

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

**JUNE 19, 2018
5:30 PM**

**1401 – 19TH STREET, THIRD 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
Chris James
Robert Williams
Melissa Ash

Steve Barnes
Bruce Seibel
Ricardo Perez
Sharon Pierce

Candra Cheers
Deekay Fox
Emery Rendes

OTHERS PRESENT:

Michael Harless

Bob Snoddy

Fitzgerald Graves

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED FY 2017-18 BUDGET

Director Parra opened the public hearing on the FY 2018-19 Proposed Budget at 5:31 p.m. and stated that the Golden Empire Transit District would now receive public testimony. Any person wishing to present testimony related to the FY 2018-19 Proposed Budget may do so at this time. Persons were asked to state their name and address for the record. If they wished their statements to be verbatim, they must be in writing for inclusion in the official record of this

hearing. Notice of the hearing was placed in *The Bakersfield Californian* and *El Popular* newspapers, on the GET website, and on GET's Facebook page. Director Parra asked for public testimony.

No comments were made on the FY 2018-19 Proposed Budget. Director Parra closed the public hearing at 5:36 p.m.

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

Michael Harless commented that the bus stop at Brundage Lane and Cypress Street has still not been addressed. Mr. Harless asked that benches on the northbound side of North Chester Avenue by Standard Middle School be installed.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND GOLDEN EMPIRE TRANSIT DISTRICT

Director Hunter moved and Director Bello seconded a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Kern Council of Governments and Golden Empire Transit District. The motion carried with four (4) ayes and one (1) absent (Young Spath).

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-08: BOARD MEETING DATES AND TIME

This item was continued to the July 17, 2018 meeting.

APPOINT AD HOC COMMITTEE ON FAREBOX RECOVERY RATIO

The Chair appointed Director Hunter and herself to an Ad Hoc Committee on the Farebox Recovery Ratio.

MAY 2018 FINANCIAL POSITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

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

ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 BUDGET (BUDGET RESOLUTION NO. 2017-07) AND AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR TDA AND FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Mr. Barnes commented that a public hearing took place at the June 19, 2018 meeting of the Board of Directors. Chairperson Parra conducted the hearing and no comments were offered.

All available financial information that may impact the fiscal year has been considered as well as the latest changes to the estimates received from various state and federal agencies.

Director Hunter moved and Director Bello seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-09 and authorize the CEO to file and execute TDA and Federal funding agreements. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

SECRET RIDER

Ms. Cheers shared that from February 14 through February 20, 2018 an auditor conducted 61 fixed route observations on 15 different routes. The auditor boarded and de-boarded buses at a total of 26 different fixed route locations and reviewed and documented fare collection procedures, safety compliance, ADA compliance, bus cleanliness, and customer service. Overall, the ride checks demonstrate that our buses are clean and our coach operators are providing safe, reliable, and courteous service for our customers. This was an informational item.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/BOARD COMMENTS

Director Parra stated that it is time for Ms. King's annual performance review. Mr. Worth will be facilitating using the same process as last year.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT/COMMENTS

Ms. King shared that Maintenance Manager Chris James is in the process of recertifying his ASE Master Mechanic designation. The first of 24 new fixed route buses is now on our property; however, it will take about a month to make the modifications necessary to work in our system. This is the first new fixed route bus received in five years. The bus will be ready for the 45th Anniversary celebration schedule for July 18th. July 1st marks the 45th anniversary of GET. A celebration with community members, press, and staff will be held on the patio at 9 am on July 18th. Celebrations with Maintenance staff will be held at 10 am and with Operations staff at 11:30 am. MicroTransit is a new transit option that GET is exploring to increase ridership. Ms. King introduced Robert Williams, GET's Software Administrator. GET is looking to launch a pilot project for MicroTransit, possibly as early as October/November. Mr. Bob Neath and Mr. William Thomas have been proposing an extension of service for students travelling between both Bakersfield College campuses. A college pass is under discussion. There is not much new regarding the California High Speed Rail Authority. The comment period for the EIR has closed and the review of the EIR is expected to be released this fall. Ms. King commented that she has a meeting this Thursday to look for potential sites. Staff met with CSUB staff on June 7th regarding the status of the CSUB Transit Center project. This item will be discussed at the July 17th Board meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board moved into executive session at 6:37 p.m. to discuss Conference with Legal Counsel – [Government Code Section 54956.8] – Real Property Negotiations APN 005-442-02-5. The Board returned to open session at 7:30 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Attorney Worth stated that the Board met with legal counsel and staff on the item referenced in the executive session on the Agenda. Mr. Worth stated that no action was taken that requires disclosure under the Brown Act.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Director Parra moved that the meeting be closed. The meeting concluded at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary of the Board of Directors