



Salem Area Mass Transit District

Board Work Session Minutes

Thursday, October 8, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

Attendance

Board Directors:

Present:

President Maria Hinojos Pressey
Spencer Rosenau
Ramiro Navarro Jr. (Virtual)
Sadie Carney
Ian Davidson
Sara Duncan
Bill Holmstrom

Staff:

Interim GM David Trimble
CSO Cliff Carpentier
CBDO Jaél Rose
CFO RaeLynn North
COO Tom Dietz
Senior Manager, PCA, Melissa Kidd
Budget & Grants Manager Peggy Greene
Financial Services Manager Tim Reedy
Maintenance Manager Zach Leeth
Executive Assistant Kirra Pressey

Meeting Information

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.

B. Safety Minute

Budget and Grants Manager Peggy Green provided the Safety Minute, noting October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, she highlighted resources and ways to show support.

C. Announcements | Changes to Agenda

None

2. Presentations

None

3. Discussions

A. BEB Update

Presenter: COO Tom Dietz

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COO Dietz presented an operational update on the District's Battery Electric Bus (BEB) program as it enters its third year, bringing the total zero-emission fleet to 22 vehicles. He reviewed performance trends across vehicle model years, noting that depot charging at Del Webb Operations Headquarters has operated reliably while inductive charging at Keizer Transit Center has experienced ongoing technical challenges. He detailed lessons learned regarding cold-weather range impacts and non-warranty maintenance costs, noting that increased mileage on earlier BEB models led to rising repair expenses—including battery pack replacements and charging pad failures, whereas newer BEB model years have shown significantly lower early repair costs per mile. He identified replacement parts costs and

inventory standardization as key focus areas for managing total cost of ownership, and outlined staff recommendations for future fleet resilience, emphasizing fleet diversification balanced across battery electric, renewable natural gas (RNG), and renewable diesel vehicles.

B. SKATS Discussion

Interim GM Trimble introduced the discussion regarding the SKATS Policy Committee Cooperative Agreement, noting that a draft was not yet available for review and that formal action on whether to sign the amended agreement would take place at a future public Board meeting. He emphasized the need for the Board to develop a long-term strategic approach to navigate ongoing conflicts within the SKATS Policy Committee.

Director Carney provided an update on recent discussions within the SKATS Policy Committee, highlighting current disagreements regarding proposed signatories, such as adding the local school district, whereas the current draft agreement only reflects the addition of the City of Aumsville. She noted that no decision was required at this meeting and expressed a desire to build strategic alliances within the Policy Committee to support SKATS staff efficiency and honor community input.

The Board discussed the timeline and legal considerations of the agreement, the impact of upcoming elections, and the need for proportional representation on the Policy Committee.

4. General Manager Comments

A. Upcoming Agenda Items

B. Board Calendar

Interim GM Trimble provided an update on the upcoming agenda and Board calendar. Items.

5. Adjourn

President Hinojos Pressey adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ian Davidson".

Ian Davidson, Board Vice-President