

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

**March 15, 2022
5:30 PM**

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

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Carlos Bello

Leasa Engel

Cindy Parra

DIRECTOR ABSENT:

Erika Dixon

ATTORNEY PRESENT:

Jim Worth

STAFF PRESENT:

Karen King

Steve Barnes

Chris James

Ricardo Perez

Robert Williams

Victor Honorato

Janet Sanders

Toddash Kim

Melissa Ash

Deidre Brown

Michele Warren

Sharon Pierce

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bob Snoddy

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Roll was taken and Director Dixon was absent.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Director Engel moved and Director Bello seconded to adopt the consent agenda (Agenda, Minutes of February 15, 2022, Accounts Payable Check and ACH Disbursements, AB361 Remote Meeting Resolution, Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Authorization Resolution to provide free fare subsidies for Students (K-12, college), Hybrid and Zero – Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project (HVIP) Authorization Resolution, Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program Authorization Resolution). The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Bello, Engel, and Parra
ABSENT: Dixon

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS RESOLUTION

Director Bello moved and Director Engel seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No 2022-06 – Unmet Transit Needs. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Bello, Engel, and Parra
ABSENT: Dixon

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

TITLE VI PROGRAM UPDATE

Director Engel moved and Director Bello seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No 2022-07 – Adopting Golden Empire Transit District FY 2022-2025 Title VI Program Update. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Bello, Engel, and Parra
ABSENT: Dixon

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

FEBRUARY 2022 FINANCIAL POSITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Mr. Barnes discussed with the Board the February 2022 financial statements and other matters regarding District finances. This was an informational item only.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/BOARD COMMENTS

Director Bello asked that staff provide updates on the status of GET's permanent hydrogen fueling status and the status of GET's hiring.

Director Parra commented that GET may want to contact other County agencies to see if they would like to partner with GET on our permanent hydrogen fueling station.

Director Engle shared that she is looking forward to a new Board member being appointed by the County. She also asked about the GEO fencing downtown behind GET's Downtown Transit Center. She is concerned that scooters which quickly travel down the alley may not be seen by bus operators and an accident may happen.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT/COMMENTS

Ms. King shared that Ms. Michele Warren started as GET's new Director of Human Resources. Ms. King stated that she had attended APTA's Board of Directors meetings prior to the Legislative Conference. Lots of good information was shared during the meetings. Mr. Garth Fernandez with the CHSRA shared that the Real Estate Division is working on GET's property, but there is no timeline yet. They have requested a site tour. Human Resources staff attended a Job Faire on Saturday at MLK Park. There was a steady flow of interested parties. Ms. King commended Mr. Ricardo Perez on the excellent job in the completion of his first Title VI Program Update.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board moved into executive session at 7:48 p.m. to discuss 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 and returned to open session at 7:54 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 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary of the Board of Directors