



**Para-Transit Advisory Board
Tuesday, January 16, 2024
Alvarado Transportation Center
100 First Street SW, 2nd Floor
4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

Members Present

Jacqueline Smith, Chairperson, (ABSENT); Jeffrey Blair, (ZOOM); Keely Frazier (ZOOM); Christopher Love, Vice Chair (in person - car), Anthony Harkness (in person - car), Regina Mead (ZOOM), Ernie Esquibel (in person-Sunvan), Rachel Hoffman (ZOOM); Deborah Gray (ABSENT)

Transit Staff Members Present

Leslie Keener, Director, (zoom), Mike Davis, Deputy Director (ZOOM); Sandra Saiz, Fixed Route Operations Manager (in person); Robert Romero, Customer Service Supervisor (in person); Margaret Lucero, Executive Assistant (in person); Megan Holcomb, Marketing & Communications Specialist (zoom); Martin Archibeque, Sun Van Chauffeur (ATC/ZOOM)

Visitors Present

Diana Marquez, (zoom); Ellen Sorenson, (zoom); Joe Sorenson, (zoom); Irenner Clough (ATC/zoom), Albert Chavez (ATC/ZOOM); Terri Teaters (ATC/Zoom), Richard Weiner (ATC/ZOOM) ;)

Call to Order

Christopher Love, Vice- Chairperson called meeting to order at 4:03pm.

Approval of Agenda or Additions

Vice-Chair Love asked for a motion to approve the January 16 agenda.

Anthony Harkness motioned to approve agenda, Keely Frazier 2nd the motion. The motion was voice approved by Jeff Blair, Keely Frazier, Christopher Love, Anthony Harkness, Regina Mead, Ernie Esquibel, and Rachel Hoffman.

Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chair Love asked for a motion to approve the November 21, 2023 meeting minutes. Anthony Harkness motioned to approve meeting minutes, Ernie Esquibel 2nd the motion. The motion was voice approved by Jeff Blair, Keely Frazier, Christopher Love, Anthony Harkness, Regina Mead, Ernie Esquibel, and Rachel Hoffman.

Public Comments (2 minute time limit)

Joe Sorenson: IVR's crashed January 6 and I am not receiving information.

Sandra Saiz: We will put in an urgent ticket to IT.

Terri Teaters: Submitted a typed concern regarding the new Sun van application, review and approval process to Vice Chair Love.

Presentations

New Sun Van was at the ATC for the public and in person members to take a look at. A video of the new sun van features was played for the members and public attending on ZOOM. Sandra Saiz was available for any questions and comments.

To view video click on “New Sun Van 2300 Series” next to January meeting minutes

PTAB Chairperson’s Report- Christopher Love, Vice-Chair

Christopher Love: No update from Chair

Director’s Report- Leslie Keener, Director

Leslie Keener: Ridership for October 16,534, November 15,227 and December 14,515 passengers. Sun van applications from October 122, November 114 and December 100. We will be hosting a hiring event on January 19 at Ken Sanchez.

Unfinished Business:

No Unfinished Business

New Business

No New Business

Second Round of Public Comment (2 minute time limit)

Regina Mead: I will have to resign from the board. It was a pleasure working with you all.

Ernie Esquibel: There are new drivers in training and I’m noticing a lot of positive changes in the department.

Jeff Blair: I am pleased to hear there are additional features to protect the drivers.

Diana Marquez: The driver has to help me with the lift on the new vans, because steps are steep stepping down.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 19, 2024; 4:00 PM via online (ZOOM) or in person

Adjournment

Meeting ended at 4:56 pm.

Below are the chat messages exchanged during the ZOOM Meeting

00:20:07 EllenEllenSorenson: There are people who can't walk very far to get to the bus.
00:35:31 EllenEllenSorenson: I have been on it and it is easy and cool.
00:50:18 Mike Davis: We will miss you Regina!