



**FINAL MINUTES
of the
Meeting of the
Board of Directors
of the
Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District
A Public Agency**

**Tuesday, December 16, 2008
8:30 AM**

**Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District Auditorium
550 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Britton, Chair; Dave Davis, Vice Chair; Dick Weinberg, Director; Roger Aceves, Director; Sharon Anderson; Director; Chuck McQuary, Director, Brian Fahnestock; Secretary

DISTRICT EMPLOYEES PRESENT:

Sherrie Fisher, General Manager, Jerry Estrada, Assistant GM/Controller; Imelda Martin, Office Manager; Steve Maas, Manager of Strategic Planning & Compliance; Gabriel Garcia, Human Resources & Risk Manager, David Damiano, Manager of Transit Development and Community Relations

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Scott Davis, McGowan Guntermann

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Britton called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

2. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chair Britton reported that all members were present.

3. REPORT REGARDING POSTING OF AGENDA

The General Manager reported that on Friday, December 12, 2008, the agenda for this meeting was posted at MTD's administrative headquarters, on MTD's website, mailed to all who have requested the agenda and sent to the media of general circulation.

4. & 5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Aceves moved to approve the consent calendar for items #4 (Approval of minutes of December 2, 2008) and item #5 (Cash Report November 25, 2008 through December 8, 2008). Vice Chair Davis seconded the motion. Director Fahnestock abstained from the minutes of December 2, due to his absence from that meeting.

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT CALENDAR

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment made.

7. FINANCE FY07-08 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

General Manager Fisher thanked Assistant General Manager Jerry Estrada and MTD Staff for a successful audit. Mr. Estrada and Mr. Davis of McGowan Guntermann provided the Board with an update of the fiscal year 2007-08 Financial Audit. Mr. Davis reported there were no findings and no

deficiencies. After further discussion Vice Chair Davis moved to approve the Finance FY 2007-08 Financial Report. Secretary Fahnestock seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Britton thanked Mr. Estrada and the accounting Staff for a great job. General Manager Fisher stated that Ms. De La Torre, Accounting Manager is currently out of the office, and would be asked to attend the following Board Meeting to thank her for her work on the audit.

8. QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Estrada updated the Board with Quarterly financial reports.
No action was taken

9. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager Fisher acknowledged once more the accounting Staff led by Mr. Estrada, for a job well done on the Financial Audit.

General Manager Fisher reported that the 12/30/08 Board Meeting has been cancelled and reminded the board of the Holiday Schedule for the end of the year. She mentioned that as in past years MTD will be participating in the Annual Stuff the Bus Toy Drive in conjunction with Peoples Self Help Housing Group on Wednesday, December 17, 2008. The General Manager invited the Board to ride along at the event.

David Damiano reported that MTD currently has two holiday greetings. One is on Univision, the local Spanish television station and the second is on KTYD, which General Manager Fisher recorded.

Mr. Estrada updated the Board on the State Transit Assistance Program.

Vice Chair Davis requested that additional signage be created to inform the public of the upcoming fare increase January 1, 2009.

Director Davis reported that to date UCSB's Revised General Plan has not been released.

10. OTHER BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

General Manager Fisher reported that the appointments for the open seats on MTD's Board will be announced at the City Council meeting in the afternoon.

Director Aceves stated that the appointment for his seat will be decided at the Goleta City Council meeting in the afternoon as well.

11. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 5353 OVERPASS ROAD

The Board met in closed session pursuant to Government Code §54956.8, conference with real property negotiators regarding lease of the MTD owned 5353 Overpass Road Property; MTD negotiators Bob Tuler & Brian Johnson, Agents, Radius Commercial Real Estate. Upon returning from closed session, the Board instructed Staff to continue negotiations of the Overpass Property.

12. ADJOURNMENT