BASIN TRANSIT

REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, May 28, 2026, 5:00 p.m.
Basin Transit Operations Center
62405 Verbena Road
Joshua Tree, CA 92252

ACTION MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER – Chair Abel called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board Member Sasnett

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Merl Abel	Jeff Drozd
Jennifer Henning	Dan Mintz
Ben Sasnett	McArthur Wright

Members Absent:

Danielle Harrington

2.0 SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Recognition of Employee of the Quarter: Matt Atkins, Operations Manager, recognized Hector Manzano as the Employee of the Quarter.

2.2 Introduction of new City Manager for Twentynine Palms, Kevin Cole.

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Minutes of March 26, 2026 Board Meeting

4.2 Treasurer's Report for February and March 2026

4.3 Warrant Register for February and March 2026

4.4 Ridership Reports

4.5 Financial Reports
4.6 Taxi Report

4.7 General Manager's Report

4.8 Operations Report

4.9 Renewal of Banc of California Credit Line

4.10 Purchase of Shop Truck

4.11 Purchase of Telehandler

ACTION: Board Member Mintz moved to approve the Consent Calendar (items 4.1 - 4.11); seconded by Board Member Henning: motion passed by Roll Call Vote (6-0).

5.0 ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR PARTICIPATION AND/OR ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

6.0 OLD BUSINESS

NONE

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Approval of FY 2026/27 Operating and Capital Budgets

Cheri Holsclaw reviewed the revisions made to the draft budget presented at the March Board meeting and then requested that the Board conduct a public hearing, approve the FY 2026/27 Operating, Capital, and Taxicab Budgets, adopt Resolution 26-03, and authorize staff to submit the annual Transit Claim.

ACTION: Following a public hearing, Vice Chair Wright moved to approve the FY 2026/27 Operating, Capital, and Taxicab Budgets, adopt Resolution 26-03, and authorize staff to submit the annual Transit Claim; seconded by Board Member Sasnett, motion passed by Roll Call Vote (6-0).

7.2 CMAQ Grant Request

Cheri Holsclaw requested that the Board conduct a public hearing and approve a CMAQ grant request for $876,513 to purchase four (4) CNG transit buses. This

grant funding will replace aging buses #320 through #322 which have reached the end of their Federal Transit Administration (FTA) defined useful life and add one (1) additional transit bus into service.

> **ACTION:** Following a public hearing**,** Board Member Mintz moved to approve the CMAQ grant request; seconded by Vice Chair Wright, motion passed by Roll Call Vote (6-0).

7.3 Pilot Service Update

Cheri reported on the increase in ridership and fare revenues resulting from the 18-month pilot program launched on January 1, 2026, to expand services to Palm Springs.

8.0 CLOSED SESSION

8.1 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 Regarding Personnel Matters, General Manager Evaluation

8.2 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 Regarding Personnel Matters, Procurement Director Evaluation

Chair Abel commented that there positive evaluations for the Procurement Director and General Manager.

9.0 GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE

Cheri highlighted that staff hit 100 safety days and expressed her hope that the agency will hit the next target of 200 safety days. Additionally, Cheri also called attention to the Basin Transit Mug at each seat for the Board to enjoy in celebration of National Hydration Day in June. Cheri also informed the Board of the “Pack the Bus” event that will be held at Walmart on July 11th.

10.0 FUTURE BOARD INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS

The Board requested that bring forward proposed contract amendment for General Manager

11.0 BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

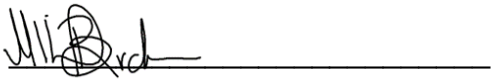
The following Board Members made comments:

Board Member Sasnett	Board Member Mintz
Board Member Drozd	Vice-Chair Wright
Chair Abel	

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m., Thursday, May 28, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,



Michal Brock, Assistant Board Secretary