



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

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

**February 20, 2024 – 4:30 PM**

**Board Members**

Cindy Parra (Chair)	City of Bakersfield Representative
Charles Van De Voorde (Vice-Chair)	County of Kern Representative
Carlos Bello	City of Bakersfield Representative
Leasa Engel	At Large Member
Cathy Abernathy	County of Kern Representative

**AGENDA**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **PAMELA CHAMBERS SAFETY AWARD PRESENTATION – (BROWN)**
4. **PUBLIC HEARING – UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS**
5. **CONSENT AGENDA** **ACCEPT/ APPROVE**
  - A. **AGENDA**
  - B. **MINUTES OF JANUARY 16, 2024**
  - C. **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CHECK DISBURSEMENTS**
  - D. **2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ STANDING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS – (CHAIR)**

That the Board approves the Board Chair’s standing committee assignments for 2024.
  - E. **APPOINTMENT OF BOARD SECRETARY – (KING)**

That the Board of Directors appoints Michael Tree as Secretary of the Board.
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT** **RECEIVE**

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| <b>7. KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS APPOINTMENT – (KING)</b><br>That the Board appoints a member and an alternate to represent Golden Empire Transit District on the Kern COG Transportation Planning and Policy Committee and the Kern COG Board of Directors. | <b>APPOINT</b> |
| <b>8. EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT SURVEY RESULTS – (WARREN AND GILLIS)</b><br>That the Board receives the results of the Employee Engagement Survey.  | <b>RECEIVE</b> |
| <b>9. JANUARY 2024 FINANCIAL POSITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS – (BARNES)</b><br>That the Board receives the Financial Reports for January 2024.   | <b>RECEIVE</b> |
| <b>10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/BOARD COMMENTS</b>   |                |
| <b>11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT/COMMENTS</b>  |                |
| <b>12. CLOSED SESSION</b><br><br><b>CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR</b><br>[Government Code Section 54954.5(f)]<br>Golden Empire Transit District Negotiator: Karen King<br>Employee Organization: Teamsters Local #517                                      |                |
| <b>13. ADJOURNMENT</b>  |                |

**Next Meetings**

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 4:30 PM  
Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 4:30 PM



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