

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

**AUGUST 15, 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
Deekay Fox
Victor Honorato
Melissa Ash

Steve Barnes
Jeanie Hill
Denise Sailes
Sharon Pierce

Candra Cheers
Emery Rendes
Robert Williams

OTHERS PRESENT:

Buddy Graham

Ryan Young

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Steve Barnes 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. Buddy Graham stated that he had three concerns: the ink on the 31-day passes fades before the 31 days have passed. He has had to purchase additional passes to make up for the lost rides. Yesterday (and other times also) the Route 44 bus passed right by the bus stop where he was. He also commented that he wished the roofing for both the Downtown Transit Center and the Southwest Transit Center covered the all bus bays and transit centers so that the sun and rain would be blocked.

STATE OF GOOD REPAIR AUTHORIZATION

Director Hunter moved and Director Baldwin seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-12 to authorize the Chief Executive Officer or her designee to obtain financial assistance from the State of Good Repair Program. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLAN

Mr. Rendes shared information on the Short Range Transit Plan and answered questions. After some discussion, Director Hunter moved and Director Bello seconded a motion to adopt the FY 2018-19 to FY 2022-23 Short Range Transit Plan and authorized staff to submit the Plan to Kern Council of Governments (Kern COG).

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

Mr. Rendes reviewed the data for the fourth quarter of FY 2017-18 for both fixed route and GET-A-Lift service. GET-A-Lift total unlinked passenger trips (14,366) decreased 3.3% for the quarter compared to the same period last year. Total fixed route ridership for the fiscal year was 6,377,043. Weekday unlinked passenger trips averaged 20,705. On-time performance for the quarter was 86%. This was an informational item only.

JULY 2018 FINANCIAL POSITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMPENSATION

This item was deferred until after the executive session portion of the Board meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/BOARD COMMENTS

Director Hunter asked if the TDA guidelines have been updated. Director Hunter commented that Fresno has instituted a BRT and that it may be helpful to invite Fresno staff to give a presentation at a future Board meeting. He also asked that sustainability be placed on a future Board agenda.

Director Bello stated that the crime prevention tour in Oildale was held last Wednesday. A large diverse group participated in the event.

Director Baldwin commented that he had met with Supervisor Maggard after the event and he was very grateful for GET's participation in the tour. Director Baldwin also commented that Nick Fidler with the City of Bakersfield's Public Works Department had shared that the bus stop improvements at North Sillect Avenue and Arrow should be completed shortly.

Director Parra shared that the recent food distribution at the Downtown Transit Center was much appreciated by the recipients. Two Hundred (200) bags of groceries were handed out. Director Parra commented that there are quite a few new applicants for the Community Advisory Committee. With these new applicants, the committee is quite diverse in its makeup. Tracey Mensch is the new Chair of the Community Advisory Committee. Director Parra commented that given there are needs to update both the Downtown Transit Center and Southwest Transit Center, how much do we want to spend on the CSUB Transit project.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT/COMMENTS

Ms. King stated that she and Mr. James met with Mr. Michael Lukens, Chief of Staff to the President and Mr. Thom Davis, Vice President of Business and Administrative Services to discuss the status of the CSUB Transit Facility project. They were supportive of the project; however, the University is not in a position to contribute financially. The Citizens Advisory Committee is accepting applications through August 31st for vacancies. The committee meets quarterly. Kern Transit is using their LCTOP funding to provide free rides to Bakersfield College for students. Judi Daunell, GET's Claims Coordinator is retiring on August 17th. There will be a luncheon on Friday from noon until 3 pm. Please feel free to stop by and wish her well. The outstanding vacation arbitration will take place on Tuesday, August 28th. GET's picnic at the Fair is on Sunday, September 23rd. The dinner will begin at 5:30 pm and end at 8:30 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board moved into executive session at 6:58 p.m. to discuss Conference with Legal Counsel – [Government Code Section 54956.8] – Real Property Negotiations APN 365-010-18 and Conference with Legal Counsel – [Government Code Sections 54957(b)(1) and 54957.6] – Discuss Performance Evaluation of the Chief Executive Officer. The Board returned to open session at 7:32 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

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

CHIEF EXECUTIVE SESSION COMPENSATION

The Board discussed the goals and accomplishments of the CEO during the 2017-2018 year in considering a potential salary adjustment. All Board members noted the exceptional work of the CEO during this past year. Director Bello moved and Director Hunter seconded that the CEO's new salary reflect a 3.2% cost-of-living salary adjustment as specified in the CEO's Employment Contract. The motion carried with four (4) ayes and one (1) absent (Young Spath).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Director Parra moved that the meeting be closed. The meeting concluded at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary of the Board of Directors