

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

March 20, 2018  
5:30 PM

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

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Jim Baldwin  
Jim Hunter

Carlos Bello  
Cindy Parra

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

Evelyn Young Spath

**ATTORNEY PRESENT:**

Jim Worth

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Karen King  
Chris James  
Candra Cheers  
Emery Rendes

Jeanie Hill  
Bruce Seibel  
Sharon Pierce  
Ricardo Perez

Steve Barnes  
Deekay Fox  
Melissa Ash  
Braulio Mendoza

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Bob Snoddy  
Taylor Jensen

Michael Harless  
Elizabeth Archulete

Donna Sylvester

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Director Hunter moved and Director Bello seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried with four (4) ayes and one (1) absent (Young Spath).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Michael Harless asked for an update on Route 84 and commented that disabled riders have a difficult time accessing businesses and doctor offices at Brimhall Road and Calloway Drive because of service limitations.

Ms. Donna Sylvester shared information about the Downtown Bakersfield Property-Based Business Improvement District.

**CITIZENS’ ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Mr. Ron Ferguson updated the board on Committee activities and spoke about ways for Committee members to be more involved in – i.e. submitting pictures with bus stop issues to GET staff.

**GOLDEN EMPIRE TRANSIT DISTRICT CONTRIBUTORY SAVINGS PLAN AND TRUST (PENSION PLAN)**

Director Baldwin moved and Director Hunter seconded a motion to receive the information. The motion carried with four (4) ayes and one (1) absent (Young Spath).

**UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS RESOLUTION**

Director Bello moved and Director Hunter seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-04 – Unmet Transit Needs. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors Baldwin, Bello, Hunter, Parra	NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Young Spath	ABSTAIN:	None

**PRELIMINARY TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) CLAIM**

Director Baldwin moved and Director Hunter seconded a motion to receive the information. The motion carried with four (4) ayes and one (1) absent (Young Spath).

**CALIFORNIA TRANSIT INDEMNITY POOL (CAL TIP) RESOLUTION**

Director Parra moved and Director Bello seconded a motion to approve Resolution 2018-05 authorizing Chief Executive Officer Karen H. King or designee to obtain financial assistance from the Federal Transit Administration. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Directors Baldwin, Bello, Hunter, Parra	NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Young Spath	ABSTAIN:	None

## **BOARD POLICY NO. 9: ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

Mr. Mendoza highlighted the changes in the policy. The Administration and Finance Committee reviewed the policy and recommended that the Board amend the policy. Director Baldwin moved and Director Hunter seconded a motion to amend Board Policy #9: Environmental Policy. The motion carried with four (4) ayes and one (1) absent (Young Spath).

## **CSUB TRANSIT FACILITY UPDATE**

Mr. James updated the Board on the activities and challenges for the CSUB Transit Facility. This was an informational item only.

## **FEBRUARY 2018 FINANCIAL POSITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

Mr. Barnes reviewed the February 2018 financial reports. This was an informational item only.

## **REVIEW OF BOARD OFFICERS ELECTION**

This item was continued to the April 17, 2018 Board meeting.

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Administration and Finance – Baldwin**

Director Baldwin shared that a meeting was held on March 6, 2018 to review the Preliminary TDA Claim and March 20, 2018 to review Board Policy #9: Environmental Policy.

### **B. Facilities and Equipment –**

No meeting was held.

### **C. External Affairs – Hunter**

Director Hunter stated that a meeting was held on March 6, 2018 to review 2018 Regulatory and Legislative issues.

### **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 Hunter shared that he had attended the Clean Transportation Summit last week hosted by Fresno State's Transportation Institute and CALSTART.

Director Bello commented about pedestrian/bike safety in Bakersfield.

Director Baldwin commented that Committee recommendations be included for Board consideration and action. He asked that the CEO's report include an update on the CSUB Transit Facility.

Director Parra shared information about CalWalks. She will send the report to Ms. King for distribution to other Board members.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT/COMMENTS**

Ms. King commented that the CHSRA Business Plan was expanded to continue through Bakersfield with funding for the acquisition budgeted. A memo addressing the vacation accrual issue has been distributed to staff, The Summer Youth Pass will now begin May 1st and run through August. May 24th is GET's Health and Wellness Faire. The barbeque begins at 10 am and runs until 3:30 pm to accommodate the various shifts. Service and Safety awards will be given to staff members. The draft Stantec alternate transportation study will be presented at the April 17th Board meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board moved into executive session at 6:50 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 6:54 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 Parra moved that the meeting be closed. The meeting concluded at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary of the Board of Directors