



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING APPROVED MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
A Public Agency
Tuesday, November 16, 2021
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 8:30 AM.

2. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD MEMBERS

Chair Davis reported that all members were present with the exception of Director Paula Perotte.

3. REPORT REGARDING POSTING OF AGENDA

Christina Perry, Clerk of the Board and Administrative Assistant, reported that the agenda was posted on Thursday, November 11, 2021, at MTD's Administrative office, mailed and emailed to those on the agenda list, and posted on MTD's website.

Chair Davis proposed a change to the agenda in order to address Item 9 prior to Item 8. No objections were made and the agenda order was amended.

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

The Board of Directors was asked to approve the draft minutes for the meeting of October 19, 2021.

5. CASH REPORT - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board of Directors was asked to review and approve the Cash Reports from the following dates: October 9, 2021, through October 22, 2021; and October 23, 2021, through November 5, 2021.

Vice Chair Dave Tabor requested an amendment to the minutes to note the absence of former Secretary Bill Shelor, whose resignation was recognized in Item 7 of the prior minutes.

Vice Chair Tabor moved to approve the consent calendar with amendment to the prior minutes. Director Chuck McQuary seconded the motion. Chair Davis opened a roll call vote. The prior minutes were approved with 5 in favor and 1 absent.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

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7. FY 2020-21 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS (ATTACHMENTS - ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

General Manager Jerry Estrada introduced Roger Martinez of Vasquez & Company LLP., who presented the draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 Audited Financial Statements and Reports. Marialyn Labastilla, Lead Audit Manager, was present to answer questions from the Board.

Public comment was provided by Howard Green, who requested release of the report in some form to the public.

Director Chuck McQuary moved to approve the acceptance of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 Audited Financial Statements and Reports. Director Chuck McQuary seconded the motion. Chair Davis opened a roll call vote and the report was accepted with 5 in favor and 1 absent.

Chair Davis requested a motion to reopened Public Comment

Vice Chair Tabor moved to reopen Public Comment and Director McQuary seconded the motion. The motion passed with 5 in favor and 1 absent.

Howard Green provided public comment regarding the future plan(s) for State Street and State Street shuttle stops. Chair Davis noted that both he and Planning and Marketing Manager Hillary Blackerby are on the committee for the State Street Masterplan.

9. PURCHASE OF FIVE 40' NEW FLYER BATTERY ELECTRIC BUSES - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

Purchasing Agent Valerie White recommended that the Board authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with New Flyer of America Inc. (New Flyer) for \$5,905,595 to procure five 40', low floor, battery-electric buses (BEBs) and accessories using the California Department of General Services (DGS) Contract 1-19-23-17B. Capital Projects Manager Ryan Gripp was also present to answer questions from the Board.

Vice Chair Tabor moved to approve execution of a contract with New Flyer of America Inc. Director Arjun Sarkar seconded the motion. Chair Davis opened a roll call vote and the report was accepted with 5 in favor and 1 absent.

Director Chuck McQuary left the meeting at 9:30 AM

8. INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT - (INFORMATIONAL)

Grants and Compliance Manager Steve Maas provided an update on the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), the bipartisan bill passed by the Senate on August 10 and the House on November 5.

10. NEXT WAVE PROJECT UPDATE - (INFORMATIONAL)

Planning and Marketing Manager Hillary Blackerby provided a presentation to update the Board on MTD's Next Wave project.

Howard Green provided public comment regarding bus WiFi service, contactless fare systems, traffic signals, project timelines and the microgrid survey.

Brett Garrett also provided public comment regarding microtransit and automation.

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- 11. ANNUAL ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)**
Chair Davis requested that Vice Chair Tabor serve as interim Secretary; Vice Chair Tabor accepted.
- Due to Director absences, Chair Davis requested a motion to move Board elections to the next meeting. Vice Chair Tabor moved to continue this item to the next meeting. Director Jen Lemberger seconded the motion. The motion passed with 4 in favor and 2 absent.
- 12. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT - (INFORMATIONAL)**
General Manager Estrada invited Board members to ask questions regarding the written General Manager's report. No questions were proposed.
- 13. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION: REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS (GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.8) - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)**
- Property: 4678 Calle Real / 149 North San Antonio Road
- Agency Negotiators: General Manager Jerry Estrada; District Outside Counsel, Graham Lyons
- Negotiating Parties: Chandler Partners; Con/Am Group
- Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment.
- Howard Green provided public comment, complimenting MTD management and requesting that Other Business be addressed prior to Closed Session recess.
- Chair Davis recessed to Closed Session at 10:08 AM.
- The Board reconvened at 10:46 AM. Chair Davis reported that no action had been taken.
- 14. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)**
The Board met in closed session, pursuant to Government Codes § 54957 and § 54954.5(e), to evaluate the performance of the District's General Manager.
- Chair Davis reported that no action had been taken.
- 15. OTHER BUSINESS AND REPORTS - (INFORMATIONAL)**
Vice Chair Tabor noted that he has been in contact with Vasquez & Company LLP. per regular auditing procedures.
- 16. ADJOURNMENT**
Chair Davis adjourned the meeting at 10:48 AM.