



BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVED MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
A Public Agency
Tuesday, November 19, 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 Friday, November 15, 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 October 15, 2024.
- 5. CASH REPORTS - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)**
The Board of Directors were asked to review and approve the Cash Reports from October 5, 2024, through October 25, 2024, and October 26, 2024 through November 8, 2024.

Vice Chair Tabor moved to approve the consent calendar. Director Lapuz seconded the motion. The consent calendar was approved unanimously with one absent.

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.
Agency Negotiators: General Manager Jerry Estrada; District Outside Counsel, Graham Lyons.
Negotiating Parties: Con/Am Group.

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Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment.

No public comments were made related to the Closed Session.

8. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (SECTION 54956.9 (a)) - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

One case of claimed injury: William Paredes v. SBMTD

No public comments were made related to the Closed Session.

Chair Davis recessed the Board to Closed Session at 8:34 A.M.

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 9:22 A.M.

Chair Davis reported no actions were taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE CLOSED SESSION ITEMS WAS ALLOWED BEFORE THE RECESS

9. FY23-24 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS – (INFORMATIONAL - ATTACHMENTS)

Staff recommended that the Board receive the attached draft FY23-24 Audited Financial Statements and Reports. Director of Finance & Administration Nancy Tillie opened the discussion and introduced Roger Martinez of Vasquez & Company LLP, the Partner in charge of the audit. Mr. Martinez reported that the auditors found that in their opinion the accompanying financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District as of June 30, 2023 and 2024 and for the Single Audit Report, in their opinion, the District complied with the compliance requirements for the year ended June 30, 2024. Mr. Martinez also reported that there were no “findings” for fiscal year 23-24.

10. AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT PUBLIC OUTREACH ON PROPOSED FARE STRUCTURE ADJUSTMENTS – (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

Staff recommended that the Board of Directors consider authorizing staff to conduct an initial outreach process to gather public feedback on proposed fare structure adjustments, and determine impacts. The Board noted two typographical errors in the staff report. On p.1 in the second paragraph under “Summary” the report incorrectly states the proposed changes in the base fare. The correct proposal is an increase of the base fare to either \$2.25 or \$2.50. On p.2 in the first paragraph under “Budget Scenario,” the projection of operating costs should read FY 2025. Vice-Chair Tabor moved to approve the staff recommendation, and Director Lapuz seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with one absent.

11. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT – (INFORMATIONAL)

The General Manager reported on updates to District activities.

12. OTHER BUSINESS AND REPORTS – (INFORMATIONAL)

No other business or reports were presented.

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13. 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 10:23 A.M.

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 10:59 A.M.

Chair Davis reported that General Manager Jerry Estrada received a very positive review for his performance this past year 2024. The Board also approved GM Estrada's new management goals for 2025. GM Estrada's salary for 2025 will be set pursuant to his approved management contract. The Board thanked GM Estrada for his exemplary year of service.

PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE CLOSED SESSION ITEM WAS ALLOWED BEFORE THE RECESS

14. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Davis adjourned the meeting at 11:01 A.M.

Approved by the Board of Directors January 7, 2025



Board of Directors, Secretary

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