

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

**January 17, 2023  
4:30 PM**

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

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Carlos Bello  
Charlie Van De Voorde

Leasa Engel

Cindy Parra

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

**ATTORNEY PRESENT:**

Jim Worth

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Karen King  
Robert Williams  
Chris James  
Deidre Brown  
Michele Warren

Steve Barnes  
Janet Sanders  
Robert Williams  
Melissa Ash

Toddash Kim  
Ricardo Perez  
Victor Honorato  
Denise Fiorini

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Irene Enriquez

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Roll was taken and all directors are present.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Director Engal moved and Director Bello seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda. (Agenda, Minutes of December 06, 2022, Accounts Payable Check and ACH Disbursements and the Agency Safety Plan):

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

NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None

## **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR – (KING)**

Ms. King opens up the re-election for the Chair and Vice-Chair. They are 1 year terms that are re-appointed after the first Monday of the first month of the year.

Director Bello nominated Director Parra for another year.

Director Bello moved and Director Engel seconded a motion to approve Director Parra to be re-elected as Board Chair:

AYES:	Bello, Engel, Parra, Van De Voorde	NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None	ABSTAIN:	None

Director Parra nominated Director Engel to be Board Vice-Chair.

Director Parra moved and Director Bello seconded a motion to approve Director Engel to be Board Vice-Chair:

AYES:	Bello, Engel, Parra, Van De Voorde	NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None	ABSTAIN:	None

## **2023 STRATEGIC PLAN – (KING)**

Ms. King introduces Strategic Plan and explains that the primary goal is to provide service to the public and these goals were created to support that. Quarterly Reports will be given to the Board.

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

AYES:	Bello, Engel, Parra, Van De Voorde	NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None	ABSTAIN:	None

## **DECEMBER 2022 FINANCIAL POSITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS – (BARNES)**

The board received the Financial Reports for December 2022.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

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

Director Engel suggest that we clean up the bus stop near McDonald's on Olive Drive.

Chairperson Parra states that Assemblyperson Aries will be doing a long range study regarding future light rail. She mentions there's no need to do 2 studies and suggests that GET Bus staff reach out to Mr. Aries and potentially collaborate.

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

Ms. King reminds Board members that Chairperson Parra will assign them to committees.

A reminder to all to RSVP for upcoming events going on in Kern County.

Ms. King now introduces the End of Year video that was unable to play at the last meeting due to technical difficulties.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Entering executive session at 5:30 PM.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairperson Parra moved that the meeting be closed. The meeting concluded at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary of the Board of Directors