



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

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

January 21, 2025 – 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
Vacant	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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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CONSENT AGENDA

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- 5.1 APPROVE: AGENDA**
Chris James, Chief Executive Officer

- 5.2 APPROVE MINUTES OF:**
 - A. December 3, 2024 Board of Directors' Meeting
 - B. January 8, 2025 Administration and Finance Board Committee Meeting
 - C. January 9, 2025 Operations and Service Development Board Committee Meeting
 - D. January 14, 2025 Facilities and Equipment Board Committee MeetingChris James, Chief Executive Officer

- 5.3 ACCEPT: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CHECK DISBURSEMENTS**
Steve Barnes, Chief Financial Officer

- 5.4 APPROVE: SECURITY GUARD SERVICES CONTRACT**
Deidre Brown Director of Safety and Security

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- 6. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**
Chris James, Chief Executive Officer

- 7. APPROVE: HYDROGEN FUEL CONTRACT**
Luis Navarro, Purchasing Agent

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

- 9. RECEIVE: CUSTOMER SERVICE TRAINING UPDATE**
Michele Warren, Director of Human Resources

10. **RECEIVE: UBER/LYFT UPDATE**
Steve Barnes, Chief Financial Officer

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

12. **RECEIVE: SECOND QUARTER RIDERSHIP REPORTS & PERFORMANCE METRICS**
Ricardo Perez, Transit Planner

13. **RECEIVE: STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES - YEAR TWO**
Chris James, Chief Executive Officer

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

15. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**
Chris James, Chief Executive Officer

16. **ADJOURNMENT**
Cindy Parra, Chair

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