaffee at 9:30 a.m. at the OCTA Headquarters, located at 550 South Main Street, Orange, California.

Directors Present:

- Doug Chaffee, Chair
- Jamey M. Federico, Vice Chair
- Valerie Amezcua
- Katrina Foley
- William Go
- Patrick Harper
- Michael Hennessey
- Fred Jung
- Lauren Kleiman
- Stephanie Klopfenstein
- Carlos A. Leon
- Janet Nguyen
- Tam T. Nguyen
- Vicente Sarmiento
- Kathy Tavoularis
- Mark Tettermer
- Donald P. Wagner
- Lan Zhou, Ex-Officio

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present:

- Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer
- Jennifer L. Bergener, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
- Gina Ramirez, Assistant Clerk of the Board
- Sahara Meisenheimer, Clerk of the Board Specialist, Senior
- Erin Galang, Clerk of the Board Specialist, Assistant
- Andrea West, Clerk of the Board
- Cassie Trapesonian, Assistant General Counsel

## **Closed Session**

There were no Closed Sessions scheduled.

## **Special Calendar**

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

Cassie Trapesonian, Assistant General Counsel, administered the Oath of Office to incoming new Board Member Lauren Kleiman and returning Board Members Valerie Amezcua, Stephanie Klopfenstein, Carlos Leon, and Mark Tettermer.

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

A motion was made by Director Amezcua, seconded by Director Jung, and declared passed by those present, to elect Vice Chair Federico as the 2026 Chair of the OCTA Board of Directors.

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

A motion was made by Director Hennessey, seconded by Director Tam T. Nguyen, and declared passed by those present to elect Director Jung as the 2026 Vice Chair of the OCTA Board of Directors.

**4. Presentation of the 2025 Orange County Transportation Authority Bus Rodeo Awards**

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, CEO, presented awards to the following:

Coach Operator Competition

- Darvy Traylor

Executive Competition

- Dan Phu, Planning
- Dulce Mejicanos, Government Relations
- Mark Tettemer, Board Member

**5. 2025 Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer Initiatives and Action Plan – End-of-Year Report**

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, provided a report on this item.

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

**6. February 2026 OC Bus Service Change/Public Hearing Preview for the OC Bus Route 862 Title VI Service Evaluation and Fare Equity Analysis**

*(A transcript of this public hearing item is on file in the Clerk of the Board's office.)*

Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, provided opening comments and introduced Dan Phu and Katie Persons from Planning, who presented the item.

The Clerk of the Board read the legal notification of the public hearing into the record.

Chair Federico opened the public hearing to solicit public comments. There were no public comments.

A discussion ensued between Board members and OCTA staff.

A motion was made by Director Sarmiento, seconded by Vice Chair Jung, and declared passed by those present to:

- A. Receive and file the February 2026 OC Bus service change as an information item.
- B. Receive and file public input on the OC Bus Route 862 Title VI service evaluation and fare equity analysis.
- C. Direct staff to finalize and submit the OC Bus Route 862 Title VI service and fare equity analysis to the Federal Transit Administration, consistent with the full funding grant agreement.

### **Consent Calendar (Items 7 through 12)**

A motion was made by Director Foley, seconded by Director Sarmiento, and declared passed by those present to approve the Consent Calendar (Items 7 through 12).

#### **7. Approval of Minutes**

Approve the minutes of December 8, 2025, Orange County Transportation Authority and affiliated agencies' regular meeting.

#### **8. Agreement for Facility Modifications at Santa Ana Bus Base Operations Building**

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C250017 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Golden Gate Steel, Inc., doing business as Golden Gate Construction, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$329,640, for facility modifications at the Santa Ana Bus Base operations building.

#### **9. Agreement for Bus Hoist Replacement at the Anaheim Bus Base**

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C-5-4261 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Southwest Lift & Equipment, Inc., the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$238,144, for replacement of the bus hoist at the Anaheim Bus Base.

#### **10. Amendment to Agreement for the Purchase of Electric Vehicle Chargers and Energy Management System**

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. C-0-2692 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and ChargePoint, Inc., to exercise the option term in the amount of \$127,205, for continued energy management system services and additional licensing for ten new charging stations to be installed at the Irvine Construction Circle bus base. This will increase the maximum obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$549,727.

**11. Agreement for Installation of Battery Electric Vehicle Chargers at Irvine Construction Circle Bus Base**

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Agreement No. C250018 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Lighting Technology Services, Inc., doing business as LTS Property Services, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$470,670, for the installation of battery electric vehicle chargers at the Irvine Construction Circle Bus Base.

**12. Amendment to Agreement for Compressed Natural Gas Fueling Facility Operation and Maintenance at Irvine Sand Canyon Base**

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. C-2-2898 between the Orange County Transportation Authority and Trillium USA Company, LLC to exercise the option term in the amount of \$354,600, to continue providing compressed natural gas fueling facility operation and maintenance effective March 1, 2026, through February 29, 2028. This will increase the maximum cumulative obligation of the agreement to a total contract value of \$873,841.

**13. Contract Change Orders for Construction of the OC Streetcar Project**

This item was pulled for a public comment from Peter Warner.

A motion was made by Director Sarmiento, seconded by Director Tam T. Nguyen, and declared passed following a roll call vote of 12-5 to:

- A. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 83.1 to Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, in the amount of \$400,000, for the storage of traction power substations.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 157.2 to Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, in the amount of \$150,000, for additional traffic control.
- C. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute Contract Change Order No. 260.1 to Agreement No. C-7-1904 with Walsh Construction Company II, LLC, in the amount of \$120,000, to complete finishes in various areas in the maintenance and storage facility.

Directors Amezcua, Kleiman, J. Nguyen, Tavoularis, and Wagner voted in opposition.

**Regular Calendar**

There were no Regular Calendar matters.

## **Discussion Items**

### **14. South Orange County Transportation Projects Update**

Gregory Nord, Planning, provided an update on this item.

No action was taken on this information item.

### **15. Update on the Interstate 5 Improvement Project from the San Diego County Line to Avenida Pico**

Josue Vaglienty from Capital Programs and Calina North from Public Outreach provided an update on this item.

No action was taken on this information item.

### **16. Public Comments**

An in-person public comment was heard from Paul Hyek.

### **17. Chief Executive Officer's Report**

Mr. Johnson, CEO, reported on the following:

- Welcome Director Kleiman to OCTA's Board of Directors
- Sacramento Update
- Call for Artists for the OC Streetcar marketing and promotional materials
- Groundbreaking Interstate 5 Improvement Project on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Irvine Marketplace

### **18. Directors' Reports**

Director Hennessey thanked Immediate Past Chair Chaffee for his leadership in 2025.

Immediate Past Chair Chaffee announced that there is a Metrolink workshop at the Knotts Berry Farm Hotel on Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>-Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Immediate Past Chair Chaffee also thanked all the Board Members for their support in 2025 and looks forward to Chair Federico leading the OCTA Board of Directors.

Chair Federico thanked his colleagues for having the confidence to put him in this position and he is honored to serve.



**19. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

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

**9:30 a.m., on Monday, January 26, 2026**

OCTA Headquarters

Board Room

550 South Main Street

Orange, California