

**GOLDEN EMPIRE TRANSIT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**JULY 19, 2016
5:30 PM**

**1830 GOLDEN STATE AVENUE
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA 93301**

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

James Hunter

Elliott Kirschenmann

Cindy Parra

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Jim Baldwin

ATTORNEY PRESENT:

James Worth

STAFF PRESENT:

Karen King
Gina Hayden
Bruce Seibel
Ricardo Perez
Denise Sailes

Steven Woods
Candra Cheers
Sharon Pierce
Eileen Brush

Jeanie Hill
Chris James
Judi Daunell
Crystal Hamlett

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dennis Heffernon
Bethany Simmons

Michael Harliss
Jacob Shaw (Marcom)

Kate Young

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Hunter led the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Kirschenmann moved and Director Parra seconded to approve the agenda. The motion carried with three (3) ayes and one (1) absent (Baldwin).

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Kate Young spoke about bus stop needs on Chester Avenue between Brundage Lane and California Avenue. She also commented that having a bus stop close to St. Francis on “H” Street would benefit many individuals.

Michael Harliss asked that Route 22 buses and Route 61 buses coordinate timing when arriving and/or leaving the bus stop at North Chester and Roberts Lane to reduce the wait time for transfers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Director Kirschenmann moved and Director Parra seconded a motion to approve the minutes of June 21, 2016. The motion carried with three (3) ayes and one (1) absent (Baldwin).

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CHECK DISBURSEMENTS

Director Kirschenmann moved and Director Parra seconded to approve the accounts payable check disbursements. The motion carried with three (3) ayes and one (1) absent (Baldwin).

FY 2016-17 MARKETING PLAN

Ms. Hayden reviewed the initiatives which were key elements in developing the FY 2016-17 Marketing Plan. After some discussion, Director Kirschenmann moved and Director Parra seconded a motion to approve the FY 2016-17 Marketing Plan. The motion carried with three (3) ayes and one (1) absent (Baldwin).

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Ms. Hayden presented background information on the establishment of a Community Advisory Council (CAC) which included a review of draft by-laws and application form.

Director Parra moved and Director Kirschenmann seconded a motion to approve the formation of the Community Advisory Council. The motion carried with three (3) ayes and one (1) absent (Baldwin).

PROPOSITION 1B – PROPOSED PROJECT CHANGE

Mr. Woods provided information about the state’s Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement and Service Enhancement Account (PTMISEA) which provides capital funding for state transit projects. Originally, GET applied for funding to finance two (2) CNG over the road coaches to replace two (2) fixed route buses used on Route X92. This project has now been replaced with federal funding. PTMISEA funding in the amount of \$1,200,000 was received in February 2014. GET staff collaborated with Caltrans staff to arrange a project change. GET submitted a resolution along with a Caltrans Corrective Action to change the project. GET

proposed to use the \$1.2 million as a local match for the purchase of twenty-four (24) 40 foot CNG replacement buses funded from the FTA 5307 program.

After some discussion, Director Parra moved and Director Kirschenmann seconded a motion to adopt Board Resolution No. 2016-07 to reapply \$1,200,000 in PTMISEA funding to federal grant number 1695-2016-02. The motion carried with the following role call vote:

AYES:	Directors Hunter, Kirschenmann, Parra	NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Director Baldwin	ABSTAIN:	None

PRELIMINARY FISCAL YEAR END JUNE 2016 FINANCIAL POSITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Mr. Woods reviewed the financial reports. This was an informational item only.

2016 BOARD STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Ms. King gave an update on the status of the 2016 Board Strategic Plan. This was an informational item only.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Administration and Finance – Baldwin

No meeting was held.

B. Facilities and Equipment – Kirschenmann

No meeting was held.

C. External Affairs – Hunter

No meeting was held.

D. Marketing and Business Development – Parra

No meeting was held.

E. Operations and Service Development –

No meeting was held.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/BOARD COMMENTS:

Director Parra inquired about the status on improvements for the Downtown Transit Center. Director Parra also asked staff for an update on the debit/credit card payment program.

Director Hunter asked that information about becoming involved in GET's Community Advisory Council be sent to various community organizations.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT/COMMENTS:

Ms. King shared that she would be attending Speak EZ meetings on July 26th and July 27th. The EMS quarterly Management Review meeting will be held on July 27th. The annual ISO 14001 certification audit will be August 29-30. Ms. King will be attending a California Transit Association executive committee meeting on July 29th in San Jose.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board moved into executive session at 6:42 p.m. to discuss Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation [Government Code Section 54956.9(e)(3)] – One Tort Claim; and Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] – Three Tort Claims. The Board returned to open session at 7:16 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Attorney Worth stated that the Board met with legal counsel and staff on the item referenced in the executive session on the agenda. No action was taken that would require disclosure under the Brown Act.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Director Hunter moved that the meeting be closed. The meeting concluded at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary of the Board of Directors