



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

**MINUTES
Saturday November 19, 2022
8:00am-11:00am
Virtual**

I. OPENING – President Matthew Thomas, 8:00am

A. Pledge of Allegiance – Matthew Thomas

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.,
CASTOway's Editor, CASBO Rep., CDE Rep., Legislative Rep.*

2. *Verification of Eligibility – Mike Sawyer*

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

D. Minutes of Prior Meetings –September 10, 2022 (M) Tony Peregrina (S) Maritza Mora Flores (C)

E. Correspondence – Matthew Thomas- Pam McDonald, Life member from Chapter 2 lost her father on October 23, 2022. The family will take his ashes out to sea on November 29, 2022. Christina Celeste-Russo, State Treasurer, also from Chapter 2, lost her grandfather 2 weeks ago.

F. Additions / Changes to the Agenda –Matt Thomas- (M) Tony Peregrina (S) Cindy Casarez (C)

II. Reports

A. Treasurer – Christina Celeste-Russo, Checking \$214,130.13, savings \$30,795.23 total \$244,925.36. Shared the current budget vs. actuals for the current fiscal year. Sam had a few questions for clarification in a few of the categories, regarding budget and actuals and Christina was able to answer them all. (M) Sam Anderson (S) Tony Peregrina (C)

B. Membership – Mike Sawyer- Mike shared that the total membership numbers earlier, but shared we are doing good with a total of 2,923. Please reach out if you need anything.

C. State Officers – Executive Board.

D. Special Representatives –

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

2. *Sustaining Member Representative*- Jason Songer- Reminded us that diesel buses are going away in 2024, so keep an eye out on that. There is a lot of grant funding out there, EPA will open again first quarter of 2023. Some changes bluebird is making is to the EV options. The transit type is going to be the same for the short term, with level 2

and 3 charging options, 155 KW battery option, 125 miles range, with over 200 upgrades since the bus first launched in October 2018. The bluebird vision, new changes coming to that bus as well. It will be only a CCS1, level 3 charging only charging on this conventional bus. More options will be coming out as well over the next year, so keep an eye out for the updates.

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

III. Standing Committee Report

1. *Legislation* – David Neben- Gave a update on the increase for school transportation funding. The Governor did sign it into law.
2. *Roadeo Report* – Doug Smith- Will discuss under new business.
3. *Access & Mobility* – Tony Peregrina-Shared we sold some books at Mangers Forum, but nothing more to report at this time.
4. *Fundraiser / BINGO* – Dano Rybar – No Report- Not in attendance
5. *CASTOways.org* – Mike Sawyer, nothing to report.

IV. Business and Issues

A. Old Business

1. *School Transportation Business Management Forum- Matthew Thomas/Executive Board*
2. *Poster Contest-Voting- Winner was Jaiden Sandoval, Special Needs student, in 6th grader at Bryant Elementary in Stanton.*

B. New Business

1. *2023 Conference-Matthew Thomas/Mike Sawyer*
2. *Roadeo-Doug Smith/Antonio Perez*
3. *2023-2024 Opening Nominations-Tony Peregrina*
4. *Awards- Mike Sawyer*

V. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

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VI. ADJOURNMENT 10:05 pm (M) Sam Anderson (S) Cindy Casarez (C)