

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

**NOVEMBER 21, 2023
4:30 PM**

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

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Carlos Bello
Charles Van De Voorde

Leasa Engel

Cindy Parra

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

ATTORNEY PRESENT:

Jim Worth

STAFF PRESENT:

Toddash Kim
Janet Sanders
Karen King

Chris James
Robert Williams
Ryan Young

Steve Barnes
Yolanda Hamen
DeAnna Sanderson

OTHERS PRESENT:

Irene Enriquez

Adrian Hernandez

Joshua Gann

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

Roll was taken and Directors Bello, Engel, Parra (arrived 4:49), and Van De Voorde were present.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Director Van De Voorde seconded a motion by Director Bello to approve the consent agenda (Agenda, Minutes of October 17, 2023, Accounts Payable Check and ACH Disbursements, Board Committee Minutes of October 23, October 24, and November 9, 2023, 2024 Board Meeting Dates, Memorandum of Understanding between Kern Council of Governments and Golden Empire Transit District, and State of Good Repair Authority Resolution 2023-16). October 2023 Financial Position and Results of Operations. The motion carried with the following voice vote:

AYES: Bello, Engel, and Van De Voorde
ABSENT: Parra

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Yolanda Hamen was heard concerning violent incident procedures and protocols. Attorney Jim Worth responded.

Mr. Adrian Hernandez was heard concerning an incident on Route 41.

Mr. Joshua Gann was heard regarding the Tejon Route X-92 determination. Ms. King responded.

NOVEMBER 2023 FINANCIAL POSITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS – (BARNES)

Mr. Barnes discussed with the Board the November 2023 financial statements and other matters regarding District finances. This was an informational item only.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/BOARD COMMENTS

Director Parra reported on information and education gained at the CTA conference attended earlier in the month and recognized Karen King for her leadership role on the CTA Board.

Director Engel reported on information and education gained from the CTA conference attended earlier in the month.

Director Van De Voorde reported on information and education gained from the CTA conference attended earlier in the month.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT/COMMENTS

Ms. King presented a video covering current District events.

Director Engel moved that Open Session was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board moved into Executive Session at 5:22 p.m. to discuss with Legal Counsel

1. Conference with Legal Counsel [Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)]
Chief Executive Officer appointment/recruitment

Returned to Open Session at 5:26 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Attorney Worth stated that the Board met with legal counsel and staff on the item 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 Engel moved that the meeting be closed. The meeting concluded at 5:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary of the Board of Directors