

# SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

**Minutes- Board of Directors**

**January 14, 2011**

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District met on Friday, January 14, 2011 at the District's Administrative Office located at 110 Vernon Street in Santa Cruz, California.

Vice Chair Robinson called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

## **SECTION 1: OPEN SESSION**

### **1. ROLL CALL:**

#### **DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Hilary Bryant  
Dene Bustichi  
Ron Graves  
Donald Hagen  
Michelle Hinkle  
John Leopold  
William Neighbors  
Ellen Pirie  
Lynn Robinson

#### **DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Mark Stone  
Ex-Officio Donna Blitzer

#### **STAFF PRESENT**

Ciro Aguirre, Operations Manager  
Angela Aitken, Acting AGM/Finance  
Manager  
Bob Cotter, Maintenance Manager  
Frank Cheng, MB Project Manager  
Mary Ferrick, Fixed Route Superintendent

Margaret Gallagher, District Counsel  
Debbie Kinslow, Asst Finance Manager  
Robyn Slater, Human Resources Manager  
April Warnock, Paratransit Superintendent  
Les White, General Manager

#### **EMPLOYEES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO VOLUNTARILY INDICATED THEY WERE PRESENT**

Genevieve Bookwalter, Santa Cruz Sentinel  
Neal Coonerty, Board of Supervisors  
John Daugherty, SEA  
Carolyn Derwing, Schedule Analyst  
Erich Friedrich, Provisional Transit Planner

Manny Martinez, PSA  
Eduardo Montesino, UTU  
Bonnie Morr, UTU  
Will Regan, VMU  
Amy Weiss, Spanish Interpreter

**2. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Written:

- a. Vince Waskell, Valley Women’s Club                      Re: Bus stop

Leslie R. White said that the issues referenced in this letter had been resolved.

Oral:

None.

**3. LABOR ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATIONS**

Bonnie Morr, UTU, Will Regan, VMU, Manuel Martinez, PSA, and John Daugherty, SEA, all welcomed the new Directors.

**4. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT EXISTING AGENDA ITEMS**

Leslie R. White distributed a letter he had received from the US Census Bureau that said the proposed Urbanization Zone agglomerations were not going to be implemented in Santa Cruz and Monterey counties. A copy of the letter is attached to the file copy of these minutes. Angela Aitken distributed a copy of her Resource Allocation presentation.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**5-1. CONSIDERATION OF TORT CLAIMS: REJECT THE CLAIM OF HELEN BRADLEY, #10-0039**

**ACTION:      MOTION:      DIRECTOR PIRIE      SECOND:      DIRECTOR HAGEN**

**Approve the Consent Agenda.**

**Motion passed unanimously with Director Stone being absent.**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**6. CONSIDERATION OF:**

- 1) NOMINATION OF DIRECTORS TO SERVE AS BOARD OFFICERS**
- 2) NOMINATIONS FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR 2011**

**Summary:**

Vice Chair Robinson asked for nominations for Board Chair. Director Hagen nominated Ellen Pirie as Board Chair. Director Pirie said that she would be willing to stay on only if Lynn Robinson agreed to stay at Vice Chair. Director Neighbors nominated John Leopold for Chair.

Vice Chair Robinson asked for nominations for Vice Chair. Director Bustichi nominated Lynn Robinson as Vice Chair.

Chair Pirie suggested that the Board leave the Highway Construction Authority appointments vacant until needed.

**ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR PIRIE SECOND: DIRECTOR DODGE**

**Leave appointments to the Highway Construction Authority vacant until needed.**

**Motion passed unanimously with Director Stone being absent.**

Vice Chair Robinson asked for nominations for the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission(SCCRTC). Chair Pirie nominated Dene Bustichi, Lynn Robinson and Donald Hagen for SCCRTC Commissioners, and Ron Graves, Daniel Dodge and Michelle Hinkle as Alternate SCCRTC Commissioners. Director Leopold nominated Daniel Dodge for SCCRTC Commissioner.

**7. CONSIDERATION OF THE RESOURCE ALLOCATION PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE REVISED PROJECTED FY11 AND FY12 BUDGETS**

**Summary:**

Angela Aitken presented the status of the METRO Budget and answered questions about district finances.

**8. ORAL ANNOUNCEMENT: THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 2011 AT 9:00 A.M. AT THE SANTA CRUZ CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 809 CENTER STREET, IN SANTA CRUZ**

**9. REVIEW OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION:**

Margaret Gallagher said the Board would have a conference with its Legal Counsel regarding the claim of Nesly Pacheco; and that in the Special meeting that follows the regular Board meeting, the Board would have a conference with its Labor Negotiator.

**10. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION**

**SECTION II: CLOSED SESSION**

Vice Chair Robinson adjourned to Closed Session at 10:52 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session at 11:41 a.m.

**SECTION III: RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

**11. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Margaret Gallagher stated that there was no reportable action taken in Closed Session.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Vice Chair Robinson adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Administrative Services Coordinator