

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

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2022
4:30 PM**

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

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Carlos Bello
Erika Dixon

Leasa Engel

Cindy Parra

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

ATTORNEY PRESENT:

Jim Worth

STAFF PRESENT:

Karen King
Steve Barnes
Janet Sanders
Dustin Molieri
Victor Honorato

Melissa Ash
Toddash Kim
Ricardo Perez
Melanie Silva
Nick Hubbert

Michele Warren
Deidre Brown
Alexis Lyster
Ross Keith
Amanda Villanueva

OTHERS PRESENT:

Susanne Campbell
Steven
Jim Moore

Irene Gonzalez
Shellena's Iphone
Kathy Chambers

Annette
Chris Fendrick
Niraj Dhada

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Roll was taken and all directors are present.

GFOA Presentation

Golden Empire Transit District received the GFOA award once more. Steve Barnes introduced Niraj Dhada from Brown Armstrong to present the Certificate of Completion for the 9th year in a row.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Director Dixon moved and Director Engel seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda. (Agenda, Minutes of July 19, 2022, Accounts Payable Check and ACH Disbursements, AB361 Remote Meeting Resolution). Change Order Solar Project, Transit Asset Management Program, State of Good Repair – Fare Collection Boxes:

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

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Susanne Campbell introduces Irene Gonzalez.

PRESENTATION FINAL – FARE RATIONALIZATION STUDY – (MOORE & ASSOCIATES)

Karen introduces Jim Moore and Kathy Chambers. They will present the final findings from the Fare Rationalization Study.

Jim Moore then proceeds to review power point study and findings.

This was an informational agenda item. The Board recommends the Golden Empire Transit District staff to move forward with Moore & Associate's recommendation.

BOARD MEETING TIME CHANGE: 4:30 VS. 5:30 PM

Ms. Karen King explains that the initial temporary time change was due to the busses no longer running past 7:00 PM to accommodate the public that joins the evening 5:30 PM meetings.

Director Dixon suggests that we move the public comment agenda item towards the bottom of the agenda during the temporary time change.

Chairperson Parra inquires about continuing the hybrid meetings. Jim Worth responds stating that it will still be in effect and suggests that we should explore the possibilities of the public calling in.

Chairperson Parra directs staff to come back with a presentation regarding costs and issues with allowing the public to call in. Director Engel moved and Director Bello seconded a motion to accept that staff can move forward with action items. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

ON-DEMAND UPDATE PRESENTATION

Mr. Nick Hubbert gives on-demand presentation and informs the board that On-Demand services have increased upwards 25%.

Mr. Hubbert explained that one of the main challenges is the duration of the trip that some passengers are experiencing and are working to resolve this issue.

Director Bello asks if GET is utilizing all vehicles for the on-demand services. Ms. King responds that not all vehicles are compatible with the public's transportation devices and that has caused dispatch issues when dispatching the proper vehicle to accommodate the public's needs.

These issues are currently in the process of being resolved, however, the supply issues are preventing them currently from moving forward.

AUGUST 2022 FINANCIAL POSITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The board received the Financial Reports for August 2022. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Bello, Dixon, Engel, and Parra
ABSENT:

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/BOARD COMMENTS

Chairperson Parra requests that the staff brings back information regarding costs and issues relating to allowing the public to call-in to monthly board meetings.

Director Dixon inquired if there is any progress in allowing penalties to those that are no-shows for the on-demand services and would recommend a financial penalty.

Chairperson Parra requests that we bring back the microphones to allow speaking during the board meetings to go easier. She has also recommended that we create a partnership with Kern Transit allowing GET Bus passengers to also ride Kern Transit and vice versa.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT/COMMENTS

Ms. Karen King shares the GET Bus video updates.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson Parra moved that the meeting be closed. The meeting concluded at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary of the Board of Directors