

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

**JANUARY 16, 2018
2:00 PM**

**KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS' BOARD ROOM
1401 – 19TH STREET, 3RD FLOOR
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA 93301**

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Carlos Bello

Jim Hunter

Cindy Parra

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Baldwin, Young Spath

ATTORNEY PRESENT:

Jim Worth

STAFF PRESENT:

Karen King

Steven Woods

Jeanie Hill

Chris James

Candra Cheers

Bruce Seibel

Deekay Fox

Sharon Pierce

Brian Bezdek

Mark Merrifield

Frances Rubio

Yolanda Hamen

Margarita Minks

Tamekia Jeffers

Jeremy Dickson

Fernando Sosa

Jamesetta Bright

Leetta Farley

Wade Parker

Melissa Ash

Emery Rendes

OTHERS PRESENT:

Teri Fisher

Bob Snoddy

Rob Ball

Howard Silver

Nancy Woods

Steve Nelson

David Bowen

Jay Saw

Greg Landers

Joyce Asberry

Ryan Nielsen

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:31 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 2:32 p.m. The Board participated in a Board Governance workshop facilitated by Ms. Teri Fisher. The workshop adjourned at 5:32 p.m. and recessed to the regular Board meeting.

The Board meeting reconvened at 5:37 p.m with three Board members present and two absent (Baldwin, Young Spath).

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:

Mr. Greg Landers, with Teamsters commented that he is here regarding the vacation issue brought to your Board at the January Board meeting. There are currently 17 drivers who were promoted to full time, and are looking for a resolution to this issue. Mr. Landers commented that a meeting had been held with Ms. King and Mr. Woods to discuss the issue. Two months later Mr. Landers still doesn't have an employee list. There are other issues brewing.

Ms. Yolanda Hamen made comments on behalf of Errol Cunningham, a driver since 2005. Mr. Cunningham had been credited with vacation hours in September and had planned to use that time for FMLA. When the vacation time was removed, it created a hardship.

Mr. David Bowers stated that he recently moved to Bakersfield from Orange County and that the bus is his lifeline. He shared information on an incident on Route 47 when he left his phone on the bus and his difficulty in contacting Customer Service to notify them of his loss. The phone line would ring two times and then hang up. Another concern is that transfer times don't work. He has heard from other riders that the system was better in the past.

Ms. Joyce Asberry stated that she was a former driver who started as a driver with Transit Ways in 1994 and transitioned as a driver with GET. Ms. Asberry stated that she had retired in 2017 and was shocked to learn that her paperwork stated that she quit voluntarily. She had received a \$250 gift card in place of a party and believed that she had retired. She commented that it was wrong to treat her that way.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Ms. King stated that according to the District's enabling legislation, election of a chair and a vice-chair is to occur at the first meeting of the Board following the first Monday after the first day of January of each year. To be in compliance with the District's enabling legislation, election of Board officers should occur at the January 16, 2018 meeting.

Director Hunter moved and Director Bello seconded a motion to elect Director Parra as the Chair for the year 2018. The motion carried with three (3) ayes and two (2) absent (Baldwin, Young Spath).

Director Parra moved and Director Hunter seconded a motion to elect Director Bello as the Vice-Chair for the year 2018. The motion carried with three (3) ayes and two (2) absent (Baldwin, Young Spath).

JUNE 30, 2017 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WITH THE AUDITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Woods introduced Mr. Ryan Nielsen with Brown Armstrong who reviewed the June 30, 2017 audited financial statements. This was an informational item only.

MISSION STATEMENT

Director Parra moved and Director Bello seconded a motion to adopt the following Mission Statement: "We make life better by connecting people to places one ride at a time." The motion carried with three (3) ayes and two (2) absent (Baldwin, Young Spath).

2018 STRATEGIC PLAN

Ms. King reviewed all of the items under the initiatives and commented that all of the items were rated as "A" priority. It was agreed that the "Priority" column be eliminated from the 2018 Strategic Plan. Director Parra moved and Director Hunter seconded a motion to adopt the 2018 Strategic Plan as amended. The motion carried with three (3) ayes and two (2) absent (Baldwin, Young Spath).

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SUBSIDY – RESOLUTION 2018-01

Director Parra moved and Director Bello seconded a motion to approve Resolution 2018-01 authorizing Chief Executive Officer Karen H. King or designee to obtain financial assistance from San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

PROGRAM DATA INTEGRATION SOFTWARE

Mr. Woods stated that currently GET operates a multitude of software programs, such as Fleetnet, Connexionz, GFI, StrataGen, SharePoint, etc. Volumes of separately stored data cannot be combined into a meaningful information system. Retrieving program information data is inefficient and disjointed. However, the development of data dashboards can combine these various databases into one coherent reporting system. Therefore, staff initiated a request for proposals for data integration.

Director Hunter moved and Director Parra seconded a motion that the Board authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute an agreement with TransTrack Systems including the extended warranty in the amount of \$580,204.00. The motion carried with three (3) ayes and two (2) absent (Baldwin, Young Spath).

FACILITIES CAMERA REPLACEMENT

Mr. Woods shared that as a matter of security, several years ago GET installed video camera systems at the main office, downtown and southwest transit centers. Since then the system has become outdated and obsolete by today's video technology standards and networking.

Director Hunter moved and Director Bello seconded a motion that the Board authorize the CEO to execute a camera replacement agreement with Convergent in the amount of \$152,511. The motion carried with three (3) ayes and two (2) absent (Baldwin, Young Spath).

DECEMBER 2017 FINANCIAL POSITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Mr. Woods reviewed the December 2017 financial reports, commenting that July through December completes the first two quarters of FY 2017-18. This was an informational item only.

SECOND QUARTER FY 2017-18 PERFORMANCE REPORTS FOR MOTOR BUS AND DEMAND RESPONSE SERVICES

Mr. Rendes updated the Board on second quarter ridership for both GET-A-Lift and fixed route. GET-A-Lift total unlinked passenger trips were 14,775. Total unlinked passenger trips on fixed routes were 1,213,163. Mr. Rendes stated that GET has received FTA approval to use APC (automated passenger counter) data, which is provided through the UTA software. This was an informational item only.

RESOLUTION 2018-02 – HONORING J. STEVEN WOODS

Director Parra moved and Director Bello seconded a motion to approve Resolution 2018-02 in recognition of Deputy Chief Executive Officer J. Steven Woods upon his retirement. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Administration and Finance – Baldwin

No meeting was held.

B. Facilities and Equipment –

A meeting was held on February 12, 2018. See attached minutes.

C. External Affairs – Hunter

No meeting was held.

D. Marketing and Business Development – Parra

No meeting was held.

E. Operations and Service Development – Young Spath

No meeting was held.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/BOARD COMMENTS

Director Parra asked staff about the status of the MOU between Bakersfield College and GET on the bike share program.

Director Hunter shared that Brian Kelly was appointed as the CHSRA CEO today. He thanked the Board members and staff for their support during his tenure as Chair.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT/COMMENTS

Ms. King stated that she had attended the CHSRA public hearing on December 19, 2017 in Bakersfield and gave oral comments. She has also submitted written comments. With the appointment of a CEO at the High Speed Rail Authority, Ms. King will call to arrange an appointment with Mr. Kelly. The 2017 Report to the Community has been published and sent out to 350 members of our constituent group. Ms. Fox’s first report presents good information. On February 14th GET will host a “Show transit a little love” event which will include lunch and a tour of our facility. Next week is Round 2 of interviews with three candidates for the Chief Financial Officer position.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board moved into executive session at 7:17 p.m. to discuss Conference with Labor Negotiator [Government Code Section 54957.6] – Golden Empire Transit District Negotiator: Karen King.

The Board returned to open session at 7:39 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 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary of the Board of Directors