

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

**NOVEMBER 21, 2017
5:30 PM**

**1401 – 19th STREET, 3rd FLOOR
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA 93301**

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Jim Baldwin
Cindy Parra

Carlos Bello

James Hunter

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Evelyn Young Spath

ATTORNEY PRESENT:

Jim Worth

STAFF PRESENT:

Karen King
Deekay Fox

Steven Woods
Emery Rendes

Chris James
Sharon Pierce

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bob Snoddy
Sanna Garcia

Michael Harless
Nancy Villaturo

Ryan Tonx
Jeremiah DeLeon

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS None.

BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2018

Director Baldwin entered meeting at 5:38 pm.

Director Parra moved and Director Bello seconded a motion to approve the Board Meeting dates for 2018. The motion carried with four (4) ayes and one (1) absent (Young Spath).

CONTRIBUTORY SAVINGS PLAN AND TRUST (PENSION PLAN) AMENDMENT

Mr. Woods shared the need for the amendment to GET's Contributory Savings and Trust plan. Director Parra moved and Director Bello seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-09 Contributory Savings Plan and Trust (Pension Plan) Amendment. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Baldwin, Bello, Hunter, Parra
ABSENT: Young Spath

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

OCTOBER 2017 FINANCIAL POSITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FAREBOX CHANGES

Mr. Woods provided an overview of the financial position and results of operations for October 2017 and the change in how the farebox ratio will be reported. Rather than combining paratransit with fixed route ratios, GET shall report fixed route only. As prescribed by the state's Transportation Development Act (TDA), fixed route ratio must equal or exceed 20%. If at the end of the operating year this requirement is not met, the regulations offer a grace period in the following operating year to improve performance. If in the second year the ratio minimum is not met, the oversight agency may withhold TDA funding in proportion to the actual recovery ratio. Typically, this would include reductions to service enough to bring the ratio back to 20%. Secondly, the State Controller's Office requires GET to report annual operating results for paratransit separately. In fact, there are separate forms for fixed route and paratransit reports. Actual recovery ratios are evaluated separately. Under TDA regulations, paratransit expenses are reported to the State Controller's Office and are treated separate from fixed route and have a ratio performance requirement, as well. Staff will notify KCOG staff of this reporting method refinement to take effect for the operating year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. This was an informational item only.

HIGH SPEED RAIL UPDATE

Director Parra stated that Diana Gomez, Central Valley Regional Director, attended the Kern COG meeting last week. The EIR has been released for comment. The CHSRA will release their new business plan in February. Ms. Gomez shared that GET is not included in any of the construction/acquisition packages. Ms. King commented that strategy for moving forward may include discussion on this topic at the December 5th Strategic Planning Workshop. This was an informational item only.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/BOARD COMMENTS

Director Bello reported that the Kern County Energy Summit provided lots of good information, including renewable energy. He received information from Sandy Woo, Human Trafficking Victim Advocate with the Alliance Against Family Violence & Sexual Assault on human trafficking in Kern County. Director Bello congratulated Ms. Fox on the new GETWorks marketing campaign.

Director Parra asked if GET would have a bus in the Christmas Parade. Last week on Route 43 on the BC segment, a bus rider became sick on the bus. Kudos to the bus driver who handled the situation with professionalism and grace, cleaning up the bus and calling for assistance. The CTA conference provided an opportunity to hear more information about micro transit. Happy Thanksgiving!

Director Baldwin attended the KEDC Energy Summit also. BARC will be at the Christmas Parade providing cleanup crews.

Director Hunter expressed his appreciation for the vendor award presented to GET from BARC. Director Hunter mentioned that Steven Woods was a nominee for the CTA Distinguished Service Award during the annual conference earlier this month. Director Hunter complimented Ms. Gamiz on sharing her travel expertise, commenting that it was good to get out on the bus routes and see how the routes operate. He also asked if there is a total for the number of rides provided to veterans and active military personnel during November.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT/COMMENTS

Ms. King shared that on Saturday, November 18th employees' children and Al Mendez, a local artist, painted a GET-A-Lift vehicle and fixed route bus for Christmas. Starting Friday, December 8, the Christmas buses will operate on a different route each day until January 1. Customers boarding that bus will ride for free. The Christmas bus schedule will be posted on the GET website and Facebook page. The CHSRA has released the EIR and comments are due by January 15, 2018. Ms. Fox and Ms. King have met with about half of the local elected officials. A summary of the Board Governance Workshop – Session #1 has been distributed to Board members with the Action Items section highlighted. The Strategic Planning Workshop and regular Board Meeting will be held on December 5th at the Four Points by Sheraton – 5101 California Avenue. The workshop and meeting will be held in the Summit Room. A buffet lunch will begin at 11:30 with the workshop scheduled to begin at noon. The regular Board meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. Happy Thanksgiving!

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Director Hunter moved that the meeting be closed. The meeting concluded at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary of the Board of Directors