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Salem Area Mass Transit District

Board Of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 23 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

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Attendance

Board Directors:
Present:
President Maria Hinojos Pressey
Ramiro Navarro Jr.
Sadie Carney
Sara Duncan
Ian Davidson
Bill Holmstrom

Staff:
Interim GM David Trimble
CSO Cliff Carpentier
CBDO Jaél Rose
CFO RaeLynn North
CPDO Shofi Azum
COO Tom Dietz
Service Planning Manager Chris French
Senior Manager, Project & Contract Administration Melissa Kidd
Budget & Grants Manager Peggy Greene
Financial Services Manager Tim Reedy
Executive Assistant Kirra Pressey
Guest:
Legal Counsel Jean Back

Meeting Information

1. Call To Order

A. Note of Attendance for a Quorum

President Hinojos Pressey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
Attendance was noted and a quorum was present.

B. Safety Minute

Service Planning Manager French presented the Safety Minute highlighting ways to protect against smoke caused from wildfires.

C. Announcements and/or Changes to Agenda

President Hinojos Pressey recognized outgoing General Manager Allan Pollock for his years of service to the Salem Area Mass Transit District. A representative from Congresswoman Andrea Salinas' office presented General Manager Pollock with a Submission to the Congressional Record, recognizing his contributions to public transportation and the community.

The Board presented General Manager Pollock with a plaque of appreciation, and President Hinojos Pressey wished him well in his retirement.

2. Presentations

A. East Salem Transit Center

Presenter: CBDO Azum & Parametrix' Ryan Farncomb
Agenda Packet: Pg. 4-19

CPDO Azum introduced Ryan Farncomb of Parametrix, who provided a status update on the East Salem Transit Center Site Selection project. Farncomb reviewed project goals, public outreach efforts, and the ongoing evaluation of potential sites for a future transit center and mobility hub.

During Board discussion, Directors discussed potential collaboration with Chemeketa Community College, requested examples of successful transit center partnerships with community colleges, and emphasized the importance of evaluating multiple site options and the operational benefits of a new facility.

3. Public Comment

Public comment was received from Tyler McCulley for the Board's review and consideration.

4. Consent Calendar

A. Approval of Minutes

I. June 25, 2026 Board Meeting
II. July 9, 2026 Board Work Session

B. Routine Business Items

None

Action

- Motion: I move to approve the Consent Calendar as presented
- Motion by: Director Duncan
- Second: Director Carney
- Vote: Aye: President Hinojos Pressey, Directors Navarro, Carney, Davidson, Duncan, and Holmstrom.
  Nay: None
- Outcome: Motion passes unanimously 6-0

5. Items Deferred From Consent Calendar

None

6. Action Items

A. Accept the Preliminary FY26 Financial Report

Presenter: Budget & Grants Manager Peggy Greene
Agenda Packet: Pg. Addendum A
Budget and Grants Manager Green presented the FY26 Q4 Preliminary Financial Report, noting that final figures remain subject to reconciliation and audit. She reported that the District concluded the fiscal year within budget, with General Fund revenues exceeding budget and operating expenditures below budget.

During Board discussion, Director Davidson inquired about the District's investment account and requested follow-up regarding FDIC insurance for the Local Government Investment Pool. Director Davidson also recognized the District's renewable natural gas energy tax credits as a benefit of prior Board decisions to transition the fleet to compressed natural gas and renewable natural gas.

Action

- Motion: Accept the Fiscal Year 2026 Quarter 4 Preliminary Financial Report as presented.
- Motion by: Director Duncan
- Second: Director Davidson
- Vote: Aye: President Hinojos Pressey, Directors Navarro, Carney, Davidson, Duncan and Holmstrom.
  Nay: None
- Outcome: Motion passes unanimously 6-0

7. Informational Reports

A. September 2026 Service Change Briefing

Presenter: Service Planning Manager Chris French
Agenda Packet: Pg. 29-31
Service Planning Manager French presented the September 2026 Service Change, highlighting scheduled routing and service adjustments effective September 6, 2026. During Board

discussion, Directors commented on the new Route 11 fairgrounds stop, Transit Signal Priority, regional service coordination, and active transportation connectivity.

8. Reports

A. General Manager's Report

Interim GM Trimble welcomed new Chief Financial Officer Raylene North to the District and recognized former General Manager Allan Pollock's retirement celebration. He also reported that the District provided 263,005 rides in June 2026, reflecting a slight increase over June 2025, and recognized the Cherriots Connects Committee for organizing the employee Family Fun Day.

B. Board Of Directors Report

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

9. Adjourn

President Hinojos Pressey adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Maria Hinojos Pressey
Maria Hinojos Pressey (Aug 27, 2026 17:37:30 PDT)

Maria Hinojos Pressey, Board President