

**Eastern Sierra Transit Authority
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Agenda Item # A-1

Call to Order - 9:21A.M. Thursday, March 5,2025

Chairperson Bubser called The meeting of Eastern Sierra Transit Authority to order at9:27 am in the Town of Mammoth Lakes Council Chambers,437 Old Mammoth Rd. Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

Remote location was held at City of Bishop Council Chambers, 301W Line St., Bishop, CA 93514

ROLI CALL

A quorum was established.

PRESENT:

Chairperson Bubser, Co-Chairperson Freundt, Boardmembers Schwartz, Sauser, Salcido, Griffiths, and Orrill

ABSENT:

Boardmember McFarland

Pledee of Allesiance

Chairperson Bubser led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda

Motioned by Boardmember Sauser and seconded by Co-Chairperson Freundt to approve consent agenda:

Meeting Minutes for December '11.,2025.

To pass & adopt Resolution 2026-Ot authorizing the Executive Director, or their Designee to submit grant applicat under FTA section 5304, 5310, 5311, 5311(f)and 5339, 5311(f)and 5339 with Ca. Department of Transportation, and to authorize the Executive Director, or their designee, to sign all corresponding contracts, certifications and reimbursment requests relating to the aformentioned grants on behalf of the authority.

Motion passed 7-0 with BoardmemberMcFarland absent.

Information Agenda

81 - FY 24-25 Financial Audit

Brianne Wiese commented and complimented ESTA admin staff on audit.

B-2 Executive Directors Report

Discussion among the board and Phil Moores - concerns about winter ridership, not at peak performance conversations with Boardmembers Sauser, Salcido and with Phil Moores - Executive Driector

and Brian Ognisty - Mammoth Operations Supervisor about what the issues were that they came across & what could be the problem as to why ridership is down.

equipment issues, staffing, weather and traffic are all contributing factors as to why it was down.

Boardmember Salcido mentioned that parking fees and violation fees will be going up to be uniform all around

B-3 Financial report for 2025/26

B-4 SBP

report on ESTA performance - Jarett Chytka presented with Phil Moores and gave update in the KPI's & mentioner the numbers of accidents have not affected the insurance premiums at this time as they are not involving other vehicles and have had no injuries. (mostly in the yard accidents but have gone down)

,. .) B-5 Excutive Director Recruitment

discussions on the recruitment for replacing Exectutive Director - short meeting and interview to be conducted on March 16,2026 - location in Inyo County to be determined.

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Action Agenda

C1 Holiday Schedule

Holiday Schedule - consider adding service to some holidays
(New Years, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day)

The Board is requested to approve additional limited service on New Years, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day

Motioned by Boardmember Schwartz and Second by Boardmember Sauser

Motion passes 7-0 with Boardmember McFarland absent

C2 Airport Service

The Board is requested to approve both the diversion and express service and authorize the Executive Director

to negotiate and sign contracts with the Town of Mammoth Lakes for said service and leases of proposed busses

Motioned by Boardmember Sauser and Second by Boardmember Salcido

Motion passes 6-0 with Boardmember Griffiths and Boardmember McFarland Absent

CLOSED SESSION

No Report out of Closed Session

E2 - ESTA EEA MOU - review and approve changes to the MOU

Motion passes 7-0 with Boardmember McFarland absent

E3 - ESTA Management Confidential Association MOU - review and approve changes to the employee association

Motion passes 7-0 with Boardmember McFarland absent

Board Member Comments

Jeff Griffiths - Rural Transit being recognized/traveling to DC - to discuss direct payment moving forward

Karen Schwartz - Bishop City Park survey is out, take a look at it and vote.

No other comments

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 am to the next meeting scheduled to be held March 16, 2026 at 8:00am at a location to be determined later in Inyo County.

Reviewed & prepared by:

Karina Morales

Board Clerk

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Minutes approved