

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

**December 1, 2020  
12:00 PM**

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

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Carlos Bello  
Rueben Pascual

Leasa Engel

Cindy Parra

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

Jim Baldwin

**ATTORNEY PRESENT:**

Jim Worth

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Karen King  
Steve Barnes  
Robert Williams

Deidre Brown  
Candra Cheers  
Victor Honorato

Jeanie Hill  
Chris James  
Amanda Villanueva

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Bob Snoddy

Jerry Benson

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP**

The meeting was adjourned to the Strategic Planning Workshop at 12:07 p.m. The Board participated in a strategic planning workshop facilitated by Jerry Benson with 3rd Wind Leadership. The workshop adjourned at 5:35 p.m. and recessed to the regular Board meeting.

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## **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Director Engel moved and Director Pascual seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda (Agenda, Minutes of November 17, 2020, Accounts Payable Check Disbursements, Facility Lighting Upgrade Purchase and, AVL Media System Purchase. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/BOARD COMMENTS**

Director Pascual mentioned litigation may be a possible recourse with the High Speed Rail Authority if Golden Empire Transit is unable to get a response from them in the coming months regarding the purchase of GET's current property. Director Bello inquired about the surge and messages to the public regarding COVID-19. Ms. King stated an increase in testing started prior to the holiday, receiving mixed test results. Seven have tested positive and 21 were sent for testing. Incidents have been among Maintenance and Administration. This is the first time an incident has occurred within the workplace and contact tracing is being closely monitored.

Director Parra thanked everyone for taking the time to come to the workshop. Director Parra feels GET has learned a lot, is still learning and will come out of this better.

## **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT/COMMENTS:**

Karen King stated she had reviewed the December 10, 2020 High Speed Rail Authority Agenda. Their business plan was listed on the Agenda as an information only item. There has been no response from the High Speed Rail Authority at this time.

Ms. King also wished everyone Happy Holidays and Health. She asked everyone to continue social distancing.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Director Parra moved that the meeting be closed. The meeting concluded at 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary of the Board of Directors