



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING**

**GOLDEN EMPIRE TRANSIT DISTRICT
1830 GOLDEN STATE AVENUE, BOARDROOM
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301**

**Tuesday, November 17, 2020
5:30 p.m. – Board Meeting**

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

- Government Finance Officers Association Award
- 2021 Board Meeting Dates
- Helping Obtain Prosperity for Everyone (HOPE) Program FY 2020 – Notice of Funding Authorization Resolution
- October 2020 Financial Position and Results of Operations
- Executive Session

On March 17, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 (<https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.17.20-N-29-20-EO.pdf>), which includes a waiver of Brown Act provisions requiring physical presence of the Board members or the public to attend and participate at Board meetings in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Consistent with the Executive Order, Board members may elect to attend the meeting telephonically and to participate in the meeting to the same extent as if they were physically present.

Board Members

Cindy Parra, *Chair*

Rueben Pascual, *Vice-Chair*

Jim Baldwin

Carlos Bello

Leasa Engel

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Golden Empire Transit District Board of Directors Meetings

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- Board of Directors meetings will have limited public access to maintain social distancing. Face coverings will be required to attend the meeting in person.
- Consistent with the Executive Order, Board Members may elect to attend the meeting telephonically and participate in the meeting to the same extent as if they were physically present.
- The public may participate in the meeting and address the Board of Directors in person under Public Comments.

If the public does not wish to attend in person, they may participate in the meeting and address the Board of Directors as follows:

- If you wish to comment on a specific agenda item, submit your comments via email to publiccomment@getbus.org no later than 1:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Please clearly indicate which agenda item you comment pertains to.
- If you wish to make a general public comment not related to specific agenda item, submit your comment via email to publiccomment@getbus.org no later than 1:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.
- Comments may also be mailed to Clerk of the Board, 1830 Golden State Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301. Please specify to which agenda item your comment relates.
- All public comment sent in by the above methods will be provided to all Board members and applicable staff, for review and consideration by the Board prior to taking any action on any matters and will be incorporated into the official record of the Board meeting.

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- For telephone access only, request a viewing link via publiccomment@getbus.org. Requests must be received by 1:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.
- For viewing via internet, a meeting link will be posted to the Golden Empire Transit District website at [http://getbus.org/\[page\]](http://getbus.org/[page]) by 1:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting.
- Each meeting will have a unique link. The ZOOM video conference program is available for download to any internet-capable device (phone, tablet, or computer). For best results, follow the link and download the software program at least 15 minutes before the meeting.
- Attendees will be muted, but will be allowed to view what is presented at the meeting.
- Behavior contrary to best etiquette may cause the user to be removed from the meeting.

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AGENDA

ITEM #		RECOMMENDED ACTION
	ROLL CALL	
	GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AWARD	PRESENTATION
	CONSENT AGENDA/OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT All items listed under the Consent Agenda item are considered to be routine and non-controversial. The Consent Agenda items will be considered and may be approved by one motion if no member of the Board or Audience wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered in listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Board concerning the item before action is taken.	
1.	CONSENT AGENDA	ADOPT
	A. AGENDA	
	B. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2020	
	C. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CHECK DISBURSEMENTS	
	D. BOARD MEETING DATES – (KING) That the Board approves the meeting dates for 2021.	
	E. HELPING OBTAIN PROSPERITY FOR EVERYONE (HOPE) PROGRAM FY 2020 – NOTICE OF FUNDING AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION – (SAILES) That the Board adopts a resolution, authorizing the Chief Executive Officer or his/her designee to obtain financial assistance from the Federal Transit Administration.	
2	PUBLIC COMMENT	RECEIVE
	This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring an opportunity to address the Board on any matter not on this agenda and over which it has jurisdiction. Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes. Persons wishing to include their verbatim remarks in the official record shall submit same in writing. Members of the audience are asked to avoid engaging in any behavior that disrupts the orderly conduct of the meeting. Speakers are asked to state their name and address for the record prior to making a presentation.	

3. **OCTOBER 2020 FINANCIAL POSITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS – (BARNES)** **RECEIVE**

That the Board receives the Financial Reports for October 2020.

4. **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. Finance and Administration – Pascual

No meeting was held.

B. Facilities and Equipment – Parra

No meeting was held.

C. External Affairs – Baldwin

No meeting was held.

D. Marketing and Business Development – Engel

No meeting was held.

E. Operations and Service Development – Bello

No meeting was held.

5. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/BOARD COMMENTS**

6. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT/COMMENTS**

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

[Government Code Section 54956.8]

Portion of APN 173-200-09

District Negotiator: Karen King

Negotiating with: John Ritchie, ASU & Associates

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Next Meetings

Tuesday, December 1, 2020 @ 12 pm - Virtual Strategic Planning Workshop

Tuesday, December 1, 2020 @ 5:30 pm

Tuesday, January 21, 2020 @ 5:30 pm

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