

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

**SEPTEMBER 6, 2016
5:30 PM**

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

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

James Hunter

Cindy Parra

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Jim Baldwin

ATTORNEY PRESENT:

James Worth

STAFF PRESENT:

Karen King
Gina Hayden
Bruce Seibel
Emery Rendes

Steven Woods
Candra Cheers
Sharon Pierce
Eileen Brush

Jeanie Hill
Chris James
Ricardo Perez

OTHERS PRESENT:

Michael Harless
Bethany Simmons
Dennis Heffernon

Danette Dokler
Jacob Shaw (Marcom)
Jamielle Furbes

Mayor Harvey Hall
Bob Snoddy

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

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE – FORMER BOARD MEMBER

Director Hunter introduced former Director Elliott Kirschenmann and invited Mayor Hall to present a certificate of recognition to Mr. Kirschenmann. Mr. Kirschenmann thanked staff for assisting in his transition and education about transit issues. Serving on this board touched his life and he was very thankful for the opportunity to give back to his community.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

This item was tabled to a future Board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Michael Harliss asked to be updated on the suggested changes to a couple of bus stops on Route 22 and Route 44. Mr. Rendes will update Mr. Harliss.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

This item was tabled to a future Board meeting for action.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CHECK DISBURSEMENTS

This item was tabled to a future Board meeting for action.

COMMUNITYY ADVISORY COUNCIL

This item was tabled to a future Board meeting for action.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT STAFF REPORT

Mr. James updated the Board on Maintenance Department activities. This was an informational item only.

BOARD SELF-EVALUATION

Director Hunter stated that the purpose for this agenda item is to measure the Board's effectiveness. With there now being two vacancies on the Board and no quorum at today's meeting, this item has been tabled to a future Board meeting.

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

Director Parra stated that she had attended a KernCOG workshop with a representative from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District. Some very alarming information about the Valley's struggle to meet the EPA's stringent air quality standards was shared.

HIGH SPEED RAIL UPDATE

Ms. King commented that GET staff and members of the High Speed Rail Authority would be meeting on Wednesday, September 21st to discuss property acquisition and relocation.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Administration and Finance – Baldwin

No meeting was held.

B. Facilities and Equipment –

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 thanked Mr. Kirschenmann for his enthusiastic commitment to GET and the community. She shared that the ATP grants should be announced around the middle of September and that hopefully Bakersfield will be a recipient.

Director Hunter also thanked Mr. Kirschenmann for his service and dedication to promoting excellence. Director Hunter also congratulated GET on the success of the recent Environmental Management System surveillance audit. He acknowledged the tremendous organization-wide effort to launch and develop a successful and continually improving program.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT/COMMENTS:

Ms. King reminded that there would be a Special Board meeting on Wednesday, September 7th at noon. The purpose of the meeting would be to take a bus tour of transit-related areas of interest. GET will hold its annual picnic on September 25th at the Kern County Fair. Dinner will be served at the Bolthouse Pavilion from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. GET will again partner with KernCOG in Rideshare Week October 3rd through October 7th. The official radio license to operate digital equipment was received and equipment was installed over the weekend. The Board of Supervisors has appointed Ms. Evelyn Young Spath to fill the vacant County appointment. Ms. Young Spath will be attending an orientation on Thursday, September 15th at 1:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board moved into executive session at 6:05 p.m. to discuss Conference with Legal Counsel –Pending Litigation [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] – Two Matters, 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 6:18 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Director Hunter moved that the meeting be closed. The meeting concluded at 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary of the Board of Directors