

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

**December 7, 2021  
5:30 PM**

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

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Carlos Bello  
Cindy Parra

Erika Dixon  
Rueben Pascual

Leasa Engel

**DIRECTOR ABSENT:**

None

**ATTORNEY PRESENT:**

Jim Worth

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Karen King  
Janet Sanders  
Robert Williams  
Sharon Pierce

Steve Barnes  
Deidre Brown  
Victor Honorato

Chris James  
Ricardo Perez  
Toddash Kim

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Suzanne Campbell

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Roll Call was taken and all Directors were present.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Director Engel moved and Director Pascual seconded to adopt the consent agenda (Agenda, Accounts Payable Check and ACH Disbursements, Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Golden Empire Transit District Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings for the Period of December 18, 2021 Through January 18, 2022 Pursuant to AB 361, and Security Guard Services Five-Year Contract in amount of \$3,549,000.00). The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Bello, Dixon, Engel, Parra, and Pascual  
ABSENT: None

NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

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

Director Engel stated that she believed there would be public at the Board meeting in January concerned about the CTSA issue and asked if any information would be presented at that meeting.

Director Pascual wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Director Bello asked for an update on the small bus stop shelters. He asked about the series of outreach events related to the IBI Service Mix survey being held in January prior to the Board's January meeting. He complimented Marketing for a good job on social media posts.

Director Dixon commented that the Christmas Bus is a great idea. She shared that BARC has officially moved to 4500 California Avenue. Services are all community-based now. BARC does have a community garden in Shafter where clients can come together. Director Dixon also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Director Parra shared that Bike Bakersfield's Christmas Ride would be on Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. They will also have an outreach workshop on Wednesday. She asked if the new, smaller footprint bus shelters would be installed before summer. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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

Mrs. King shared that that a report on CTSA issue as well as preliminary recommendations from the IBI survey on service mix will be on the January 18<sup>th</sup> Board agenda. A Strategic Planning Workshop will be held at the February 15<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. The workshop will begin with lunch at 11:30 followed by the workshop at noon. The regular Board meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. A representative of the California High Speed Rail Authority called and would like to start the property appraisal process in January. This process is expected to take 6-9 months. Moving forward with the purchase is still contingent upon the state legislature. Toddash Kim has been promoted to Operations Department Director.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board moved into executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss Conference with Legal Counsel [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)] –One Matter and returned to open session at 6:18 p.m.

## **OPEN SESSION**

Attorney Worth stated that the Board met with legal counsel and staff on the item referenced in the executive session on the agenda. No action was taken that would require disclosure under the Brown Act.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Director Parra moved that the meeting be closed. The meeting concluded at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary of the Board of Directors