



BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVED MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
A Public Agency
Tuesday, January 7, 2025
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 Monday, December 30, 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 November 19, 2024.
5. **CASH REPORTS - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)**
The Board of Directors were asked to review and approve the Cash Reports from November 9, 2024, through November 22, 2024, and November 23, 2024 through December 6, 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.

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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.

Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment.

No public comments were made related to the Closed Session.

Chair Davis recessed the Board to Closed Session at 8:35 A.M.

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 9:10 A.M.

Chair Davis reported no action was taken.

8. DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN: 2025-2029 – (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN - ATTACHMENTS)

Staff recommended that the Board of Directors review and consider adoption of MTD's draft updated Strategic Plan, with any modifications requested by the Board.

Secretary Lemberger requested the addition of an additional Value regarding MTD's internal culture. Vice Chair Tabor and Chair Davis requested that Action Items should look to enhance or expand activities, rather than simply continuing the activities. Chair Davis stressed the importance of working with MTD's partners to ensure that land use planning is connected with transportation planning. Director Lapuz suggested the implementation of driver assistive technology and development of a driver productivity measure. He also mentioned that many of the UCSB and SBCC student riders will expect to see innovative technology on MTD's buses. Chair Davis mentioned the importance of analyzing the weaknesses and threats facing MTD. Director Perotte discussed the upcoming need for transportation for residents of the new housing that will be constructed in the near future. Director Sarkar was interested in the future of MTD's service area, and asked what the top comments were from MTD employees. He also discussed the possibility of applying for state or federal funding to work with an agency such as SBCC on an innovation workshop. Chair Davis stressed that regional transit and paratransit will continue to grow in importance in the South Coast, and MTD must continue to be involved in these services. The Chair also stated that MTD should consider the composition of the agency's Board of Directors. Director Perotte stressed that the Strategic Plan is a living document, and the other Board members agreed.

Chair Davis moved to approve the Strategic Plan: 2025-2029 with modifications to add an additional Value and amend Action Items as discussed above. Director Perotte seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with one absent.

9. OTHER BUSINESS AND REPORTS – (INFORMATIONAL)

No other business or reports were presented.

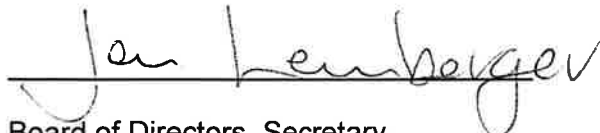
10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Davis adjourned the meeting at 11:00 A.M.

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Approved by the Board of Directors January 21, 2025


Board of Directors, Secretary

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