

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

**JUNE 20, 2017
5:30 PM**

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

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Jim Baldwin

James Hunter

Cindy Parra

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Carlos Bello and Evelyn Young Spath

ATTORNEY PRESENT:

Jim Worth

STAFF PRESENT:

Karen King
Chris James
Sharon Pierce

Steven Woods
Jill Smith

Candra Cheers
Emery Rendes

OTHERS PRESENT:

Michael Harless
Elijah Tucker
Sasha Pejcic

Bob Snoddy
Kathy Williams

Ed Tucker
Dennis Heffernon

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED FY 2017-18 BUDGET

Director Hunter opened the public hearing on the FY 2017-18 Proposed Budget stating that the Golden Empire Transit District would now receive public testimony. Any person wishing to present testimony related to the FY 2017-18 Proposed Budget may do so at this time. Persons were asked to state their name and address for the record. If they wished their statements to be verbatim, they must be in writing for inclusion in the official record of this hearing. Notice of the hearing was placed in *The Bakersfield Californian* and *El Popular* newspapers, on the GET website, and on GET's Facebook page. Director Hunter asked for public testimony.

No comments were made on the FY 2017-18 Proposed Budget. Director Hunter closed the Public Hearing.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Director Baldwin moved and Director Parra seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried with three (3) ayes and two (2) absent (Bello, Young Spath).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Michael Harless commented that concerns about the bus stops at Brundage Lane and Cypress and White Lane and Stine Road have not been addressed.

Mr. Elijah Tucker spoke about several issues affecting visually impaired customers, and offered his assistance in addressing access for the visually impaired to the system via various modes, i.e. texts with hyperlinks, PDF format with links. At the Southwest Transit Center, it is unsafe for the visually impaired to cross to where the Express Route is located. At Bakersfield College, Braille signage has been damaged.

Ms. Kathy Williams, an Orientation and Mobility Specialist with the Kern County Superintendent of Schools, stated that there appears to be an issue with service dogs. Ms. Williams commented there are some stellar drivers and some who missed the training on customer service. Ms. Williams offered to help train staff, i.e. review training material for visually impaired.

CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY RESULTS

Mr. Sasha Pejic with Stantec presented the results of the Customer Satisfaction Survey. This was an informational item only.

SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLAN

Director Parra moved and Director Baldwin seconded a motion to adopt the 2017 Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) and authorized staff to submit the plan to Kern COG. The motion carried with three (3) ayes and two (2) absent (Bello, Young Spath).

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND GOLDEN EMPIRE TRANSIT DISTRICT

Director Baldwin moved and Director Parra seconded a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Kern Council of Governments and Golden Empire Transit District. The motion carried with three (3) ayes and two (2) absent (Bello, Young Spath).

ANNUAL REVIEW OF BOARD POLICIES

Director Hunter moved and Director Parra seconded a motion to adopt the revisions to Board Policy #10 and Board Policy #12 and affirm all other Board policies as written. The motion carried with three (3) ayes and two (2) absent (Baldwin, Young Spath).

BOARD POLICY #13: SERVICE AREA POLICY

Director Baldwin moved and Director Parra seconded a motion to adopt Board Policy #13: Service Area Policy. The motion carried with three (3) ayes and two (2) absent (Bello, Young Spath).

MODULAR BUILDINGS PURCHASE

Director Parra moved and Director Baldwin seconded a motion to approve a contract be awarded to Accelerated Modular Concepts in the amount of \$727,148.56 for three (3) modular buildings and authorize an additional \$20,000.00 for potential project change orders. . The motion carried with three (3) ayes and two (2) absent (Bello, Young Spath).

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION NO. 2017-05

Director Baldwin moved and Director Parra seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2017-05 authorizing the CEO or her designee to execute on behalf of Golden Empire Transit District any actions necessary for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance provided by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services under the CTSGP. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Baldwin, Hunter, and Parra	NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Bello and Young Spath	ABSTAIN:	None

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION NO. 2017-06

Director Parra moved and Director Baldwin seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2017-06 authorizing the CEO or her designee to execute on behalf of Golden Empire Transit District any actions necessary for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance provided by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services under the CTSGP. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Baldwin, Hunter, and Parra	NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Bello and Young Spath	ABSTAIN:	None

ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2017-18 BUDGET (BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 2017-07) AND AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR TDA AND FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Mr. Woods commented that a public hearing took place at the June 20, 2017 meeting of the Board of Directors. Chairperson Hunter conducted the hearing and no comments were offered. All available financial information that may impact the fiscal year has been considered as well as the latest changes to the estimates received from various state and federal agencies.

Director Baldwin moved and Director Parra seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2017-07 and authorize the CEO to file and execute TDA and Federal funding agreements. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Baldwin, Hunter, and Parra	NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Bello and Young Spath	ABSTAIN:	None

MAY 2017 FINANCIAL POSITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Mr. Woods reviewed the May 2017 financial reports. This was an informational item only.

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND POLICY COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Parra stated that Kern COG held a workshop on June 15 - Valley Takes Charge. The workshop was covered information about EV charging stations and new developments in the electric vehicle market. Kern COG also presented the results of their Community Survey. This was an informational item only.

HIGH SPEED RAIL UPDATE

Ms. King reported that the monthly conference call is scheduled for Thursday and that she hopes to have more positive news. This was an informational item.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/BOARD COMMENTS

Director Baldwin stated that the VOICED Coalition has been working with Kern County Mental Health to establish a SMART 911 system. Once implemented, people can build their profile. This information would then be available to first responders and/or dispatchers, alerting them to special needs or circumstances.

Director Parra asked if the Braille signage is checked regularly.

Director Hunter asked that Mr. Tucker receive an application form for the Community Advisory Committee. Director Hunter stated that he will be attending the APTA Transit Board Member Seminar in July.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT/COMMENTS

Ms. King shared information about upcoming events: Customer Appreciation Day will be celebrated at the Downtown Transit Center tomorrow beginning at 6:30 am and ending at 9:30 am and on Thursday at the Southwest Transit Center from 6:30 am – 9:30 am. The GET Busy Softball Team had their first game this season last night. The Bakersfield's State of the City Luncheon will be held on July 12. Ms. King commented that she will be taking some vacation in July.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board moved into executive session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss Conference with Legal Counsel – [Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)] – Discuss Performance Evaluation of the Chief Executive Officer. The Board returned to open session at 7:57 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. Mr. Worth stated that no action was taken that requires disclosure under the Brown Act.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Director Hunter moved that the meeting be closed. The meeting concluded at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary of the Board of Directors