



SALEM AREA MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS METTING & BUDGET HEARING
Thursday, June 26, 2025

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

ATTENDEES: President Hinojos Pressey | Directors Joaquín Lara Midkiff | Ramiro Navarro Jr. |

Sadie Carney | Ian Davidson | Sara Duncan | Bill Holmstrom (5:35 p.m.)

STAFF: GM Allan Pollock | DGM David Trimble | CSO Cliff Carpentier | CFO Denise LaRue |

CELRO Jaél Rose | CPDO Shofi Azum | COO Tom Dietz | Senior Manager, Project & Contract Administration Melissa Kidd | Maintenance Manager Zach Leeth | Strategic Initiatives Administrator Bobbi Kidd

Executive Assistants Crisandra Williams | Kirra Pressey

GUEST: District Budget Committee's Vice-Chair Nick Fortey |

Cumming Group's Project Manager Kayla Krauss | Legal Counsel Sara Sayles

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Note of Attendance for a Quorum

President Hinojos Pressey called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Attendance was noted with a quorum present.

B. Safety Minute

GM Pollock presented the safety moment, highlighting summer safety driving tips.

C. Announcements | Changes to Agenda: - None

2. PRESENTATIONS

A. Climate Action Plan Strategy Review

Presenter: Strategic Initiatives Administrator Bobbi Kidd & Cumming Group's Project Manager Kayla Krauss

Agenda Packet: Pg. 5-32

Cumming Group's Project Manager Krauss presented the strategizing. The presentation included themes from the stakeholder visioning process, preliminary goals and strategies for decarbonization and climate resilience, and the timeline for continued engagement and refinement. Board members were invited to provide feedback on the feasibility, alignment, and implementation of strategies, as well as suggestions for community engagement and measuring progress.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Tyler McCulley provided public comment for the Boards consideration and review.

4. BUDGET HEARING

President Hinojos Pressey opened the Budget Hearing at 6:38 p.m. No public comment was received. President Hinojos Pressey closed the Budget Hearing at 6:38 p.m.



5. DELIBERATION OF BUDGET HEARING

Adopt Resolution No. 2025-07, Adopting FY2026 Budget, Making Appropriations, Imposing and Categorizing Taxes.

Presenter: CFO Denise LaRue & Budget Committee Vice-Chair Nick Fortey

Vice-Chair Fortey provided the Budget Committee's recommendation, and CFO LaRue presented an action item to the Board recommending adoption of Resolution No. 2025-07 to formally adopt the FY2025-26 Budget.

6. BUDGET HEARING ACTION ITEM

Action			
Motion:	I move the Board adopt Resolution No. 2025-07 to adopt the FY2025-26 Budget, making appropriations, and imposing and categorizing taxes.		
Motion by:	Director Sara Duncan	Second:	Director Ian Davidson
Vote			
Aye:	President Hinojos Pressey, Directors, Lara Midkiff, Navarro, Carney, Davidson, Duncan, and Holmstrom		
Motion passes unanimously 7-0			

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Minutes

- i. May 22, 2025 Board Meeting
- ii. June 12, 2025 Executive Session
- iii. June 12, 2025 Work Session

B. Routine Business Items

- i. Approval of FY2026 United Way Donation
- ii. ~~Adopt Resolution No. 2025-08, Amending CAC Bylaws~~ **PULLED**
- iii. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-09, Supporting the TGM Grant Application
- iv. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-10, Approving STIFAC Recommendations for FTA 5310 Formula Funding

Action			
Motion:	I move to approve the Consent Calendar as presented, with the exception Item 7.B.ii.		
Motion by:	Director Bill Holmstrom	Second:	Director Ian Davidson
Vote			



Aye:	President Hinojos Pressey, Directors, Lara Midkiff, Navarro, Carney, Davidson, Duncan, and Holmstrom
Motion passes unanimously 7-0	

8. ITEMS DEFERRED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-08, Amending CAC Bylaws

Presenter: CELRO Jaél Rose & COO Tom Dietz

Agenda Packet: Pg.229-250

CELRO Rose and COO Dietz presented an action item to the Board recommending adoption of revised Bylaws for the Community Advisory Committee, reflecting updates proposed by the Board DEI Subcommittee to clarify the committee's purpose, structure, and ensure broader community representation.

Action			
Motion:	I move the Board adopt Resolution No. 2025-08 to restate and replace the Community Advisory Committee Bylaws to better reflect the Committee’s intended purpose and structure, and to ensure broader representation of the communities we serve.		
Motion by:	Director Joaquín Lara Midkiff	Second:	Director Sara Duncan
Vote			
Aye:	President Hinojos Pressey, Directors, Lara Midkiff, Navarro, Carney, Davidson, Duncan, and Holmstrom		
Motion passes unanimously 7-0			

9. ACTION ITEMS

A. Authorize Purchase of Battery Electric Buses (BEBs)

Presenter: Maintenance Manager Zach Leeth

Agenda Packet: Pg. 258-259

Maintenance Manager Leeth presented an action item to the Board recommending authorization for the General Manager to execute a contract with Gillig for the purchase of two (2) 40' battery electric buses, supporting the District's sustainability goals and expanding clean transportation options, with delivery anticipated in early 2027.

Action	
Motion:	I move the Board authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with Gillig for the purchase of two (2) 40' (forty-foot) battery electric buses for an amount not to exceed \$3,600,000.



Motion by:	Director Joaquín Lara Midkiff	Second:	Director Ian Davidson
Vote			
Aye:	President Hinojos Pressey, Directors, Lara Midkiff, Navarro, Carney, Davidson, Duncan, and Holmstrom		
Motion passes unanimously 7-0			

B. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-11, Approving Budget Amendment

Presenter: CFO Denise LaRue

Agenda Packet: Pg. 260-264

CFO LaRue presented an action item to the Board recommending approval of a resolution to transfer \$450,000 within the General Fund from the Operations Division to the Communication and General Administration Divisions to cover projected budget overages, with no net increase in the overall FY2024-25 Budget appropriations.

Action			
Motion:	I move that the Board adopt Resolution #2025-11 to amend the FY2024-25 Budget by appropriation transfer and authorize the transfer within the General Fund of \$300,000 to the Communication Division and \$150,000 to the General Administration Division from the Operations Division for a total of \$450,000 as detailed in this memo.		
Motion by:	Director Bill Holmstrom	Second:	Director Ramiro Navarro Jr.
Vote			
Aye:	President Hinojos Pressey, Directors, Lara Midkiff, Navarro, Carney, Davidson, Duncan, and Holmstrom		
Motion passes unanimously 7-0			

10. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

A. Creating Community Connections Project Update

Presenter: CELRO Jaél Rose

CELOR Rose provided a brief update on the CCC Project, highlighting the team's recent focus areas, including the development of internal and external talking points, as well as public presentations. She emphasized the importance of maintaining consistent messaging across the Board.



11. REPORTS

A. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Pollock discussed the upcoming Business Community Round Table scheduled for July 31. He also highlighted the recent public meeting of the Joint Committee on Transportation and recognized the TransDASH Awards received at the TransDASH Performance Summit.

B. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

President Hinojos Pressey and Directors provided reports on committees and activities in which they represent the District.

12. ADJOURN

President Hinojos Pressey adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted


Maria Hinojos Pressey, Board President