

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

**JUNE 21, 2022
4:30 PM**

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

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Carlos Bello
Cindy Parra

Erika Dixon

Leasa Engel

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

None

ATTORNEY PRESENT:

Jim Worth

STAFF PRESENT:

Karen King
Steve Barnes
Janet Sanders
Dustin Molieri

Deidre Brown
Toddash Kim
Victor Honorato
Sharon Pierce

Michele Warren
Chris James
Alexis Lyster
Melanie Silva

OTHERS PRESENT:

Michael Harless
Cecilia Grego

Temecia Ricks

Susanne Campbell

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

Roll was taken and all Directors were present.

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED FY 2022-23 BUDGET

Director Parra opened the public hearing on the Proposed FY 2022-23 Budget and stated that the Golden Empire Transit District would now receive public testimony. Any person wishing to present testimony related to the Proposed FY 2022-23 Budget may do so at this time. Persons were asked to state their name and address for the record. If they wished their statements to be verbatim, they must be in writing for inclusion in the official record of this hearing. Notice of the hearing was placed in *The Bakersfield Californian*, *The Bakersfield News Observer* and *El Popular*

newspapers, on the GET website, and on GET's Facebook page. Director Parra asked for public testimony.

No comments from the community were received on the Proposed FY 2022-23 Budget. Director Parra closed the public hearing at 5:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Director Dixon moved and Director Engel seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda. (Agenda, Minutes of May 17, 2022, Accounts Payable Check and ACH Disbursements, AB361 Remote Meeting Resolution). Community Transit Advisory Group Appointment/Reappointment. FY 2022 Low or No Emission Grant Program Authorization Resolution No. 2022-11, FY 2021 Route Planning Restoration Program Authorization Resolution No. 2012-12.:

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

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Michael Harless commented that he'd like to receive an answer regarding restarting night service. Mr. Harless also commented that the sidewalks need to be repaired between Union Avenue and Chester Avenue on Brundage Lane going westbound.

Ms. Temecia Ricks stated that night service needs to resume since Uber and Lyft services are too expensive and Ms. Ricks does not own a smart phone. Ms. Ricks also stated that she had an encounter with a rude dispatcher who didn't pull around to help her and there needs to be better accommodations.

2022 TRANSFORMATIVE CLIMATE COMMUNITIES IMPLEMENTATION GRANT APPLICATION

Ricardo Perez and Cecilia Grego from Bakersfield City gave a presentation regarding receiving funding for the 2022 Transformative Climate Communities Implementation Grant Application. Suggestions for the first project to be implemented are: downtown connector potentially with Route 46; expanding service from Downtown to the OTK (Old Town Kern) with a circulator; Microtransit augmentation expanding service to the southeast; and the final piece of the proposal is revitalizing the Downtown Transit Center.

Ms. Grego has an overview of the larger Bakersfield project at bakersfieldtcc.us. Director Bello would like for CTAG to receive information about this presentation and asked how hiring will go regarding the TCC projects.

Director Engel moved and Director Bello seconded a motion to adopt the Transformative Climate Communities Implementation Grant Application. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

FY 2023 TRANSFORMATIVE CLIMATE COMMUNITITES IMPLEMENTATION GRANT APPLICATION

Ricardo Perez introduced the FY 2022-23 to 2026-27 Short Range Transit Plan. A brief presentation of the plan was given focusing on the service and financial aspects of the plan. Director Dixon moved and Director Bello seconded a motion to adopt the FY 2022-23 to FY 2026-27 Short Range Transit Plan. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

MAY 2022 FINANCIAL POSITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

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

ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 BUDGET (BUDGET RESOLUTION) AND AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR TDA AND FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – (BARNES)

Director Engel moved and Director Dixon seconded a motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/BOARD COMMENTS

Director Bello asked staff to reach out to Kern Transit regarding electric buses.

Director Dixon commented on the earlier comment in the meeting regarding having a cap on the number of cancellations for Microtransit service.

Director Engel commented that there will be more visioning for the City of Bakersfield and she looks forward to continued participation from GET. She asked about transportation to the new casino and shared that the casino may help to cover expenses.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT/COMMENTS

Ms. King introduced new Executive Assistant, Melanie Silva, to the Board. Ms. King shared a video highlighting new and ongoing activities around GET.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board moved into executive session at 6:13 p.m. to discuss Conference with Legal Counsel [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) One (1) Matter; Conference with Legal Counsel [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) Two Matters; and Conference with Legal Counsel [Government Code Sections 54957(b)(1) and 54957.6] Discuss Performance Evaluation of the Chief Executive Officer. The Board returned to open session at 6:57 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Attorney Worth stated that the Board met with legal counsel and staff on the items 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 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary of the Board of Directors