Leadership Transition at the Passenger Transportation Board

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The Passenger Transportation Board is pleased to announce that Baljinder Kaur Narang has been appointed as Board Chair, effective October 1, 2023.

Baljinder has served on the Passenger Transportation Board as a member since March 2019 and also serves as Vice Chair and Board member for Douglas College since November 2022.

“Over the past three years, the passenger transportation industry has experienced many changes including going through and continuing to recover from the many challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.” Baljinder said. “The industry has shown tremendous resilience and determination to always deliver a quality service to passengers. As a Board, we are committed to providing sustainable, accessible and safe passenger transportation services to all British Columbians. I am excited for the opportunity to lead a team of dedicated Board members and talented staff as we continue to build on accomplishments we have achieved so far. I also hope to build on the culture of close collaboration with the many stakeholders that help to ensure a vibrant industry.”

Baljinder replaces Carmela Allevato who served as Chair from October 1, 2020 to October 1, 2023. Carmela joined the Board as a member in November 2018 and will continue to serve as a member for a one-year term. Carmela played a pivotal role in ensuring the Board had the capacity to carry out its mandate under the Passenger Transportation Act. During her tenure, the passenger transportation industry was significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and the industry to date continues to recover from the pandemic.

“I would like to thank Carmela for her outstanding leadership as we navigated the implementation of changes that came about from the legislative amendments of 2018 and 2022.” Baljinder said. “Through her creativity, knowledge, and unlimited energy, she led the transformation and modernization of the Board. Also, Carmela worked determinedly with the many stakeholders to ensure the industry stayed strong through the pandemic and now as we recover from it. I am grateful for her many accomplishments in making the Board a strong, and forward-looking organization.”

Members of the Passenger Transportation Board, including the Chair, serve on a part-time basis. Appointments are made by Cabinet. Visit About the Board for more information about Baljinder Kaur Narang, members and staff.