

**MINUTES OF THE
EAGLE VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY d/b/a Core Transit
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
October 08, 2025**

A meeting of the Eagle Valley Transportation Authority (“Authority”) Board of Directors (“Board”) was held on October 1, 2025, at 6:00 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 October 1, 2025, 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 October 1, 2025, 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 Bryan Woods, Councilor, Town of Eagle

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

Director Barry Davis, Councilor, Town of Vail

Directors Absent:

Director Jeanne McQueeney, Commissioner, Eagle County

Attendance:

Tanya Allen, Executive Director, Core Transit

Scott Robinson, Deputy Director, Core Transit

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

Aryn Schlichting, Director of People & Culture, Core Transit

Dave Snyder, Director of Transportation, Core Transit

Lance Trujillo, Director of Innovation and IT, Core Transit

Sanjok Timilsina, Director of Finance, Core Transit

Dave Levy, Planning Manager, Core Transit

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

Al Lee, Operation Specialist, Core Transit

Will Hensley, Fleet Asset Supervisor, Core Transit

Stephanie Samuelson, Vail, CO

Ray Shei, Alternate Director, Beaver Creek Metro District

Peggy Wolfe, Vail Valley Foundation

Attendance on Zoom:

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

Selene Suarez, People and Culture Generalist, Core Transit

Vanesa Duarte, Admin/Office Coordinator, Core Transit

Kelly Wamboldt, Safety and Training Supervisor, Core Transit

Todd Cleveland, ITS Transit Technician, Core Transit

Mitzi Marquez, Finance Coordinator, Core Transit

	<p>Edgardo Reyes, Information Service Representative, Core Transit</p> <p>Tim McMahon, Avon, CO</p>
APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA	<p>Director Alexander entered the meeting.</p> <p>Director Bidez confirmed there were no changes to the agenda.</p>
BOARD COMMENT	<p>Director Carroll noted the new microphones in the Avon Council Chambers and provided brief instructions on their use.</p>
PUBLIC COMMENT	<p>Tim McMahon of Avon inquired about operator turnover data since April.</p> <p>Stephanie Samuelson spoke about her transit experience and prior work experience with the Interim Executive Director.</p>
CONSENT AGENDA	<p>Director Bidez presented the following as part of the consent agenda for approval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.1. September 10, 2025, regular meeting minutes 5.2. Financial statements 5.3. August payables 5.4. 2026 Holiday List 5.5. CDOT FASTER grant contract for 1 hybrid bus 5.6. Health Insurance Renewal <p>Director Carroll motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented. Director Davis seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous 6-0 vote.</p>
AGENDA ITEMS	6. Presentations

6.1 Budget Presentation

Director of Finance Sanjok Timilsina reported that the initial FY2026 budget was included in the Board packet for review, along with a budget transmittal letter outlining the overall budget approach. He presented the budget preparation calendar, which was approved by the Board at the May meeting.

Director of Finance Timilsina explained that staff utilized a bottom-up budgeting approach, beginning at the operational level and building upward to form the overall organizational budget. He noted that this approach promotes long-term planning and supports the effective and efficient use of resources.

He reviewed Core Transit's three primary revenue categories: sales tax, grant revenue, and other revenue, which includes fare revenue and interest revenue. He highlighted major expenditure areas such as wages and benefits, health care coverage, and maintenance services. He concluded by defining the organization's key funds: the General Fund, Capital Fund, Air Fund, and Housing Fund.

Director Bidez asked for clarification regarding the maintenance budget numbers.

Director of Transportation Dave Snyder explained that staff created a plan to their advantage for updating the fleet, including the addition of hybrid vehicles. He also noted that negotiations with TransDev aim to lower the contract rate.

Executive Director Tanya Allen provided information about the SP Plus contract, stating that it was entered into for a three-year term and was necessary to expedite the implementation of fare-free service across the service area. She explained that continued use of the contract has

allowed staff to fill service gaps and improve overall efficiency. She noted that when the contract comes up for renewal, staff and the Board will evaluate its pros and cons before a final decision is made on whether to renew it.

7. Business

7.1 Birds of Prey

Deputy Director Scott Robinson explained that last year Core Transit supported Birds of Prey with \$25,000 in in-kind services by providing transit for the event, which takes place in early December. He noted that the contribution amount remains the same this year, but the event logistics have changed, as it will be a four-day event. He added that Core Transit staff will receive additional VIP tickets as a benefit.

Peggy Wolfe from the Vail Valley Foundation provided information about the event, highlighting the caliber of the athletes and the expected number of spectators.

Director Eickholt motioned to approve in-kind sponsorship for the Birds of Prey World Cup event of up to a maximum of \$24,000 in donated transit service over four days. Director Davis seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous 6-0 vote.

7.2 Youth Fare Free

Executive Director Allen explained that in November 2024, Core Transit began providing fare-free travel for youth traveling to or from the non-member communities of Gypsum and Leadville through a state grant that funded the program. She shared that staff had hoped this funding would be renewed annually but noted the state decided not to renew the grant for 2026.

Executive Director Allen proposed temporarily extending the program through the winter season, with a commitment to reevaluate it in January as part of the overall fare policy review. She noted that continuing the program would require Core Transit to identify alternate funding sources and explained that an overage from the program could be used to support the temporary extension.

Director Eickholt asked for clarification on whether the approval applied to the entire 2025–2026 winter season. Executive Director Allen confirmed that it did. She expressed interest in revisiting this topic with the Board in January to allow sufficient time to notify riders in advance of any potential changes before the summer schedule takes effect. Director Davis voiced his support, noting that it helps train people to use the bus as their regular mode of transportation and is a way to “evergreen” the service.

Director Woods motioned to approve a temporary extension of the Youth Fare Free Program through the end of the winter season. Director Alexander seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous 6-0 vote.

8. Staff Reports

Deputy Director Robinson reported that Core Transit continues to see strong sales tax deposits. He acknowledged the hard work of the Marketing and Customer Service team on the recently launched website and highlighted its ADA accessibility features. He also shared that People and Culture have been actively recruiting to prepare for the busy winter season.

Director of Transportation Dave Snyder reported that Core Transit achieved a 99.93% route completion rate for September 2025. He noted three minor preventable accidents during the

month but highlighted that accidents per passenger mile have improved compared to 2024, an area the Training Department continues to address. He also shared that operator staffing is at 90%, with four operators currently in training and additional training classes scheduled to begin in October.

Executive Director Allen highlighted the training and development opportunities Core Transit provided to staff, introducing those who completed the CASTA Lead Academy. Operations Specialist Al Lee and Fleet Asset Supervisor Will Hensley shared their positive experiences and leadership insights gained from the program. Executive Director Allen reminded the Board of the upcoming budget work session at the end of the month and noted the spring Board retreat, which has not yet been officially scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Director Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 pm. Director Eickholt seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous 6-0 vote.
