

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

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2019
5:30 PM**

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

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Carlos Bello

Cindy Parra

Rueben Pascual

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Jim Baldwin, Leasa Engel

ATTORNEY PRESENT:

Jim Worth

STAFF PRESENT:

Karen King

Steve Barnes

Deidre Brown

Jeanie Hill

Jill Smith

Denise Sailes

Melissa Ash

Chris James

Ricardo Perez

Amanda Villanueva

Sharon Pierce

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bob Snoddy

Michael Harless

Forest Barnes

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Denise Sailes led the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda included an item on the Security Guard Services Contract with Ceed Security in the amount of \$2,183,721.85 for five years. Director Pascual moved and Director

Bello seconded a motion to approve consent agenda items A through D. The motion carried with three (3) ayes and two (2) absent (Baldwin, Engel).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Forest Barnes shared information about the California Bicycle Coalition (Cal Bike) program that will be available sometime in the first quarter of 2020. The City of Bakersfield has a bike share grant to fund program for the first two years. The program is intended to provide more mobility options and be transit supportive – i.e. connect first and last mile for transit riders.

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION

Director Bello moved and Director Pascual seconded a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the Chief Executive Officer or her designee to obtain financial assistance from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Bello, Parra, and Pascual
ABSENT: Baldwin, Engel

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

AUGUST 2019 FINANCIAL POSITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Mr. Barnes reviewed August 2019 financial reports. This was an informational item only.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/BOARD COMMENTS

Director Bello thanked staff for the bus tour with Congressman Cox recently through the area within Congressman's district in Bakersfield.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT/COMMENTS

Ms. King stated that it is anticipated that there will be a continuing resolution passed to fund the federal government in October which would include a transportation bill funding bus and bus facilities. Because APTA's Annual Conference will be held during the week of October 13-16, GET's next Board meeting will be held on the fourth Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. The December meeting will be held on December 3rd and will begin with a Strategic Workshop at the Four Points Sheraton. The workshop will begin with a luncheon at 11:30 and move into the workshop at noon. The Board meeting will be held at a time certain of 5:30 pm following the workshop at the Four Points Sheraton. The California High Speed Rail Authority will close escrow with the Homeless Center this week. GET's annual employee picnic at the Fair is this Sunday, September 22nd. The dinner will begin at 5:30 pm and end at 8:30 pm. There will be shuttles from the Administration facility to the Fair every hour and returning from Ming and P Street every thirty minutes until 10:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Director Parra moved that the meeting be closed. The meeting concluded at 6:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary of the Board of Directors