5-1. ACTION
02/13/25 Draft Minutes

CVA Board Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the California Vanpool Authority was called to order by Chairperson Robert Poythress at 10:02 A.M. on Thursday, January 9th, 2025, via teleconference.

2025 California Vanpool Authority Member Agencies

AMBAG – Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
Fresno COG – Fresno Council of Governments
ICTC – Imperial County Transportation Commission
MCTC – Madera County Transportation Commission
MCAG – Merced County Association of Governments
RCTC – Riverside County Transportation Commission
SJCOG – San Joaquin Council of Governments
SBCAG – Santa Barbara County Association of Governments
StanCOG – Stanislaus Council of Governments
TCAG – Tulare County Association of Governments
VCTC – Ventura County Transportation Commission

1. Call to Order: 10:02 A.M.

Roll Call – Clerk of the Board

Member Agency	Present	Absent / (A) Alternate	Joined after Roll Call
MCTC	Robert Poythress (Chair)	Jose Rodriguez (A)	
SBCAG	Bob Nelson (Vice-Chair)	Ariston Julian (A)	
Fresno COG		James Horn / Brandon Pursell (A)	
ICTC	Ana Beltran	Mike Goodsell (A)	
MCAG	Gurpal Samra	Pat Nagy (A)	
RCTC	Joseph DeConinck		
SJCOG		Miguel Villapudua	
StanCOG		Javier Lopez / Buck Condit (A)	
TCAG	Elizabeth Wynn	Greg Meister (A)	
VCTC	James "Jim" White	Mike Johnson (A)	
AMBAG		Scott Funk	

Staff/Visitors in attendance:

First Name	*Last Name*	*Organization*	*01/09/25*
Eileen	Goodwin	Apex Strategies, CalVans Advisor	X
Natalia	Austin	MCTC	X
Hanan	Sawalha	RCTC	X
Leigh	Brown	RCTC	X
Brandon	Wong	CalEEC	X
Kai	Cooper	CalEEC	X
Dolores	Lopez	VCTC	X
Edith	Verdin	SJCOG	X
Stephanie	Davis	MCAG	X
Peter	Williamson	SBCAG	X
Giancarlo	Bruno	TCAG	X
Donna	Earnest	Guest	X
Georgina	Landecho	CalVans	X
Magdalena	Atilano	CalVans	X
Carmen	Mora	CalVans	X
Gabriela	Pacheco	CalVans	X
Teresa	Rodriguez	CalVans	X
Tomas	Hernandez	CalVans	X
Amanda	Ruch	CalVans	X
Monica	Sarzi	CalVans	X

2. Unscheduled Appearances: None.

3. Approval of Agenda as posted (or amended)

4. Public Comment – (Unscheduled appearances): None.

5. Consent Calendar

5-1. Approval of Board meeting minutes for December 12th, 2024.

Motion made by: **Elizabeth Wynn**
2nd by: **Bob Nelson**
Motion (Pass/Fail): **Pass**

Commissioner	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Robert Poythress	X		
Bob Nelson	X		
Ana Beltran	X		
Gurpal Samra	X		
Joseph DeConinck	X		
Elizabeth Wynn	X		
James "Jim" White	X		

6. Action Items

6-1. **ACTION:** RFP for Rate Study/Business Plan Development

Motion made by: **Bob Nelson**
2nd by: **James "Jim" White**
Motion (Pass/Fail): **Pass**

Commissioner	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Robert Poythress	X		
Bob Nelson	X		
Ana Beltran	X		
Gurpal Samra	X		
Joseph DeConinck	X		
Elizabeth Wynn	X		
James "Jim" White	X		

7. Staff Report, System Updates, Financials & Director's Report

7-1. INFORMATION: Agency Financials

Review of agency financials for the period ending December 31, 2024. CalVans' accounting staff was present to answer questions regarding agency standings and the status of the current budget. No questions or concerns.

7-2. INFORMATION: Director's Report

Director Landecho provided a brief update on all regions. CalVans operated 379 total vans. Of the active vanpools, 272 are Ag, with 107 (non-Ag) vanpools. The fleet make up, is as of January 6th, 2025. CalVans Ag fleet reported 459,087 revenue miles, across all regions, in December. Transit Coordinators, Carmen Mora, Gabriela Pacheco, Teresa Rodriguez and Tomas Hernandez were present for questions regarding their area of responsibility. No questions or concerns.

7-3. INFORMATION: Lobby Updates

Lobbyist Brandon Wong provided a brief legislative and budget update and provided the following key points:

Governor Newsom presented an overview of the proposed Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget, which is balanced at $322.2 billion, with a General Fund of $228.9 billion. The budget includes $16.9 billion in reserves, with allocations to the Rainy-Day Fund, Public

Schools Rainy Day Fund, and the Special Fund for Economic Uncertainties. State revenue has increased by $16.5 billion compared to the previous fiscal year, providing a more optimistic outlook. The formal budget proposal will be presented to the Legislature on Friday, and further updates will be provided on its impact on CalVans operations and funding opportunities. No questions or concerns.

8. Other Business / Information / Closing Comments

8-1. INFORMATION: Board Member Updates & Requests for Future Agenda Items: None.

9. Adjournment: Time: 10:48 A.M.

Notices: Upcoming Board Meeting (In-Person & Teleconference): Thursday, February 13th, 2025, at 10:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Georgina Landecho, Executive Director, Board Secretary
Magdalena Atilano, Office/Payroll Manager, Board Clerk

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