

The Yuma County Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (YCIPTA) met in Regular Board Meeting session on Monday, December 13, 2021 at City of Yuma, City Hall Room 190; One City Plaza, Yuma, AZ 85364. The Chair, Dr. Michael Sabath called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

Members Present:

Dr. Michael Sabath/Northern Arizona University/Chair
Jerry Cabrera/City of Somerton/Vice Chair
Brian Golding, Sr./Quechan Tribe
Ralph Velez/City of San Luis /Secretary/Treasurer
Susan Thorpe/Yuma County
Susanna M. Zambrano/Arizona Western College
Larry Killman/Town of Wellton
Jay Simonton/City of Yuma

Members Absent:

Fernando Mezquita/Cocopah Tribe

Others Present:

Shelly Kreger/YCIPTA/Transit Director
Carol Perez/YCIPTA/Transit Operations Manager
Chona Medel/YCIPTA/Financial Services Operations Manager
Gilberto Villegas/Yuma County/Chief Financial officer
Wayne Benesch/Benesch, Shadle & White, PLC/Legal Counsel
Elizabeth Norton/Benesch, Shadle & White, PLC /Legal Counsel
Oliver Cromwell/RATP Dev/General Manager
Anabel Teran/RATP Dev/Operations Manager

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Zambrano.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

CALL TO PUBLIC:

No public comments made. No action required; no action taken.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

No. 1: Adopt the November 1, 2021 regular and executive session minutes. Action required.

Motion (Golding/Zambrano): To approve item as presented.

Voice Vote: Motion Carries, (8-0) with Mr. Mezquita being excused.

Upon vote of the Directors, the Chairman recesses the Regular Session and convenes Executive Session.

Motion (Velez/Zambrano): To recesses the Regular Session and convene into Executive Session.

Voice Vote: Motion Carries, (7-0) with Mr. Mezquita and Mr. Simonton being excused.

The Regular Session recessed at 1:33 pm. Mr. Simonton joined at 1:35 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No. 1: Discussion regarding Financial Sustainability.

This matter is brought in executive session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) & (4).
Chairman adjourns Executive Session and reconvenes Regular Session.

Chairman adjourned Executive Session at 3:32 pm and reconvened Regular Session at 3:34 pm.

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS:

No. 1: Discussion and or action regarding Financial Sustainability. Action may be required.

Motion (Zambrano/Cabrera): To explore loan arrangements and report back at the next meeting.

Voice Vote: Motion Carries, (8-0) with Mr. Mezquita being excused.

Motion (Zambrano/Velez): To alert member agencies regarding the increase in membership dues.

Voice Vote: Motion Carries, (8-0) with Mr. Mezquita being excused.

Motion (Zambrano/Golding): To have the YCIPTA Transit Director and Financial Services Operations Manager review areas to possibly reduce expenses and provide recommendations at the next meeting.

Voice Vote: Motion Carries, (8-0) with Mr. Mezquita being excused.

Motion (Zambrano/Golding): Requested the YCIPTA Financial Sustainability Subcommittee to discuss and provide recommendations for the increase of member dues.

Voice Vote: Motion Carries, (8-0) with Mr. Mezquita being excused.

Motion (Golding/Zambrano): Requested Yuma County's CFO and YCIPTA staff to look at cash flow to determine if anything could be reasonably applied to the County treasurer amount by the next meeting.

Voice Vote: Motion Carries, (8-0) with Mr. Mezquita being excused.

Ms. Kreger inquired if staff would have to wait until next meeting to apply money towards the treasurer amount.

Dr. Sabath stated there was no need to wait.

PROGRESS REPORTS:

No. 1: Operations Manager Report/Maintenance Update Oliver Cromwell, General Manager – RATP Dev. No action required.

Ms. Teran apologized for not being prepared for the previous meeting with the update of the customer concern. Ms. Teran read the customer concern as follows:

"I have use the YCAT for a while. But unfortunately, I ran into some problems. On August 26 2021, I was going home on the Silver Route, taking the 3:15 pm time at AWC. My stop is usually at the AWC San Luis Learning Center, but the bus driver didn't drive there. He skip my stop and told me I should've said something when he didn't even say anything and drop me off at the desert. And the worst part, on September 1 2021, I was heading to the club meeting when I saw the bus there. I was so mad. And on August 30 2021, when I was waiting for the Silver bus in the San Luis Learning Center which usually arrives at 8:30 am but after an hour, it didn't show up. And when I head to Walmart, I saw it driving by. The Silver bus skip the San Luis Learning Center. I don't know if there is a change or the bus driver is a bad driver. If it is the latter, then fire him for ruining my day and my schedule. But if there is a change, you could've said something since that also ruined my day and schedule."

Ms. Teran stated on one of the occasions the customer was missed was due to the stop being an on request stop only.

Ms. Zambrano stated that she was not aware of this and inquired where that information was available.

Ms. Teran stated that the stop was always on request and it was noted on the rider's guide schedule and online.

Ms. Ana Maria Alcaraz (public comment) requested the information to be available in different formats for people with disabilities.

Mr. Cromwell stated that RATP Dev would be having a safety banquet and requested to present the winners to the Board.

The board agreed. No action need; no action taken.

The rest of the items were not presented; the members will review the items at their leisure.

No. 2: Transit Director Report – Shelly Kreger, YCIPTA Transit Director. No action is required.

No. 3: Transit Ridership – Carol Perez, Transit Operations Manager. No action is required.

No. 4: Financial Report – Chona Medel, YCIPTA Financial Services Operations Manager. No action is required.

CALL TO PUBLIC:

Having not closed the item; Ms. Ofelia Mendoza and her representative/translator Ms. Ana Maria Alcaraz had a few comments for the Board.

Ms. Mendoza stated that overall, she was happy with the service but had a few comments.

- Would like to have more information readily available regarding YCAT policies
 - She had lost her OnCall ID and was not able to board until it was replaced.
 - Left her keys in the bus and they were found but after awhile the keys were thrown away
- Requested vetting of personal care attendants
 - A PCA of another passenger tried to steal her grandson's backpack. The driver was able to returned the backpack to her grandson but feels PCAs should be vetted.

Ms. Alcaraz also mentioned that another OnCall customer, Ms. Blanca Olea, had comments regarding the service as well.

Dr. Sabath stated that the board was unable to respond to comments in "call to the public".

No action required; no action taken.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE AND IDENTIFY AGENDA ITEMS:

January 24, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting was adjourned at 4:03 pm.

YUMA COUNTY INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Adopted this Jan. 31st, 2022, Agenda Item CC1.



Carol Perez, Board Secretary