

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

**OCTOBER 4, 2016
5:30 PM**

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

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

James Hunter

Cindy Parra

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Jim Baldwin

Evelyn Young Spath

ATTORNEY PRESENT:

James Worth

STAFF PRESENT:

Karen King

Steven Woods

Jeanie Hill

Gina Hayden

Candra Cheers

Chris James

Bruce Seibel

Sharon Pierce

Ricardo Perez

OTHERS PRESENT:

Nick Fidler

Bob Snoddy

Jacob Shaw (Marcom)

Dennis Heffernon

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. As there was no quorum, no agenda items requiring action were considered.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

This item was tabled to a future Board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

This item was tabled to a future Board meeting.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CHECK DISBURSEMENTS

This item was tabled to a future Board meeting.

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Ms. Hayden reviewed the purpose of creating the Community Advisory Council. Directors Hunter and Parra asked that letters be sent out this week notifying the seven applicants appointed on September 20, 2016. The first meeting of Community Advisory Council scheduled to be held on Tuesday, October 25th at 3 pm will go forward. This item was tabled to a future Board meeting.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN GOLDEN EMPIRE TRANSIT DISTRICT AND CITY OF BAKERSFIELD

Mr. Nick Fidler, Public Works Director for the City of Bakersfield, thanked GET for their continued partnership with the City of Bakersfield in the implementation of bus stop improvements. This item was tabled to a future Board meeting.

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

This item was tabled to a future Board meeting.

HIGH SPEED RAIL UPDATE

Ms. King commented that she had met with CHSRA property acquisition specialists on September 21st. The supplemental EIR should be accepted shortly after January 2017. Not all costs of relocating GET's facilities will be reimbursed by the CHSRA.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/BOARD COMMENTS:

Director Parra stated that she attended the GET Picnic at the Kern County Fair on September 25th. She was appreciative of the opportunity to be able to meet and/or visit with employees from various departments at GET.

Director Hunter commented that Director Baldwin's surgery had gone well and wished Director Baldwin a speedy recovery.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT/COMMENTS:

Ms. King shared this week is “Rideshare Week” and that today is “Transit Day”. No federal budget bill was passed on September 30th; however, a temporary spending bill is in effect until December 9th. The FTA has approved a grant for the purchase of twenty-four (24) 40’ fixed route buses and five (5) paratransit buses. On Friday, October 14th, a food distribution and resource fair is being held in the vacant lot adjacent to the Downtown Transit Center and behind the Self Help Credit Union. Twelve vendors will be participating in the resource fair. There will also be 200 bags of food available on a “first come, first served” basis. On Thursday, October 20th, GET will be hosting an open house for employees and members of their families. Tours of the different departments/buildings will be provided as well as access to a fixed route bus and paratransit bus. The event will begin at 11 am and end at 4 pm. The first meeting of the Community Advisory Council will be at 3 pm on Tuesday, October 25th in the Board room. On Wednesday, October 26th, a flu clinic will be held for employees in the Board room. The GET Busy softball team has begun regular season games and won last night with a score of 9-8. A schedule will be emailed to the Board members.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board moved into executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)] – One Matter, Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] – One Matter *Celious v. Golden Empire Transit District*, Kern County Superior Court Case No. BCL-16-010895; and Conference with Legal Counsel [Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)] – Discuss Performance Evaluation of the Chief Executive Officer. As there was no quorum, no action was taken and the Board returned to open session at 6:20 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Director Hunter moved that the meeting be closed. The meeting concluded at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary of the Board of Directors