



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

**1401 19th Street, Suite 300
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301**

October 15, 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

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring an opportunity to address the Board on any matter not on this agenda and over which it has jurisdiction. No action or discussion shall be taken on any item presented except that any Director may respond to statements made or questions asked, or may ask questions for clarification. All matters of an administrative nature will be referred to staff. Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes. When addressing the Board, the individual may, but is not required to, provide their name and address for the record.

4. PRESENTATION

APPROVE: CENTRAL CALIFORNIA ASTHMA COLLABORATIVE/GET MOU

Board to consider Memorandum of Understanding with Central California Asthma Collaborative for a pilot project to deploy Methane and Air Quality Monitors on one GET CNG paratransit vehicle.

Chris James, Acting Chief Executive Officer

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.

5.1 APPROVE MINUTES OF:

- A. September 17, 2024 Board of Directors' Meeting
 - B. October 4, 2024 External Affairs Board Committee Meeting
 - C. October 4, 2024 Administration & Finance Board Committee Meeting
 - D. October 8, 2024 Operations & Service Development Board Committee Meeting
 - E. October 8, 2024 Facilities and Equipment Board Committee Meeting
- Chris James, Acting Chief Executive Officer

5.2 ACCEPT: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CHECK DISBURSEMENTS

Steve Barnes, Chief Financial Officer

5.3 AFFIRM – AMEND BOARD POLICIES:

- A. Board Policy 13 - Service Area (External Affairs)
- B. Board Policy 6 – Procurement (Administration and Finance)
- C. Board Policy 15 – District Sponsorships (Administration and Finance)
- D. Board Policy 17 – Public Participation (Administration and Finance)
- E. Board Policy 18 – Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (Administration and Finance)
- F. Board Policy 19 – Conflict of Interest (Administration and Finance)
- G. Board Policy 20 – Rules of Procedure (Administration and Finance)
- H. Board Policy 21 – Code of Ethics (Administration and Finance)
- I. Board Policy 7 – Title VI – Major Service Change (Operations and Service Development)
- J. Board Policy 10 – Public Involvement (Operations and Service Development)
- K. Board Policy 11 – Disabled & Senior Passengers (Operations and Service Development)
- L. Board Policy 12 – Reasonable Modifications Compliance (Operations and Service Development)
- M. Board Policy 22 – Customer Code of Conduct (Operations and Service Development)
- N. Board Policy 24 – California Title 1 – Disaster Service Worker (Operations and Service Development)

REGULAR AGENDA

- 6. APPROVE: 10 CNG BUS PROCUREMENT**
Luis Navarro, Purchasing Agent

- 7. APPROVE: CHANGE BOARD MEETING DATE FROM 11/19/2024 TO 11/12/2024**
Chris James, Acting Chief Executive Officer

- 8. ADOPT: CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE UPDATE**
 - A. Staff Report
 - B. Resolution
 - C. Conflict of Interest CodeMichele Warren, Director of Human Resources

- 9. RECEIVE: FIXED ROUTE AND PARATRANSIT EVENING SERVICE RIDERSHIP PERFORMANCE REPORT**
Alexa Kolosky, Operations Manager

- 10. RECEIVE: FIRST QUARTER RIDERSHIP REPORTS & PERFORMANCE METRICS (INCLUDING THE GET & GO PROCESS)**
Ricardo Perez – Transit Planner

- 11. RECEIVE: SEPTEMBER 2024 FINANCIAL POSITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**
 - A. Presentation
 - B. Financial ReportsSteve Barnes, Chief Financial Officer

- 12. ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMPENSATION**
The Board to consider an adjustment to the Acting Chief Executive Officer's compensation.
Jim Worth, District General Counsel

- BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS/FUTURE ITEMS**
Cindy Parra, Chair

- 13. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT**
Chris James, Acting Chief Executive Officer

SECTION II: CLOSED SESSION

- 14. 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 Acting Chief Executive Officer.

SECTION III: RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

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

DOCUMENTATION

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