



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING APPROVED MINUTES

**Meeting
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
A Public Agency
Tuesday, October 2, 2018
8:30 AM
John G. Britton Auditorium
550 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dave Davis called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM.

2. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD MEMBERS

Chair Davis reported that all members were present.

3. REPORT REGARDING POSTING OF AGENDA

Christina Perry, Administrative Assistant Lead, reported that the agenda was posted on Friday, September 28, 2018, at MTD's Administrative office, mailed and emailed to those on the agenda list, and posted on MTD's website.

CONSENT CALENDAR

4. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES - (ATTACHMENT - ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board of Directors was asked to waive the reading of and approve the draft minutes for the meeting of September 18, 2018.

Director Chuck McQuary moved to approve the minutes. Vice Chair David Tabor seconded the motion. The motion passed with abstentions from Director Paula Perotte and Director Dick Weinberg.

5. CASH REPORT - (ATTACHMENTS - ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board of Directors was asked to review and approve the Cash Report from September 11, 2018, through September 24, 2018.

Director Olivia Rodriguez moved to approve the cash report. Director McQuary seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT CALENDAR

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

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7. COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL & SIERRA CLUB PRESENTATION – ZERO EMISSION BUSES - (ATTACHMENT - ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

Michael Chiacos, Energy and Climate Program Director for the Community Environmental Council (CEC), and Jonathan Ullman, Chapter Director of the Los Padres Sierra Club, delivered a presentation to the Board urging MTD to set a goal of 100% zero-emission buses (ZEBs) by 2030.

Public comment was given by Rondi Guthrie, Government Relations Manager for Southern California Edison (SCE), regarding future and existing programs offered by SCE to support transit agency electrification. Additional public comment in support of setting a 2030 ZEB goal was given by: Luz Reyes-Martin, Executive Director of Public Affairs and Communications at Santa Barbara City College (SBCC); Chris DeVries, representing the Santa Barbara Climate Reality Leadership Chapter and the CEC Partnership Council; and Katie Davis, Chair of the Santa Barbara Sierra Club.

Chair Davis noted that 147 public comments were received via email prior to the Board meeting.

General Manager Jerry Estrada thanked the Sierra Club, the CEC, and members of the public for attending the meeting. He provided additional information about the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) measure and infrastructure needs. Additionally, General Manager Estrada noted that MTD is still being considered for a grant from SCE's Charge Ready Program and is communicating with Gold Coast Transit District about a future collaborative grant proposal.

Staff recommended that this matter be referred to the Fleet & Facilities Committee.

Chair Davis disclosed that he serves on the CEC President's Council and is the acting Vice President of the Environmental Defense Center Board of Directors and Advisory Board; he has no financial interest or remuneration from those affiliations, and therefore has no financial conflict of interest.

Staff answered the Board's questions and Board members stated their interest in a zero-emissions goal, per the Fleet and Facilities Committee's recommendation.

Director McQuary moved to refer the matter to the Fleet and Facilities Committee for further consideration. Director Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chair Davis thanked the members of the public for their advocacy.

8. STAFF HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019 - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

Mary Gregg, Manager of Human Resources and Risk, recommended that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to renew staff health insurance policies for the plan year effective January 1, 2019.

Director Rodriguez moved to authorize General Manager Estrada to renew staff health insurance policies. Director Tabor seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

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9. 457(b) DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN AMENDMENT - (ATTACHMENT - ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

General Manager Estrada summarized an amendment to the District's 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan for represented employees to modify the Normal Retirement Age from 65 years of age to any age the Plan Participant chooses between 65 and 70½.

Director McQuary moved to authorize the amendment. Secretary Bill Shelor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT UPDATE - (INFORMATIONAL)

General Manager Estrada presented a brief informational update of the following topics: Transit Center renovation permit approval, transit fleet infrastructure electrification, transit funding update, Smart Card project, staffing and hiring, OPEB, and procurement policy.

11. COMMUNICATIONS - (ATTACHMENT - ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

General Manager Estrada presented a letter from MTD General Counsel Douglas Large of Buynak, Fauver, Archibald & Spray, LLP. As a legal representative for The Towbes Group, which has been selected to submit a proposal for development of the Calle Real property, Mr. Large has informed MTD that his firm will not participate in this candidate selection process to avoid any conflict of interest.

General Manager Estrada noted that the consideration of MTD's legal counsel for selection of the Calle Real developer will be referred to the Calle Real Ad Hoc committee.

12. OTHER BUSINESS AND REPORTS - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

No other business was covered.

PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO CLOSED SESSION ITEM(S) WILL BE ALLOWED BEFORE THE RECESS

13. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board met in closed session, pursuant to Government Code § 54957, to evaluate the performance of the District's General Manager.

No public comments were made.

Chair Davis stated that the Board would stand in recess to closed session at 9:51 AM.

At the end of the closed session, Chair Davis stated that no reportable action was taken.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Davis reported out that the meeting was adjourned at 9:59 AM.