

PacificTransit

MINUTES OF JANUARY 15, 2026

**CALL
TO
ORDER**

The Board Authority of Pacific Transit System was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by order of Chair Mayor Sue Svendsen.

**PACIFIC
TRANSIT STAFF**

Joe Clark — Interim General Manager
Rebecca Towner — Finance & HR Director
Teresa Ganzel — Operations
Vail Stephens — Operations
Melissa Popleik — Operations
Joey Singharath — IT
Cory Dobbins — Lead Mechanic
Crystal Hyer — Dispatch
Jo Barendse — Dispatch
John Hayes — Facilities and Fleet Manager
Taylor Gilbert — Facilities Supervisor
Mike Williams — Recording Secretary

**ROLL
CALL**

Members present were:

Bethany Bernard — Mayor of South Bend
Sue Svendsen — Mayor of Long Beach
Eddie Hillard — Mayor of Ilwaco
David Tobin — County Commissioner
Lisa Olsen — County Commissioner
Jerry Doyle — County Commissioner

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**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Sheila Rickers spoke.

**APPROVAL
OF AGENDA**

Interim Executive Director Joe Clark asked to add vehicle D-37 to the surplus list.

Board Chair Sue Svendsen called for a motion to approve the agenda with the additional surplus vehicle.

Commissioner Jerry Doyle made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mayor Bethany Barnard seconded the motion. All present in favor. The motion carried.

**APPROVAL
OF MINUTES**

Board Chair Svendsen called for a motion to approve the minutes.

Commissioner Jerry Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes of December 18, 2025, as presented. Commissioner David Tobin seconded the motion. The motion carried on voice vote with Mayor Bethany Barnard abstaining.

**CLAIMS
REVIEW**

Finance Director Rebecca Towner asked for any questions on the claims. Discussion followed.

**STAFF
REPORTS**

Interim Executive Director Joe Clark reviewed data analysis using the capabilities of the new software.

Discussion of data analysis and ridership followed.

Discussion of the recent WSDOT draft investigation into Pacific Transit's ADA policies and procedures.

Rebecca reviewed the financial position.

**RESOLUTION
26-01**

Discussion of Resolution 26-01: In the Matter of the Payroll Account Signatures followed. The resolution would remove Julie Struck as a signer and add Sue Svendsen.

Board Chair Svendsen called for a motion to approve Resolution 26-01.

Commissioner Jerry Doyle made a motion to approve Resolution 26-01: In the Matter of signatures on the Payroll Account at Gesa Credit Union ending in 2005. Commissioner David Tobin seconded the motion. All present in favor. The motion carried.

**RESOLUTION
26-02**

Discussion of Resolution 26-02: In the Matter of the Transportation Fund Account Signatures followed. The resolution would remove Julie Struck as a signer and add Sue Svendsen.

Commissioner Jerry Doyle made a motion to approve Resolution 26-02: In the Matter of signatures on the Transportation Fund Account at Gesa Credit Union ending in 0086. Mayor Bethany Barnard seconded the motion. All present in favor. The motion carried.

**BOARD
RESPONSIBILITY**

Board Chair Sue Svendsen opened discussion on Board Responsibility in Litigation and Grievances.

**SURPLUS
VEHICLES**

Discussion of the need to surplus vehicles 400 (D-105) and 209 (D-37) followed.

Mayor Eddie Hillard made a motion to declare vehicles 400 (D-105) and 209 (D-37) surplus. Commissioner David Tobin seconded the motion. All present in favor. The motion carried.

Discussion of new bus stops followed.

**OTHER
BUSINESS**

Joe reviewed new personnel hired at Pacific Transit.

Discussion of hiring procedures followed.

ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Board, Mayor Svendsen adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

The next regular monthly Pacific Transit Board Meeting will be held **Thursday, February 19, 2026.**

Pacific Transit Board meetings start at 10:30 a.m.