

## **Draft Minutes**

# Board of Directors Meeting Wednesday, September 17, 2025

6:00 pm

#### In Person:

Large Conference Room Rotunda Building 300 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza Oakland CA 94612

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#### 1. Welcome & Roll Call

**Present: Members:** Tregub (Berkeley), Morada (Dublin), Kaur (Emeryville), Keng (Fremont), Roche (Hayward), Barrientos (Livermore), Del Catancio (Newark), Nibert (Pleasanton), Nygard (Tracy), Sakakihara (Union City), CAC Vice-Chair Hernandez (Community Advisory Committee), Vice-Chair Gonzalez (San Leandro), Chair Andersen (Piedmont)

**Not Present: Members:** Marquez (Alameda County), Lopez (Albany), Diallo (Lathrop), Brown (Oakland), Rickman (San Joaquin County), and Fugazi (Stockton)

**Member Kaur** and **Member Barrientos** joined the meeting at 6:30pm.

Agenda Item 12, Credit Facility Agreement with PNC (Action Item), was moved after Agenda Item 9, CAC Report.

### 2. (7:14) Pledge of Allegiance

**Chair Andersen** led the body in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance..

#### 3. (7:42) Public Comment

This item is reserved for persons wishing to address the Board on any Ava-related matters that are not otherwise on this meeting agenda. Public comments on matters listed on the agenda shall be heard at the time the matter is called. As with all public comment, members of the public who wish to address the Board are customarily limited to two minutes per speaker and must complete an electronic speaker slip. The Board Chair may increase or decrease the time allotted to each speaker.

Chair Andersen opened the public comment period and there was one comment from Dohee Kim (8:39).

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 4. (10:16) Approval of Minutes from July 16, 2025
- 5. Contracts Entered Into (Informational Item)
- 6. Credit Card Policy 2nd Amendment

Amend the credit card policy to increase account capacity

#### 7. Amendment to MSA with Ascend Analytics LLC

Add Sun Pond Solar and BESS to optimization services

**Chair Andersen** opened the public comment period and there was one comment from **Jim Lutz (11:03)**.

Member Tregub motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Roche seconded the motion, which was approved 10/0/0/0/8 (yes/no/abstain/recuse/not present):

Yes: Members: Tregub, Morada, Keng, Roche, Del Catancio, Nibert, Nygard,

Sakakihara, Vice-Chair Gonzalez and Chair Andersen

No: none Abstain: none Recuse: none

Not Present: Members: Marquez, Lopez, Kaur, Diallo, Barrientos, Brown, Rickman

<u>and Fugazi</u>

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

### 8. (15:25) CEO Report

**CEO Chang** presented the CEO Report. The written report is available in the September 17, 2025 agenda packet.

Chair Andersen opened the public comment period and there was one comment from Jessica Tovar (29:36).

## 9. (31:40) CAC Report

**CAC Chair Hernandez** provided a verbal report.

Chair Andersen opened the public comment period and heard comments from Jessica Tovar (50:09), Dohee Kim (52:21) and Lorraine Souza (54:34).

## 10. (1:40:13) Rate Stabilization Fund Policy (Action Item)

Adopt a formal Rate Stabilization Fund Policy

**CEO Russell Mills** introduced this item and addressed questions from Board members.

**Chair Andersen** opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

Member Roche motioned to approve the staff recommendation. Member Nibert seconded the motion, which was approved 12/0/0/0/6 (yes/no/abstain/recuse/not present):

Yes: Members: Tregub, Morada, Kaur, Keng, Roche, Barrientos, Del Catancio,

Nibert, Nygard, Sakakihara, Vice-Chair Gonzalez and Chair Andersen

No: none

Abstain: none Recuse: none

Not Present: Members: Marquez, Lopez, Diallo, Brown, Rickman and Fugazi

## 11. (1:40:16) Allocation of Budget Surplus (Action Item)

Approve an allocation of the 2024-25 budget surplus to the Rate Stabilization Fund

**CEO Russell Mills** introduced this item and addressed questions from Board members.

Chair Andersen opened the public comment period and comments were heard from Daniela Suarez (2:10:21), Dohee Kim (2:11:31), Jessica Tovar (2:13:40), Audrey Ichinose (2:15:47) and Susan Silbur (2:17:56).

Member Roche motioned to approve the staff recommendation, with 90% of the surplus budget allocated to the RSF and 10% to on-bill credits. Vice-Chair Gonzalez seconded the motion.

<u>Vice-Chair Gonzalez offered a friendly amendment that the 10% allocation to on-bill</u> credits only go to CARE/FERA residential customers.

Member Roche accepted Vice-Chair Gonzalez's friendly amendment, and the amended motion was approved 11/0/1/0/6 (yes/no/abstain/recuse/not present): Yes: Members: Tregub, Morada, Kaur, Keng, Roche, Del Catancio, Nibert, Nygard, Sakakihara, Vice-Chair Gonzalez and Chair Andersen

No: none

Abstain: Member Barrientos

Recuse: none

Not Present: Members: Marquez, Lopez, Diallo, Brown, Rickman and Fugazi

#### 12. (59:26) Credit Facility Agreement with PNC (Action Item)

Adopt a credit agreement with PNC bank to replace our current agreement with US Bank

**CEO Russell Mills** introduced this item and addressed questions from Board members.

**Chair Andersen** opened the public comment period and there were no comments.

Member Sakakihara motioned to approve the staff recommendation. Member Roche seconded the motion, which was approved 12/0/0/0/6 (yes/no/abstain/recuse/not present):

Yes: Members: Tregub, Morada, Kaur, Keng, Roche, Barrientos, Del Catancio, Nibert, Nygard, Sakakihara, Vice-Chair Gonzalez and Chair Andersen

No: none Abstain: none Recuse: none

Not Present: Members: Marquez, Lopez, Diallo, Brown, Rickman and Fugazi

13. (3:06:07) Board Member and Staff Announcements including requests to place items on future Board of Directors Meeting Agendas

Announcements were made by **Member Tregub**, **Vice-Chair Gonzalez and Chair Andersen**.

# 14. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11pm.

The next Ava Board of Directors meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 6pm.