



## Mountain Line

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### Board of Directors Minutes for Wednesday, April 29, 2026

**NOTE:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF THE ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES THE SUMMARIZED MINUTES OF NAIPTA BOARD MEETINGS ARE NOT VERBATIM TRANSCRIPTS. ONLY THE ACTIONS TAKEN AND DISCUSSION APPEARING WITHIN QUOTATION MARKS ARE VERBATIM.

The Board of Directors met in Special Session on Thursday, April 29, 2026, at 2:00pm in the Mountain Line Ponderosa Room, 216 W. Phoenix Ave., Flagstaff, AZ 86001. This was a WEB BASED meeting. Members of the Board and Mountain Line staff attended in person, by internet conferencing, or by telephone. The public was invited to attend.

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Josh Maher, (Chair), Associate VP for Community Relations, NAU, designee;

Miranda Sweet, (Vice Chair), Vice Mayor, City of Flagstaff;

Tony Williams, Vice President of Student Services, CCC, designee;

Lori Matthews, City Councilor, City of Flagstaff

*\*Three of our five Board member seats must be present to constitute a quorum.*

*\*\*The City of Flagstaff holds two seats.*

#### **BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

Jeronimo Vasquez, Board of Supervisors, Coconino County;

Judy Begay, Board of Supervisors, Coconino County, alternate

#### **MOUNTAIN LINE STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:**

Heather Dalmolin, CEO and General Manager;

Sam Short, Workforce Director, left at approximately 2:05pm;

Sam Bradbury, Systems Administrator, left at approximately 2:05pm and returned at approximately 2:30pm;

Scott Holcomb, Mountain Line Attorney, (Zoom)

#### **GUESTS PRESENT:**

Jeff McKay, Vice President for Capital Planning and Campus Operations, NAU, alternate, (Zoom)

1. CALL TO ORDER -Chair Maher called the meeting to order at approximately 2:02pm.
2. ROLL CALL
3. SAFETY MINUTE  
-Sam Short, Workforce Director

Mr. Short reported that May is National Bicycle Month. He shared some bicycle safety tips.

At approximately 2:04pm, Vice Chair Sweet made a motion to go into executive session. Director Matthews seconded. There was no discussion. All approved, none opposed. Motion carried.

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NAME	YES VOTE	NO VOTE
Josh Maher	X	
Miranda Sweet	X	
Tony Williams	X	
Lori Matthews	X	

### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Executive Sessions are closed to the public.

The executive session was pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A) for the following purpose and began at approximately 2:05pm:

1. Consultation and discussion with Mountain Line's legal counsel for legal advice and with Mountain Line's legal counsel, CEO and General Manager, and staff as appropriate regarding the Roles and Expectations of the CEO and Board of Directors. A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1), (3) & (4).

Following the conclusion of the Executive Session, the Board reconvened the public meeting at approximately 2:31pm.

### DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:

#### 4. FORENSIC AUDIT

-Heather Dalmolin, CEO and General Manager

No action is recommended by staff; the Board may direct staff to take additional actions to bring updated information for future action.

Ms. Dalmolin stated she does not have any slides to share, but the staff report outlines the information she has researched regarding forensic audits and costs. She shared that staff do not believe there is a need for a forensic audit as all revenues and expenses match financial statements and there is no reason to believe there are any further issues, but staff will do what the Board determines to be the best course of action. She noted she has reached out to City Manager Keene and Management Services Director at the City, Rick Tadder, but they will not have a chance to discuss this item until next week and get back to her. Ms. Dalmolin noted that the Board could table this item until the May 21, 2026 Board meeting. One Board member stated that it would be good to hear from the City regarding a potential forensic audit and requested that Board members be able to ask questions of the current financial audit team from HeinfeldMeech. The Board consensus was to table this item to the May 21, 2026 Board meeting.

### ITEMS TO / FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND CEO:

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One Board member also requested to bring Ms. Coons, Finance Director, into the conversation to determine her comfort level regarding Mountain Line financial policies and procedures, and auditing. Ms. Dalmolin spoke to how Ms. Coons is already working to make positive changes.

Ms. Dalmolin communicated that Mountain Line has filled the Planning Director position and she will start on June 15, 2026. This was a local hire, so the person's name has not been announced yet.

Ms. Dalmolin reported that staff have received verbal acceptance and completed starting wage negotiation with the candidate offered the Deputy General Manager of Operations position with a start date of June 1, 2026.

### SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT MEETING DATE AND IDENTIFY AGENDA ITEMS

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2026 and it will be a hybrid in-person and Zoom meeting based in Flagstaff in the Mountain Line Ponderosa Room, 216 W. Phoenix Ave., Flagstaff, AZ 86001 at 8am. The public is invited to attend. May agenda items may include but not be limited to the Procurement Resolution, Fare Collection Procurement Award, RFP 2022-270 Arch and Bio Amendment 2, Roles and Expectations of the CEO and Board of Directors, Financial Plan Review, Budget Presentation, Fare Free Discussion, Bus Stop Improvement Plan, Operational Assessment Update, Delegation of Authority Updates, Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Program, and Workforce Utilization Report. The May agenda will be available for review on Mountain Line's website and at Mountain Line's public posting places (listed on the Mountain Line website) at least 24 hours prior to the meeting and should be consulted for a list of items that will come before the Board.

5. ADJOURNMENT -Chair Maher adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:37pm.



Josh Maher, Chair of the Mountain Line Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Rhonda Cashman, Executive Assistant and Clerk of the Board

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