

ATTACHMENT B

MINUTES FROM MEETING FEBRUARY 25, 2026



KCAPTA

Kings County Area Public Transit Agency

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Action Summary Hybrid Meeting: Virtual or In-Person **Regular Board Meeting**

Meeting Date: February 25, 2026

Time: 2:00 pm

In Person: Board Chambers- Admin Bldg 1, Kings Co Gov't Center Avenal City Hall, Conference Room
1400 W. Lacey Blvd, Hanford, CA 93230 919 Skyline Blvd.
Hanford, CA 93230 Avenal, CA 93204

Virtual: Zoom Meeting

KCAPTA Board: Joe Neves, Kings County Supervisor **Staff:** Angie Dow, Executive Director
Patricia Mathews, Lemoore City Council Oscar Gonzalez, Facilities & Fleet Specialist
Absent, Kings County Supervisor Mark Pedreiro, Transit Manager
Alvaro Preciado-Avenal City Council Jimmy Macias, Accountant (Absent)
Nancy Howze, City of Hanford Heather Corder, Accountant

Legal Counsel: Ken Richardson, Legal Counsel

Visitors:
MV Transportation: Jerad Raper, Ramiro Maldonado, Robyn Reeves, Tiffany Gwin,
KCAG: Teresa Nickell
Ravenvolt Representatives

Unscheduled Appearances:

Angie Dow presented a plaque and a certificate to Avenal Board Member, who was not available at the Dedication Ceremony.

Action Summary

3. Consent Item:

Action Summary:

The Board approved the Summary Minutes of the January 28, 2026 meeting.

Vote:

Action approved as presented.

4 Present (NH, JN, PM, AP) | 1 Absent (DV)

4. PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS:

Staff presented information regarding unmet transit needs and conducted a public hearing to receive comments from the public on transit needs that the Kings Area Public Transit Agency (KCAPTA) should address. Notice of the public hearing was posted in the required public locations.

The Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) will also conduct two supplementary public hearings. Following completion of all hearings, KCAPTA staff will review and evaluate the testimony received and will provide recommendations regarding any identified unmet transit needs.

The Board took the following actions:

1. Open the Public Hearing – opened at 2:04 pm
2. Receive Public Testimony beginning at 2:04 pm received and concluded at 2:07 pm with the hearing remaining open to continue receiving comments until the next Board meeting
 - A. One (1) written comment was attached to the agenda, and three (3) additional comments were provided to the Board in person and will be included in the final report.
 - B. Board Member A. Presciado (City of Avenal) provided the following Comments:
 - a. Requested Consideration of an alternative drop-off location for elderly residents attending the Monday Sway Meet on East Lacey Blvd, due to concerns about dogs barking at passengers when dropped off near the shops.
 - b. Requested consideration of modifying the Saturday Shopping Kart Route from Avenal to Hanford to include a stop in Lemoore before Hanford, with the return route operating Hanford – Lemoore 0 Avenal
 - C. Staff confirmed that all comments received will be included in the report.

The public hearing will remain open and additional comments will be received at the March 25, 2026 Board Meeting.

This item was informational only, and no Board Action was required.

5. APPROVE ABM'S PROPOSED SOW#4 – PHASE ONE CONSTRUCTION:

The Board approved Ravenvolt, previously known as “ABM,” has now submitted SOW #4 for Phase 1 Construction. This phase includes the following components:

1. New Electrical Utility Service Coordination and Installation
2. Heliox Flex Simultaneous Charging Split System Installation
3. Electrical Upgrades for Future Infrastructure
4. Civil Site Improvements
5. Distributed Energy Resource (DER) Switchboard
6. CMU Wall Construction
7. Southern Overhead Photovoltaic Canopy
8. Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Installation

Representatives from Ravenvolt were online to answer questions from the board or the public.

Board Action: Approved.

Vote: Action approved as presented.

5 Present (NH, JN, PM, AP) | 1 Absent DV | 0 Abstained

6. APPROVE RENTAL RATES FOR CONFERENCE ROOM

Staff presented information regarding the rental of the conference room located at the new KCAPTA transit facility. The first-floor conference room is available for public rental and is suitable for professional training, meetings, and small conferences. The space can accommodate up to **80 attendees** and includes a **monitor with Wi-Fi, a prep area with a sink, and access to nearby restrooms.**

Staff recommended approval of a rental fee structure based on average rates charged by similar agencies.

During the board discussion, members inquired about public outreach regarding the availability of the rental space. Staff confirmed that outreach has been conducted. It was also noted that if the facility becomes available to the broader public, **insurance requirements may need to be addressed in the future.**

Board Action:

The Board approved the conference room rental fee structure as follows:

- **\$190 per full day**
- **\$100 per half day**

Vote: Approved as presented.

5 Present: NH, JN, PM, AP | **1 Absent:** DV | **0 Abstained.**

7. BOARD MEMBER AND STAFF REPORTS

Board members and staff provided updates and announcements:

- Angie Dow announced that the next Board meeting may be held at the new Transit Center located at 210 E. 7th Street. Staff will need to update the bylaws to reflect the new meeting location if the change is finalized.
- Maria reminded Board Members that Form 700 filings will be due soon.
- Heather reported that she will be attending a conference in Washington, D.C. and will provide a report back to the Board following the conference.
- Jerad Raper (MV Transportation) reported that operations at the new Transit Center began on February 9, 2026, in coordination with KART staff, and the transition went smoothly. MV currently has 42 drivers and is working toward a goal of 50 drivers, though hiring remains challenging due to background check requirements.
- Nancy Howze commended MV drivers for their safe driving practices, noting that they consistently wait for pedestrians to cross and serve as a positive example for other drivers in Hanford.
- Patricia Mathews reported that city officials will attend a conference in Sacramento in April. She also noted that the Lemoore NAS Airshow will take place March 21–22, 2026, with a meet-and-greet planned in downtown Lemoore.
- Alvaro Preciado shared updates on several projects in Avenal, including:
 - A hydrogen gas production project near Interstate 5
 - A proposed hydrogen gas pipeline under consideration in Avenal
 - Development of an energy pipeline project involving e-bio diesel, hydrogen, or gasoline
 - Completion of the Avenal Community Center is scheduled for March 26, 2026. He will notify staff of the grand opening so KCAPTA can participate and gather public input regarding transit needs.
 - Attendance at the South San Joaquin Valley Division Meeting in Lemoore, where council members are expected to participate.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for **March 25, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.**