

**Tulare County Regional Transit Agency
Board Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2025, 2024, 3:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Reynosa, Riddle, Hinojosa, Villarreal, Isherwood, Martinez, Micari

Members Absent: Gomez, Sayre

Non-Voting Alternates:

Ex Officio Present:

Staff Present: Derek Winning, Ashlee Compton

Counsel Present: Thomas Degn

***Board member attended online or due to emergency or just cause.**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by Chair Micari

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

All Consent Calendar Items are considered routine and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these matters unless a request is made, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar. All items removed from the Consent Calendar for further discussion will be heard at the end of Action / Discussion Items.

Request Approval of the Consent Calendar Items

A. Approve Minutes of December 9, 2024

B. Approve Special Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2024

C. Information: Monthly Ridership Summary

D. Information: Financial Statement

E. Information: Conflict of Interest Code (Form 700) Due April 1, 2025

M: Martinez

S: Hinojosa

Notes:

V. ACTION/ DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Appointment of Officers

Chair: Micari

M: Riddle

S: Reynosa

Notes:

Vice Chair: Reynosa

M: Riddle

S: Villarreal

Notes:

Item IV-A

- B. Action: Approve Resolution 2025-002 TCRTA Passenger Code of Conduct
Notes: Pulled to be moved to next meeting

- C. Action: Approve Resolution 2025-003 TCRTA Drug and Alcohol Policy
Notes: Pulled to be moved to next meeting

- D. Action: Approve Resolution 2025-001 SB 125 – Supplemental Agreement for EV Charging Infrastructure Design and Project Management
M: Reynosa
S: Riddle
Notes:

VI. CLOSED SESSION ITEMS:

It is the intention of the Board of Directors to meet in closed session concerning:

- A. § 54956.9(d) (1) – Pending Litigation
City of Porterville v. TCRTA
Tulare County Superior Court Case No. VCU312913

- B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Closed session pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2)
Significant Exposure to Litigation
Number of Potential Cases: 1

Report: Ratify action that was taken by Chair Sigala previously to sign a settlement with MV Transportation regarding a dispute with how their contract was terminated with regard to the service in Tulare and Dinuba. Motion by Director Reynosa and Second by Director Riddle. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. Requests from Board Members for Future Agenda Items

Notes: Director Riddle stated there is a rider that made a public comment at the TCAG board meeting in regard to other fare payment methods for transit riders. Interim Executive Director Winning mentioned the draft agreements for Cal-ITP. Director Martinez requested for a discussion to set criteria for reporting TCRTA vehicle incidents/accidents.

- B. Director's Report

Notes: Thanked the Directors for serving on the TCRTA Board. TCRTA has made really good progress on accessing federal funds, and recently pulled down 2.2 million, historically the agency has not been good at it. Noted that TCRTA has the capability to access federal funds and this should help with cash flow moving forward.

VIII. ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 04:28 p.m. Chair Micari confirmed the next scheduled meeting of the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA) Board of Directors will be held on **Monday, February 24, 2025, and will take place at 3:30 PM.** at the Tulare County Regional Transit Agency (TCRTA), 200 E. Center Avenue, Visalia, CA 93291.