

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

**December 06, 2022
4:30 PM**

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

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Carlos Bello
Erika Dixon

Leasa Engel
Charlie Van De Voorde

Cindy Parra

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

ATTORNEY PRESENT:

Jim Worth

STAFF PRESENT:

Karen King
Steve Barnes
Janet Sanders
Nicholas Hubbert

Ross Keith
Toddash Kim
Ricardo Perez
Melanie Silva

Crystal Jenkins
Robert Williams
Chris James

OTHERS PRESENT:

Irene Enriquez
Heidi Frye

Melissa Cabrezza
Gayle Frye

Niraj Dhada

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

Roll was taken and all directors are present.

AUDIT

Mr. Brown introduces Niraj Dhada and Melissa Cabrezza.

Mr. Dhada and Ms. Cabrezza go over the audit and financial statements.

No questions or comments.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Director Engal moved and Director Bello seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda. (Agenda,

Minutes of November 01, 2022, Accounts Payable Check and ACH Disbursements, AB361 Remote Meeting Resolution). Downtown and Southwest Transit Center Bathroom Remodel, Adopt New Fares:

AYES: Bello, Dixon, Engel, Parra and Van De Voorde
ABSENT: None

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

MICROTRANSIT ZONE EXPANSION – (HUBBERT)

Mr. Hubbert gives on-demand update and the on-demand service area update. Requests expanding the zone from the Board.

There were some concerns brought up regarding the amount of vehicles and new potential wait/drive times.

Director Dixon moved and Director Van De Voorde seconded a motion to approve expanding the Microtransit zone:

AYES: Bello, Dixon, Engel, Parra, Van De Voorde
ABSENT: None

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

Ms. King introduces the 5 Strategic Plan Goals and requests that the Board approves bringing the same goals from 2022 over to 2023.

Director Van De Voorde inquired about recruitment incentives. Ms. King responded with the various offers presented to new and current employees. GET Bus will continue to think of way to attract employees.

Director Bello makes a suggestion that Goal 4 be broader and ask “what are the needs of the community?”

Director Dixon moved and Director Engel seconded a motion to approve the Strategic Plan Update:

AYES: Bello, Dixon, Engel, Parra, Van De Voorde
ABSENT: None

NOES: None

AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBER

Ms. Karen King requests the board reappoint Director Leasa Engel.

Director Parra moved and Director Bello seconded a motion to approve the reappointment of the At-Large Board Member:

AYES: Bello, Dixon, Engel, Parra, Van De Voorde
ABSENT: None

NOES: None

OCTOBER 2022 FINANCIAL POSITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS – (BARNES)

The board received the Financial Reports for September 2022.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. King addresses offering free rides for K-12 beginning in January and that will increase more revenue.

Director Engel questions if we are able to bring in revenue out of the Hydrogen station. Unfortunately, as of now, there are no other organizations operating on hydrogen.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT/COMMENTS

Ms. King welcomes our newest Board Member, Charles Van De Voorde and discusses free rides for students K-12.

A reminder was sent out for the Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast event.

Director Dixon announces her resignation in January 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Heidi Frye gives her comments regarding her experience with on-demand services. Would like to see the pickup and drop-off times improve to assure riders get to their destination at a reasonable time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson Parra moved that the meeting be closed. The meeting concluded at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary of the Board of Directors