

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

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2017
12:00 PM**

**FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON
5101 CALIFORNIA AVENUE
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA 93309**

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Jim Baldwin
Cindy Parra

Carlos Bello
Evelyn Young Spath

Jim Hunter

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

None

ATTORNEY PRESENT:

Jim Worth

STAFF PRESENT:

Karen King
Chris James
Deekay Fox

Steven Woods
Candra Cheers
Sharon Pierce

Jeanie Hill
Bruce Seibel

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bob Snoddy
Jesus Salas
Norman Franco

Teri Fisher
Fitzgerald Graves

Patti Lynch
Michael Harless

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:11 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Snoddy led the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

BOARD GOVERNANCE WORKSHOP

The meeting was adjourned to the Board Governance Workshop at 12:13 p.m. The Board participated in a Board Governance workshop facilitated by Ms. Teri Fisher. The workshop adjourned at 4:55 p.m. and recessed to the regular Board meeting.

The Board meeting reconvened at 5:32 p.m with all Board members present.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Director Young Spath moved and Director Parra seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Snoddy stated that he is looking forward to the implementation of the Token Transit app to purchase passes.

A written comment from Mark Sullivan was read into the record by Director Hunter (Attachment A): Need Calloway bus North/South around Rosedale.

Written comments from Shannon Myronenko were read into the record by Director Hunter (Attachment B): Why don't they have a bus that goes through Walmart East Hills and Home Depot any more. We have to walk down or up a big hill with all our bags of stuff.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/BOARD COMMENTS

Director Bello commented that lots of good information was provided at the Cal Walks Community Pedestrian and Bike Safety Workshop on August 22nd at the Boys and Girls' Club in East Bakersfield. Part of the workshop included a walkability assessment in the neighborhood.

Director Parra stated that the walkability assessment went well and that good comments were made about how the shelter was well maintained. Director Parra attended a meeting with the Kern County Human Services Department on Monday. With the monthly pass cost increasing, there was concern by Human Services staff that purchases the department makes may decline. The question was asked if grant funding would be available to assist. Three bike fix-it station locations have been identified – Bakersfield College, Downtown Transit Center and the Southwest Transit Center; however, the maintenance of the stations and replacement of tools in the fix-it stations is a concern.

Director Young Spath shared that the CSUB food pantry opened Monday.

Director Hunter stated that his abstract has been accepted and approved for presentation at the Annual Conference in October. Director Hunter and Director Parra will be attending the meeting GET has organized with Kern COG, City of Bakersfield and County of Kern representatives on the impacts of the high speed rail project.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT/COMMENTS

Ms. King stated that a meeting regarding issues impacting GET from the high speed rail project with local leaders will be held next Wednesday, September 27th at 9:30 am. The Token Transit

app will be officially launched on October 1st. The FTA has approved extending the implementation of FTA grant deadlines for the bus wash and fuel island projects.

Prior to moving into Executive Session, Director Young Spath announced that she was recusing herself from participating in any decision making process regarding the License Agreement between GET and California State University, Bakersfield ("CSUB") for a new Transit Facility. Director Young Spath has been employed by CSUB for 12 years and currently holds the position of Chief of Staff to the President. Director Young Spath's recusal is to avoid any conflict of interest under the Political Reform Act of 1974, specifically California Government Code ("Cal Gov. Code") §§ 87103(c) and (d) and Cal Gov. Code §§ 1091(b)(1) and (b)(2) dealing with "remote interests".

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board moved into executive session at 5:52 p.m. to discuss Conference with Legal Counsel –Pending Litigation [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)] – One Matter and Conference with Legal Counsel Real Property Negotiations [Government Code Section 54956.8] – Real Property located on California State University, Bakersfield Campus Golden Empire Transit District Negotiator: Steven Woods; CSUB Negotiator: Pat Jacobs.

Prior to any discussion of Real Property Negotiations – Real Property located on California State University, Bakersfield Campus, Director Young Spath left the meeting.

The Board returned to open session at 6:27 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Attorney Worth stated that 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 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary of the Board of Directors

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Suggestion to have 61 turn Right
on Brimhall Con Calloway and 2 on
Stockdale to CSUB.

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