



BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVED MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
A Public Agency
Tuesday, February 17, 2026
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 Tabor and Director Lapuz

3. REPORT REGARDING THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Rosa Gonzalez, Clerk of the Board reported that the agenda was posted on February 13, 2026 at MTD's Administrative Office, emailed to those on the agenda list, and posted to MTD's website.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

The Board was asked to review and approve the draft minutes for the meeting of February 3, 2026.

There was no public comment.

Director Sarkar moved to approve the minutes for the meeting of February 3, 2026. Director Perotte seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously, with Director Davis and Director Lemberger abstaining, and Director Tabor and Director Lapuz absent.

5. CASH REPORTS - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

The Board was asked to review and approve the Cash Reports from January 24, 2026 through February 6, 2026.

There was no public comment.

Director Solórzano moved to approve the Cash Reports from January 24, 2026 through February 6, 2026. Director Sarkar seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously, with Director Tabor and Director Lapuz absent.

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT CALENDAR

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6. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

7. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION: EXISTING LITIGATION – CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL (GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.9(d)(1)) - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

Anabella Villasenor vs. Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District
Case number: 24CV06771 Santa Barbara Superior Court

No public comments were made related to Closed Session Item 7.

8. 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 Closed Session Item 8.

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

The Board met in closed session to evaluate the performance of the District's General Manager and the General Manager Contract.

No public comments were made related to Closed Session Item 9.

Chair Davis recessed the Board to Closed Session at 8:34 a.m.

Director Tabor arrived at 8:35 a.m.

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 8:57 a.m.

Chair Davis reported for Item 7 the Board voted to approve a \$115,000 settlement. The vote was unanimous.

Chair Davis reported no action was taken on Closed Session Item 8.

Chair Davis reported for Item 9 pursuant to Government Code section 54957.1, the Board voted to approved an employment contract for General Manager Jerry Estrada, the vote was unanimous. A copy of the contract is available to the public upon request.

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

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Director Tabor moved to hear Item 13 out of order and before Item 10. Director Solórzano seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously, with Director Lapuz absent.

- 13. TERMINAL 2 RECOMMISSIONING – PHASE 2 PROJECT UPDATE - (INFORMATIONAL)**
The Board received a presentation on Phase 2 of the recommissioning of Terminal 2 at 5353 Overpass Road in Goleta.

- 10. FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5310 (FTA 5310) FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS FOR THE SANTA BARBARA URBANIZED AREA - (ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)**

Staff recommends the Board approve the FTA 5310 Program of Projects for the Santa Barbara Urbanized Area with Easy Lift and Community Partners in Caring.

Director Perotte moved to approve staff recommendations. Director Solórzano seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously, with Director Lapuz absent.

- 11. FINANCIAL UPDATE & SECOND QUARTER REVIEW OF FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2025-2026 - (INFORMATIONAL)**

The Board received a presentation on the financial report for the second quarter FY 2025-2026 period of July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

Director Perotte left at 9:38 a.m.

- 12. FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2025-2026 SECOND QUARTER PERFORMANCE REPORTS – (INFORMATIONAL)**

The Board received a presentation on the Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2025-26 Performance Reports for the period ending December 31, 2025.

- 14. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT - (INFORMATIONAL)**

The General Manager reported on updates to District activities.


- 15. OTHER BUSINESS AND REPORTS - (INFORMATIONAL)**

No other business or reports were presented

- 16. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Davis adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Approved by the Board of Directors March 3, 2026


Jen Lemberger
Board of Directors, Secretary