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LONG BEACH TRANSIT GRADUATES NEW BUS OPERATORS

A class of seven bus operator trainees graduated today from Long Beach Transit's (LBT) eight-week training course and will begin work as soon as next week as licensed bus operators.

The graduates are Helen Bushrod, Danielle Ferguson, Kaleab Gorfu, Frank Luna, Frank Nieblas, Jasmyne Press and Reuben Watson.

The seven graduates were culled from an initial applicant pool of 150 candidates.

"Long Beach Transit has always been a company that has allowed employees to dream and achieve those dreams through opportunity and hard work," said LBT Manager Training and Development Dino Smith.

LBT is actively recruiting full-time bus operators with starting pay of \$14.96/hour and annual raises. Operators earn paid vacation, sick leave and holidays.

LBT's recruitment process is highly competitive. Candidates must have excellent driving records, pass the DMV's class B written exam and acquire passenger endorsement. LBT conducts testing that consist of a skills course and road exam.

About Long Beach Transit

Long Beach Transit serves 26 million annual boarding customers in Long Beach, Lakewood and Signal Hill—as well as portions of Artesia, Bellflower, Carson, Cerritos, Compton, Hawaiian Gardens, Los Alamitos, Norwalk, and Paramount and Seal Beach. Water taxi services via AquaBus and AquaLink are available spring through fall. For more information visit, www.lbtransit.com.

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Attached Photo Caption: Long Beach Transit new bus operator graduates (left to right) Kaleab Gofu, Reuben Watson, Frank Luna, Danielle Ferguson, Jasmyne Press, Frank Nieblas and Helen Bushrod.