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## **RTD Board Appoints Bearnard Veasley as Interim Chief Executive Officer**

Stockton, CA --On April 17, 2026, the Board of Directors of the San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) today announced the appointment of Dr. Bearnard O. Veasley as Interim Chief Executive Officer, effective immediately.

Dr. Veasley is a military veteran who has served his country and brings more than 30 years of leadership in transportation operations, logistics, and public service. His appointment follows the recent departure of former Interim CEO Kimberly Turner, who stepped down for personal reasons.

Prior to Ms. Turner's appointment, the Board reviewed a strong pool of qualified candidates. Dr. Veasley was among the top applicants originally considered and is being appointed at this time based on his experience and ability to lead during a critical transition.

"Dr. Veasley has managed large, complex transportation systems and delivered results in safety, reliability, and efficiency," said a Board spokesperson. "He is ready to step in on day one and provide the steady leadership RTD needs."

Dr. Veasley has led transportation operations across multiple large school districts. At Stockton Unified School District, he oversaw service for more than 36,000 students and managed a 150-bus fleet and workforce.

He also led operations in Simi Valley Unified and McKenzie County School District #1, managing fleet performance, compliance, budgeting, and service delivery across large geographic areas.

In addition to his civilian leadership, Dr. Veasley's military service includes large-scale transportation and logistics operations supporting the movement of personnel and equipment across multiple modes of transportation.

Colleagues and district leaders have consistently recognized his ability to stabilize operations, strengthen teams, and deliver practical, results-driven improvements in demanding environments.

As Interim CEO, Dr. Veasley will focus on maintaining safe, reliable transit service, supporting RTD employees, and ensuring operational stability while the Board conducts a national search for a permanent Chief Executive Officer.

The Board is confident Dr. Veasley's experience and leadership will ensure continuity, accountability, and strong service for the communities RTD serves.

San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) is the regional transit provider for San Joaquin County. RTD's mission is to provide a safe, reliable, and efficient transportation system for the region. For more information, visit [sjRTD.com](http://sjRTD.com), follow RTD on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [X](#), or call (209) 943-1111.