



**California Association of School Transportation Officials
State Board Meeting**

**MINUTES
Saturday August 5, 2023
2:30pm-4:00pm
Burbank, Marriott Airport**

I. OPENING – Vice President, Chrissy Stevenson

A. Pledge of Allegiance – Chrissy Stevenson

B. Attendance

1. 1, 2, 3, 4, ~~5~~, ~~6~~, 7, ~~8~~, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, ~~17~~, 18, 19, 20

~~President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, Secretary, Treasurer, Past President,
Professional Associate Rep., Contractor Rep., Sustaining Member Rep.,
CASBO Rep., CDE Rep., Legislative Rep.~~

2. *Verification of Eligibility* – Chrissy Stevenson

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C. Introductions and Welcome -Executive Board, State Board, Special Reps

D. Minutes of Prior Meetings –June 3, 2023 (M) David Lee (S) Danielle Lane (C)

E. Correspondence – Jana Graham- None to report

F. Additions / Changes to the Agenda – Poster Contest (M) Danielle Lane (S) Patrick Taylor (C)

II. Reports

A. Treasurer – Christina Celeste- Checking \$231,936.76 Savings \$30,799.70 for a total of \$262,736.46. Budget vs. actuals was passed out, no questions asked. (M) Neftali Lopez (S) Adriana Catledge (C)

B. Membership – Chrissy Stevenson- Shared the membership report, stated a lot of districts haven't turned in their membership renewals or other memberships haven't been turned in yet. Closing numbers as of June 2023 are 2996, and as of August 2023 we are currently at 1651. Last board meeting in June we challenged Chapters to increase their membership by 10%. Take a look at both numbers and get those numbers increased.

C. State Officers – No report.

D. Special Representatives –

1. *California Department of Education* – Anna Borges-Not in attendance-No Report.

2. *Sustaining Member Representative*- Not in attendance-No Report.

3. *Contractors Representative* –Not in attendance- No Report.

4. *CASBO Representative*- Carlos Chicas-Not in attendance-No report

III. Standing Committee Report

1. *Legislation* – David Neben- Shared the Budget & Legislative Update slide show and asked me to forward it to all chapter presidents. David shared the 2023 Budget Act. January Governor’s Budget: Anticipated shortfall of \$24-\$26 billion in state General Fund revenues. No proposed changed to Home-to-School Transportation or ZEV bus replacement funding. May revision to the Governor’s Budget: Anticipated shortfall deepens to \$32.5 billion, but still no proposed changes. SB 101, AB 102, SB 114 Budget Act of 2023 and Education Trailer Bill: No change to HTST funding, delayed roll out of ZEV replacement funding to 2024-25/2025-26. Legislation Update David shared: SB 88 (Skinner)- Pupil Transportation: Driver Qualifications: Significantly amended in Assembly Education Committee July 12, Amendments commit to the following: Removal of mandated reporter requirement. Adds tuberculosis requirement for charter school-contracted drivers. Removal of requirement for private entities to retain direct control over the manner and means of performance of individual contract drivers. Further define exempt employers and exemptions for family drivers. Further define extracurricular activity and athletic program exemptions. Removal of 10-hour minimum training and replace with sufficiency/proficiency minimum. Establishes start date of July 1, 2025. Current in Assembly Appropriations Committee: AB 579 (Ting) School buses: ZEV: Requires all school buses purchased after January 1, 2035, to be ZEVs, with certain exemptions. Currently in Senate Appropriations Committee. SB 580 (Bradford) School buses: Stop signal arm enforcement system: Held before first committee hearing. SB 755 (Padilla) Vehicles: ZEV School buses: Signage: Authorizes the use of signage to identify a ZEV school bus. Currently in Assembly Appropriations Committee (consent calendar). David also shared how to get involved, which is by voicing your opinions and vote during local chapter and stat board meetings. Contact your local legislator (Assembly or Senate) and attend school district LCAP meetings.
2. *Roadeo Report* – Doug Smith- No Report
3. *Access & Mobility* – Christina Celeste- No Report
4. *Fundraiser / BINGO* – Dano Rybar – No Report
5. *CASTOways.org* – Mike Sawyer- No Report

IV. Business and Issues

A. Old Business

1. *2023 Mechanics & Supervisors Workshop Report*- Chrissie Stevenson- Thanked Tahoe Truckee for the hospitality. We had 13 vendors and over 120 attendees. Very well put together. Income and expenses to come, by next meeting.

B. New Business

1. Chapter 5 Status- Dano Rybar- Dano gave a brief rundown on Chapter 5, it used to be a successful chapter, but not active anymore. They reached out to several members in the Ventura area to see if anyone was interested in joining the board, no success. We can reinstate it if at any time they want to regain their chapter status. Chapter 3 made a motion that we remove Chapter 5 from active status and transfer the members to Chapter 4, Chapter 4 (S). The discussion began with moving some members to Chapter 9, and remaining members to Chapter 4. This motioned died, and a new motion was made. Chapter 9 made a motion to split Santa Barbara County to Chapter 9, and move Ventura County to Chapter 4. (M) Philip Tarvar (S) Danielle Lane (C).

2. SISC Insurance Payment – Dano Rybar/Christina Celeste- Every year we get a bill, our current bill is for \$19,940. CASTO Bingo reimbursed and Bingo will support. A vote was made to except a check for 2023/24 Insurance payments from CASTO Bingo. Motion to accept \$19,940 (M) Adriana Catledge (S) Neftali Perez
3. 2023 Transportation Business Management Forum-Dano Rybar- Registration is open online. Register as soon as possible. It will be at the Delta by Marriott in Garden Grove/ Anaheim. The dates are October 11-13 2023. Registration for hotel rooms is open as well, the rate is \$169.00 room rates. Extended 3 days before and 3 days after program for room rates. September 11th is the cutoff for room rates. September 16th 2023 is the deadline for early bird registration.
4. 2024 State Conference- Dano Rybar- Tables until next meeting.
5. Poster Contest- A motion was made to pick the theme for the 2024 Poster Contest. (M) Danielle Lane (S) Patrick Taylor (C). The Chapter Presidents then voted on the themes that were proposed. We voted on “Go Green Go Clean Go Safe Go Go Go” and “My School Bus Driver Keeps Me Safe”. After voting the winner was “My School Bus Driver Keeps Me Safe”. (M) Danielle Lane (S) Patrick Taylor (C).

V. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

A. Chapter News – Chapter Presidents- Tabled until next meeting

VI. ADJOURNMENT 3:21pm (M) Danielle Lane (S) Patrick Taylor (C)