

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

**DECEMBER 5, 2023
12:45 PM**

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

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Carlos Bello
Charles Van De Voorde

Leasa Engel

Cindy Parra

STAFF PRESENT:

Karen King

DeAnna Sanderson

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:57 p.m.

Roll was taken and Directors Bello, Engel, Parra, and Van De Voorde were present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION

[Government Code Sections 54957(b)(1) and 54957.6]

No reportable action taken.

RECONVENED FROM CLOSED SESSION; RECESSED TO 4:30 PM

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BOARD RECONVENED

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Carlos Bello
Charles Van De Voorde

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DIRECTORS ABSENT:

None

ATTORNEY PRESENT:

Jim Worth

STAFF PRESENT:

Karen King
Chris James
Ryan Young

DeAnna Sanderson
Toddash Kim
Yolanda Hamen

Robert Williams
Steve Barnes

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bob Snoddy

Irene Enriquez

Brenda Toney

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

Roll was taken and Directors Bello, Engel, Parra, and Van De Voorde were present.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Director Van De Voorde seconded a motion by Director Engel to approve the consent agenda (Agenda, Minutes of November 21, 2023, Accounts Payable Check and ACH Disbursements, Board Committee Minutes of November 27, 2023, 2024 – 2028 Strategic Plan, Board Policy #25: Board of Director's Travel Policy). Hydrogen Fueling Technology Presentation. The motion carried with the following voice vote:

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

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Yolanda Hamen was heard concerning safety of drivers and rider's codes of conduct. Attorney Jim Worth responded.

Ms. Brenda Toney requested service be extended west of Stockdale High School. The Board asked staff to assist.

HYDROGEN FUELING TECHNOLOGY PRESENTATION – (JAMES)

Mr. James discussed with the Board the technology and components of the District's hydrogen fueling station. This was an informational item only.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/BOARD COMMENTS

The Board wished all staff a happy holiday and expressed gratitude for all the hard work and effort everyone has put in this year.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT/COMMENTS

Ms. King informed the Board that the Kern County Board of Supervisors has appointed the District a new Board member to fill the vacancy left by Director Henry. It is anticipated the new member will be present at next month's meeting, January 16, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Director Parra moved that the meeting be closed. The meeting concluded at 4:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary of the Board of Directors