



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

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

**July 23, 2024 – 4:30 PM**

**Board Members**

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

**SECTION I: OPEN SESSION**

NOTE: THE BOARD CHAIR MAY TAKE ITEMS OUT OF ORDER

**1 CALL TO ORDER**

**2 ROLL CALL**

**3 PUBLIC COMMENT**

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature, non-controversial, and will be acted upon as one motion. All items removed will be considered later in the agenda. The Board Chair will allow public input prior to the approval of the Consent Agenda items.

**4.1 APPROVE MINUTES OF:**

- A. June 5, 2024 Board of Directors' Special Meeting
  - B. June 17, 204 Board of Directors' Special Meeting
  - C. June 25, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting
  - D. July 11, 2024 Equipment & Facilities Committee Meeting
- Chris James, Interim Chief Executive Officer

**4.2 ACCEPT: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CHECK DISBURSEMENTS**

Steve Barnes, Chief Financial Officer

**4.3 APPROVE: UNIFORM RENTAL AND LAUNDERING SERVICES**

Chris James, Interim Chief Executive Officer

**4.4 APPROVE: MAINTENANCE BUILDING EVAPORATIVE COOLER REPLACEMENT**

Chris James, Interim Chief Executive Officer

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**5 APPROVE: AGENCY SAFETY PLAN**

- A. Agency Safety Plan
- Deidre Brown, Director of Safety, Security and Training

**6 RECEIVE: FOURTH QUARTER RIDERSHIP REPORTS & PERFORMANCE METRICS AND YEAR-END PERFORMANCE REPORTS**

- A. Presentation
  - B. Ridership Reports
- Ricardo Perez, Transit Planner

**7 RECEIVE: JUNE 2024 FINANCIAL POSITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

- A. Presentation
  - B. Financial Reports
- Steve Barnes, Chief Financial Officer

**8 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMPENSATION**

The Board consider an adjustment to the Chief Executive Officer's compensation.  
Jim Worth, District General Counsel

**9 BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS/FUTURE ITEMS**

Cindy Parra, Chair

**10 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Chris James, Interim Chief Executive Officer

- 11 ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2024, AT 4:30 PM, GET BOARDROOM**  
Cindy Parra, Chair

**SECTION II: CLOSED SESSION**

- 12 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL** [California Government Code § 54957(b)(1) and § 54957.6] Consider the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, discipline, or dismissal of the Chief Executive Officer
- 13 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL**  
[Government Code 54957(b)(1)]

**SECTION III: RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

- 14 REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEM**  
Jim Worth, General Counsel
- 15 ADJOURNMENT**  
Cindy Parra, Chair

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