



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING**

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

Tuesday, February 21, 2023
4:30 p.m. – Board Meeting

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

- Board Committee Assignments
- Paratransit Vehicle Purchase
- Hydrogen Fuel Contract
- Anti-Drug Policy
- Purchase of 4 Hydrogen Fuel Cell Busses
- AB 361/AB 2449 Remote Meeting Attendance
- Kern COG Appointee & Alternate
- 2nd Quarter Ridership Reports and Performance Metrics

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
Carlos Bello
Charles Van De Voorde
Leasa Engel
Kay Henry

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AGENDA

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC HEARING – UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS

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 JANUARY 17, 2023

C. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CHECK DISBURSEMENTS

D. BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

That the Board approves the Board Committee Assignments

E. PARATRANSIT VEHICLE PURCHASE

That the Board approves the Paratransit Vehicle Purchase.

F. HYDROGEN FUEL CONTRACT

That the Board approves the Hydrogen Fuel Contract.

G. ANTI-DRUG POLICY

That the Board adopts the Anti-Drug Policy.

H. PURCHASE OF 4 HYDROGEN FUEL CELL BUSES

That the Board approves the purchase of 4 Hydrogen Fuel Cell Buses.

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| 2. | PUBLIC COMMENT
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. | RECEIVE |
| 3. | AB 361/AB 2449 REMOTE MEETING ATTENDANCE – (KING)
That the Board provides direction to staff. | DIRECT |
| 4. | KERN COG APPOINTEE & ALTERNATE – (BOARD CHAIR)
That the Board approves the Kern COG Appointee and Alternate. | APPROVE |
| 5. | 2ND QUARTER RIDERSHIP REPORTS & PERFORMANCE METRICS – (PEREZ)
That the Board receives the 2 nd Quarter Ridership Reports & Performance Metrics. | RECEIVE |
| 6. | JANUARY 2023 FINANCIAL POSITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS – (BARNES)
That the Board receives the Financial Reports for January 2023. | RECEIVE |
| 7. | FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/BOARD COMMENTS | |
| 8. | CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT/COMMENTS | |
| 9. | ADJOURNMENT | |

Next Meetings

Tuesday, March 21, 2023 @ 4:30 PM

Tuesday, April 18, 2023 @ 4:30 PM

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