

**MINUTES OF THE
EAGLE VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY d/b/a Core Transit
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 14, 2026**

A meeting of the Eagle Valley Transportation Authority (“Authority”) Board of Directors (“Board”) was held on January 14, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. The meeting was held in person at the Avon Council Chambers located at 100 Mikaela Way, Town of Avon, Colorado, 81620, and on Zoom. Notice of the meeting was posted on January 7, 2026, and included agenda items, location, and time, as well as the teleconference information needed to participate in the public portion of the meeting. The Notice of Board of Directors Meeting dated January 7, 2026, and the certification of posting are attached hereto.

ATTENDANCE

Directors in Attendance:

Chair: Director Earle Bidez, Mayor, Town of Minturn

Vice Chair: Director Rich Carroll, Councilor, Town of Avon

Director Dave Eickholt, Beaver Creek Metro District

Director Jeanne McQueeney, Commissioner, Eagle County

Director Bryan Woods, Mayor, Town of Eagle

Director Garrett Alexander, Member of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Red Cliff

Director Kim Langmaid, Councilor, Town of Vail

Directors Absent:

none

Attendance:

Tanya Allen, Executive Director, Core Transit

Scott Robinson, Deputy Director, Core Transit

Dave Snyder, Director of Transportation, Core Transit

Amy Burford, Executive Assistant and Special Projects Coordinator, Core Transit

Lance Trujillo, Director of Innovation and IT, Core Transit

Dayana Herr, Marketing, Communications, & Customer Relations Manager, Core Transit

Sanjok Timilsina, Director of Finance, Core Transit

Dave Levy, Planning Manager, Core Transit

Kimber Walker, Planner, Core Transit

Ray Shei, Alternate Director, Beaver Creek Metro District

David Williams, Vail Daily

Seth Levy, Gypsum, CO

Attendance on Zoom:

Kathryn Winn, Core Transit Legal Counsel, Attorney, Collins Cole Winn & Ulmer, PLLC

Aryn Schlichting, Director of People & Culture, Core Transit

Selene Suarez, People and Culture Generalist, Core Transit

Tati Wernicke, People and Culture Generalist, Core Transit

Kelly Wamboldt, Safety and Training Supervisor, Core Transit

Edgardo Reyes, Information Service
Representative, Core Transit

Larry Tenenholz

**APPROVAL OF THE
AGENDA**

Director Bidez asked if there were any proposed changes to the agenda. Director Carroll requested that the procurement policy be removed from the consent agenda and added as a separate business item for further discussion. Director Eickholt moved to approve the agenda as amended. Director Carroll seconded the motion, which passed unanimously 7-0.

BOARD COMMENT

Director Carroll welcomed new Board member Kim Langmaid from Town of Vail.

Director Woods noted that the Town of Eagle is beginning development of its five-year strategic plan and wanted to make Core Transit aware if there are any relevant considerations.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Seth Levy of Gypsum shared concerns regarding the lack of timely notification for disrupted bus service during the recent manhunt in Dotsero. He noted he understood the reason for the service interruption but believed Core Transit had done a poor job of notifying passengers.

Director Bidez asked whether emergency notifications are sent directly to phones. Executive Director Tanya Allen responded that the organization does have access to multiple rider notification tools that could have been better used in this instance.

CONSENT AGENDA

5.4 Procurement Policy pulled out for further discussion

Director Carroll expressed concerns about local preferences provisions in the policy.

Director of Finance Sanjok Timilsina stated that there is no local, state, or federal requirement to include a local preference in the policy. He noted that a review of other municipal policies showed that some include local preferences and that staff felt it was a good use of tax dollars to work with local vendors when possible. Board members agreed to discuss the policy in more detail during the business portion of the meeting.

Director Bidez presented the following as part of the consent agenda for approval:

5.1. December 10, 2025, regular meeting minutes

5.2. Financial statements

5.3. Payables list

5.5. Signer Policy Updates

Director Carroll motioned to approve the consent agenda for approval, as amended to move item 5d to item 7c on the agenda. Director McQueeney seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

AGENDA ITEMS

6. Presentations

6.1 Summer Schedule 2025 Feedback and Summer 2026 Expectations

Planning Manager Dave Levy reviewed summer 2025 ridership by route, noting an increase in weekend ridership. He also shared key takeaways from the 2025 summer schedule survey.

Director Eickholt asked whether Core Transit provides a service equal to or better than that

previously provided by ECO Transit in Gypsum. Executive Director Allen responded that the overall service to Gypsum remains the same or better, as there have been some small incremental improvements in Gypsum as a side effect of enhancing Eagle service.

Planning Manager Levy explained the complex schedule-building process, which involves balancing time, people and goals. He also previewed the 2026 summer schedule, noting that it will maintain the 2025 summer revenue hours as well as the Leadville and Minturn service expansions from 2025. He shared the 2026 summer schedule development milestones leading up to the launch on April 12.

Director Carroll asked about strategies to increase ridership on the Leadville route. Executive Director Allen responded that there were several opportunities that could be explored, including increased coordination with newly launched transit services in Leadville/Lake County.

7. Business

7.1 Annual Administrative Resolution and Appointments

Director Eickholt motioned to nominate Rich Carroll as the Board Chair for the 2026 calendar year. Director Woods seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

Director Bidez motioned to nominate Jeanne McQueeney as the Vice Chair for the 2026 calendar year. Director Carroll seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

Director Carroll motioned to nominate Kim Langmaid as the representative on the Climate Action Collaborative Board. Director Bidez

seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

Director Eickholt motioned to nominate Bryan Woods as the representative on the EGE Air Alliance Board. Director Carroll seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

Director Carroll motioned to approve the Annual Administrative Matters Resolution 2026-01. Director Eickholt seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous 7-0 vote.

7.2 Transit Fare Discussion

Executive Director Allen reviewed current fare levels and policy and discussed potential ridership implications of any fare changes. She also updated the board members on efforts to identify alternate funding sources to continue to the youth fare-free program, which included a confirmed funding contribution from Gypsum of \$26,250. She recommended no change to existing fare levels and deferral of the decision on youth fare-free travel to the February meeting, pending confirmation of additional funding pledges.

Director Bidez asked for additional clarification regarding ridership impacts of a fare change. Director Carroll said that he supported the staff recommendation. Director Woods asked about current capacity and projected future capacity. Executive Director Allen observed that absent new service improvements or additional fare reductions demand in Gypsum was likely to remain at current levels. Changes to either would be likely to unlock more demand.

Director McQueeney expressed support for the staff recommendations. Director Eickholt stated he supports providing free youth ridership but believes the cost should be split equally with the

Town of Gypsum. Executive Director Allen noted that fares applied to anyone traveling to/from Gypsum regardless of residence and that youth from other jurisdictions who traveled to Gypsum also benefited from the program.

Board members agreed to defer a decision on youth fare-free to February pending identification of additional funding partners for the program.

Director Bidez turned the meeting over to Director Carroll, who was recently appointed Chair.

7.3 Procurement Policy

Director Carroll outlined his concerns with the including the 5% local business preference for small and medium-sized projects in the procurement policy. Deputy Director Robinson clarified the intent, which was to allow staff the flexibility to choose a local vendor over a national company when appropriate and in a competitive range. Director McQueeney stated that she supports keeping tax dollars local but does not believe the 5% preference is necessary if staff already have flexibility within the selection criteria. She asked whether the policy could be revised to remove the 5% preference while strengthening the overall language. Director Eickholt expressed preference for maintaining a percentage as a guardrail.

Deputy Director Robinson stated that staff will revise the policy based on the Board's suggestions and present it for approval at the February meeting.

8. Staff Reports

Deputy Director Robinson shared that Director of Finance Timilsina is refining the 2026 monthly projections. He noted that the 2026 wage

increases approved in the budget will be reflected in the January 30 paychecks and that open-range performance evaluations will be conducted soon. He also announced that an employee engagement survey will be launched shortly. He added that the Marketing and Communications Department is working on an updated version of the ticket app and that IT and Innovation is progressing through the ITS needs assessment. He reported that recent safety meetings went well, highlighting the valuable feedback received from bus operators.

Director of Transportation Snyder updated the Board on current ridership, staffing, and maintenance trends.

Executive Director Allen explained that she included a new matrix to visually track the projects underway in each department. She also reminded the Board about the planning for the upcoming Board retreat.

Director Carroll suggested putting Board comments at the end of the Board meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Carroll adjourned the meeting at 1:54 p.m.
