



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

**MINUTES
Saturday September 10, 2022
10:00am – 1:00pm
Airport Marriott Burbank**

I. OPENING – President Matthew Thomas, 10:00am

A. Pledge of Allegiance – Gingi Borg

B. Attendance

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*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 –June 3, 2022 (M) Sam Anderson (S) Chad Barksdale (C)

E. Correspondence – Jana Graham- None to report

F. Additions / Changes to the Agenda –Matt Thomas-None

II. Reports

A. Treasurer – Christina Celeste-Russo, Checking \$208,553.93, savings \$30,794.49 total \$239,348.42. Shared the current budget vs. actuals for the current fiscal year. (M) Sam Anderson (S) Vicki Wingfield (C)

B. Membership – Mike Sawyer- Mike shared that the total membership numbers have gone out. Beginning of the school year, renewal notices go out on June 1st, and Mike reviewed how the membership works, and how the reminders worked, and to reach out if you need any help with getting your membership renewed or set-up.

C. State Officers – Executive Board.

D. Special Representatives –

1. *California Department of Education* – Anna Borges, mentioned it was nice to see everyone in person again. Anna talked about the Instructor Certification Course, September Class Full, January Class Full, March is only a quarter full. Admin course is October 31st-November 4th, it is a blended class, virtual still has opening, in person is full. Special Needs course is November 8, 9 and 10th, Stephanie Oliver is in charge of it and it is an in person only course. She also touched on Sen. Bill 878. This is a proposal for 100 percent reimbursement for home to school transportation. Anna gave some detailed information regarding this bill, and touched on how 878 has been pulled off the table for now, and it will be changed and revamped so that when they come back it will get approved. Skinner wants kids to have free and appropriate transportation, Anna and

several others applaud this effort. Anna also talked about Home to School transportation, Transportation Safety Plans, and that hopefully soon everyone will understand all the requirements for home to school transportation. She talked about the school transportation grant program, 1.5 billion dollars for the Department of Education to allocate the money over a period but it did not go them instead it went to California Air resource board, and California Energy Commission, which are the appropriate ones to handle this grant. Anna also announced Leann Kenley has retired, and that Kerri Gardner and Ula Justus would be joining the Department as Transportation Consultants, as well as Hilary Doyle as the new office tech. In January we will hire a 5th consultant. There is less than 1000 valid instructors, and about 800 delegates.

2. *Sustaining Member Representative*- Jason Songer- Not in attendance-No report
3. *Contractors Representative* – Erin Borda-Not in attendance-No report
4. *CASBO Representative*- Carlos Chicas-Not in attendance-No report

III. Standing Committee Report

1. *Legislation* – David Neben-Not in attendance-No report
2. *Roadeo Report* – Doug Smith- No report
3. *Access & Mobility* – Tony Peregrina-Not in attendance-No report
4. *Fundraiser / BINGO* – Dano Rybar shared that Bingo goes 2 days a week, Wednesdays and Sundays, he currently uses 18 volunteers. \$26,000 a session in prizes is paid out. We are in a better cleaner hall in Citrus Heights. Casto Bingo transferred \$35,000 to the State Board of Directors at the last meeting, with the intent to provide \$15,000 to go to local chapters, for the Roadeo Trailers and any repairs needed. Bingo provided \$20,000 for the insurance of the chapters and for the state. Dano gave kudos to all of his volunteers that are still standing because Covid spreads at the Bingo Hall, but he's thankful to his volunteers. Dano stated that they currently make a couple thousand a session, their expenses are about \$5,000 a session.
5. *CASTOways.org* – Mike Sawyer, nothing to report.

IV. Business and Issues

A. Old Business

- B.** *2022 Mechanic's Workshop and CA Best Tech & Inspection- Executive Board- Went well had about 80 participants.*

C. New Business

1. *Tour of the Marriott Hotel*
2. *2022 School Transportation Business Management Forum-Stephanie Oliver- 13 vendors registered, e-mails are going out in hopes for more registration, it is an in-person event, we have vendor direct as well, so 10 vendors will have the vendor direct for free. Dano talked about the rooms, and what to expect for Mangers Forum. We sold out of the rooms we had blocked, so he added 15 more rooms. You have until September 19th to lock in the room rate. Kerri Gardner stated we had all slots full for all our presenters. It*

will be a great informative forum with great presenters. The Matrix is out and on the website. You can scan the QR code on the postcard and it will take you to the Matrix online.

3. 2023 State Conference- Dano Rybar, Kerri Gardner, Executive Board-Dano talked about the tour, the room rate is \$169 plus tax, will be live first part of October. Dano thinks we can meet the room quota, parking is \$12 a day, its 50% off. We will have stickers at conference for your parking pass. We will have a Saturday night dinner and Sunday breakfast. We will work on bowling for Friday night.
4. Poster Conference-Jana Graham reviewed the requirements and deadlines for how to submit for the poster conference. Website will be updated. Please make sure all posters are submitted no later than November 10th. Mike also shared that all chapters should take it back to their locations, and get it promoted within the schools, and send the chosen posters in.
5. Roadeo-Doug Smith, Executive Board, Dano Rybar- Discussion about having 1 State Roadeo due to the cost of fuel, driver shortages, locations, and low participation numbers. Motion for discussion (M) Sam Anderson (S) Doug Smith. Matt stated that he is hoping that with us all working together, and hopeful that if we do 1 State Roadeo, we can get Roadeo back how it was. Several Chapter Presidents agreed to start gradual, and eventually build it back up once we get the attendance back up. Possibly having a central Roadeo, like Bakersfield area, how we did in the past where it was one big Roadeo. Have all agreed to continue to monitor Roadeo and gradually bring it back. Motion to modify roadeo from 2 roadeos to 1 roadeo for this 2023 year. (M)Chad Barksdale (S) Sam Anderson (C)
6. Nominations for CASTO Awards-Matt Thomas please get nominations in. Must be submitted and turned in no later than November 19th,so we can discuss at the next meeting.

V. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

- A. Chapter News** – Chapter Presidents
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VI. ADJOURNMENT 1:28 pm (M) Doug Smith (S) Chad Barksdale (C)