



BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVED MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
A Public Agency
Tuesday, October 15, 2024
8:30 AM
John G. Britton Auditorium
550 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD MEMBERS

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

3. REPORT REGARDING THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Steve Maas, Interim Clerk of the Board/Executive Assistant reported that the agenda was posted on Thursday, October 10, 2024, 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 - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board of Directors were asked to review and approve the draft minutes for the regular meeting of September 17, 2024.

5. CASH REPORTS - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board of Directors were asked to review and approve the Cash Reports from September 7, 2024 through September 20, 2024, and September 21, 2024 through October 4, 2024.

Vice Chair Tabor moved to approve the consent calendar. Director Lapuz seconded the motion. The consent calendar was approved unanimously with one absent and one abstention on the minutes from Director Perotte.

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT CALENDAR

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

7. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION: REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS (GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.8) - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

Property: 4678 Calle Real / 149 North San Antonio Road.

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Agency Negotiators: General Manager Jerry Estrada; District Outside Counsel, Graham Lyons.

Negotiating Parties: Con/Am Group.

Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment.

No public comments were made related to the Closed Session.

8. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (GOVERNMENT CODES §54957 AND §54954.5(e)) - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board will meet in closed session to evaluate the performance of the District's General Manager.

No public comments were made related to the Closed Session.

Chair Davis recessed the Board to Closed Session at 8:33 A.M.

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 9:09 A.M.

Chair Davis reported no actions were taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE CLOSED SESSION ITEMS WILL BE ALLOWED BEFORE THE RECESS

9. PURCHASE OF EIGHT (8) BATTERY-ELECTRIC BUSES AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING EQUIPMENT – (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

Staff recommended that the Board provide advance authority to the General Manager to issue purchase orders to Gillig, LLC (Gillig) through the State of Washington cooperative purchasing RFP #2020 06719-01 for eight 40-foot low-floor battery-electric buses (BEBs) and associated electric vehicle (EV) charging equipment for a total not to exceed of \$13,771,000—conditional to meeting the funding source requirements and timelines, including (as necessary) the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) mandated Pre-Award Buy America Audit indicating compliance with Buy America provisions. Director Sarkar moved to approve the staff recommendation. Director Lapuz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 12 was taken prior to Items 10 and 11.

12. NON-REPRESENTED STAFF POSITIONS – REPLACEMENT OF THREE VACANT BUDGETED POSITIONS WITH TWO NEW POSITIONS (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

Staff recommended that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to recruit and hire two new Staff positions: Safety Manager, and Assistant Planning & Marketing Manager. Vice Chair Tabor moved to approve the staff recommendation. Director Perotte seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9:30 A.M. TIME CERTAIN

10. DRAFT FINAL SERVICE AND FARE CHANGE EQUITY POLICY – (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN - ATTACHMENTS)

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Staff recommended that the Board review MTD's Draft Service and Fare Change Equity Policy (Policy) and consider approval of the Policy. Staff presented the Board with an amended Policy. Secretary Lemberger moved to approve the Policy as amended. Director Sarkar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

11. **FINANCIAL REVIEW OF FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 – (INFORMATIONAL - ATTACHMENT)**
Staff presented the unaudited financial report for the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District 2023-24 fiscal year, in advance of the final audit, for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
13. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT – (INFORMATIONAL)**
The General Manager reported on updates to District activities.
14. **OTHER BUSINESS AND REPORTS – (INFORMATIONAL)**
No other business or reports were presented.
15. **ADJOURNMENT**
Chair Davis adjourned the meeting at 10:26 A.M.

Approved by the Board of Directors November 19, 2024


Board of Directors, Secretary

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