

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

**OCTOBER 17, 2018
5:30 PM**

**1830 GOLDEN STATE AVENUE
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA 93301**

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Jim Baldwin
Cindy Parra

Carlos Bello
Evelyn Young Spath, Ed.D.

James Hunter

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

None

ATTORNEY PRESENT:

Jim Worth

STAFF PRESENT:

Karen King
Jeanie Hill
Emery Rendes
Ross Keith

Steve Barnes
Deekay Fox
Robert Williams
Nicholas Hubbert

Candra Cheers
Chris James
Melissa Ash
Sharon Pierce

OTHERS PRESENT:

Michael Harless
John Ramirez

Bob Snoddy

Asha Chandy

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Bob Snoddy 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 made two comments: the bus stop at Brundage Lane and Cypress Street is dangerous for the disabled to access and some bus drivers are not respecting people with walkers and asking them to fold up their walkers.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

Ms. King stated that under the Political Reform Act of 1974, all public agencies are required to adopt a conflict of interest code. A code designates positions required to file Statements of Economic Interests (Form 700), and assigns disclosure categories specifying the types of interests to be reported. The Political Reform Act requires every government agency to review its conflict of interest code biennially to determine if it is accurate or, alternatively, that the code must be amended.

Director Baldwin moved and Director Hunter seconded a motion to approve the changes to the Conflict of Interest Code to add the Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer as designated positions; delete the position of Deputy Chief Executive Officer; adopt a resolution to amend GET's Conflict of Interest Code; and file with the Kern County Board of Supervisors. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

(Director Young Spath entered the meeting at 5:44 p.m.)

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ms. Fox shared that the purpose of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is to:

- advise the Board of Directors and GET staff on transit issues including fixed route and paratransit;
- make suggestions for improvements in transit service; and
- advocate for greater funding for public transportation.

The staggered term expiration dates provide for continuity on the committee. We currently have two additional vacancies open. Each CAC member receives a 31-day transit pass to cover transportation expenses at the regular meetings of the CAC.

Director Bello moved and Director Young Spath seconded a motion to approve the appointment of the following Community Advisory Committee members: Asha Chandy (1 year), Connie Galan (3 years), Sarah Harringer (3 years), Donna Jackson (1 year), Julie Juarez-Ceja (2 years), Amy Pachla (3 years), and Ethel Weaver (1 year). The motion carried unanimously.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Ms. King reviewed the updates to the plan. There was discussion regarding the CSUB Transit Project. Mr. John Ramirez was present to answer questions from the Board. Director Young Spath abstained from any discussion regarding this item because of a conflict of interest.

Director Baldwin moved and Director Young Spath seconded a motion to approve the 2018 Strategic Plan update. The motion carried unanimously.

FIRST QUARTER FY 2018-19 PERFORMANCE REPORTS FOR MOTOR BUS AND DEMAND RESPONSE SERVICES

Mr. Rendes stated that GET-A-Lift total unlinked passenger trips (13,448) decreased 9.7% for the quarter compared to the same period last year. Total unlinked passenger trips on fixed routes were 1,531,296, a 1.4% decrease from the same quarter one year ago. This was an informational item only.

SEPTEMBER 2018 FINANCIAL POSITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/BOARD COMMENTS

Director Baldwin stated that he has concerns regarding the CSUB Transit Project and recommends that a strong conversation be held with CSUB by staff. Director Baldwin attended three meetings last week and he heard positive comments about GET in all three meeting. The paper has also had positive articles on GET recently.

Director Young Spath asked if trashcans are provided by GET at Virginia and Mt. Vernon on the Mt. Vernon side of the street. Director Young Spath also asked about the placement of trashcans at various stops with either shelters or benches.

Director Hunter complimented the team for their work on the strategic plan. Director Hunter commented that a risk assessment of in-house costs for the CSUB project could provide financial information on the overall costs-to-date.

Director Bello asked if staff could provide data on where and how many trashcans are on the various bus routes. Director Bello asked which buses have the USB charging stations on them and commended GET on its outreach program.

Director Parra shared that Ms. King provided an in person update on GET's activities to the Board of Supervisors last week. Director Parra asked if it is too early to retain an attorney for right of way issues concerning the CHSRA decision on the preferred route for the HSR. There are kiosk issues at the Downtown Transit Center.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT/COMMENTS

Ms. King stated that outside auditors were here today to conduct the Triennial TDA Audit. This audit is a performance audit, not a financial audit. Tomorrow from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. GET will be offering free flu shots for employees. On October 29th at 2 p.m. a Special Board Meeting will be held to interview applicants for the At-Large Board Member position. November 8th we will be hosting an Open House for employees and their families beginning at 10:30 a.m. and ending at 5:30 p.m. On November 15th at 10 a.m., a media event will be held on N. Sillect Avenue to highlight the improved bus stop across the street from NAPD. December 5th at 5:30 p.m. will be our next regular Board meeting. Four Board members along with several staff members will be attending the California Transit Association (CTA) Annual Conference and Expo in Long Beach this year. This conference offers great information pertinent to California and extensive networking opportunities. Tuesday, October 23rd at 3 p.m. will be the next Community Advisory Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Director Parra moved that the meeting be closed. The meeting concluded at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary of the Board of Directors