

# SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

**Minutes- Board of Directors**

**June 11, 2010**

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District met on Friday, June 11, 2010 at the District's Administrative Office located at 110 Vernon Street in Santa Cruz, California.

Vice Chair Pirie called the meeting to order at a.m.

## **SECTION 1: OPEN SESSION**

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

#### **DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Dene Bustichi  
Ron Graves  
Donald Hagen  
Michelle Hinkle  
John Leopold  
Ellen Pirie  
Lynn Robinson  
Marcela Tavantzis  
Ex-Officio Donna Blitzer

#### **DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Antonio Rivas  
Mike Rotkin  
Mark Stone

#### **STAFF PRESENT**

Ciro Aguirre, Operations Manager  
Pat Aviles, Asst Human Resources Manager  
Bob Cotter, Maintenance Manager  
Frank Cheng, MB Project Manager  
Mary Ferrick, Fixed Route Superintendent

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

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

Jason Andrews, UTU  
Genevieve Bookwalter, Santa Cruz Sentinel  
John Daugherty, SEA  
Carolyn Derwing, Schedule Analyst  
Erich Friedrich, Provisional Transit Planner

Eduardo Montesino, UTU  
Bonnie Morr, UTU  
Larry Pageler, UCSC TAPS  
Will Regan, VMU

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

Written:

None

Oral:

John Daugherty, SEA, requested that the Board of Directors meeting begin at 9:15 a.m. to accommodate bus riders.

3. **LABOR ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

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

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

5-1. **CONSIDERATION OF TORT CLAIMS:**

**REJECT THE CLAIM OF PHYLLIS DIAS, #10-0008**

**REJECT THE CLAIM OF ELIZABETH REYES & PEDRO GUTIERREZ, #10-0014**

**DENY THE APPLICATION TO FILE A LATE CLAIM AND REJECT THE CLAIM OF CHAYME HIGGINS AS UNTIMELY FILED, #10-0016**

**REJECT THE CLAIM OF DALLAN RAGLAND, #10-0017**

**REJECT THE CLAIM OF JAMES ENLOE & LANA PIERI, #10-0018**

5-2. **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT OF TEMPORARY HELP THROUGH ROBERT HALF INTERNATIONAL FOR TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT STAFFING FOR THE REVENUE COLLECTION POSITION FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2010.**

**ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR LEOPOLD SECOND: DIRECTOR BUSTICHI**

**Approve the Consent Agenda.**

**Motion passed unanimously with Directors Rivas, Rotkin and Stone being absent.**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**7. ORAL PRESENTATION: AMENDED SPARC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROPOSED SERVICE REDUCTIONS (ITEM WAS MOVED AHEAD OF #6 BY CHAIR PIRIE)**

**Summary:**

Ciro Aguirre presented the findings for the proposed service reductions, in which 16 public hearings took place between Boulder Creek and Watsonville. Erich Friedrich presented the comments that were received from the public hearings regarding the proposed service reductions. Carolyn Derwing went over what routes are going to be deleted and which will change depending on ridership and the needs of the people.

**Discussion:**

Erika Hearon, Interim Program Director of Davenport Resource Service Center, said that route #42 is needed because it transports people to and from the north coast, and youths and teens use it to go to summer programs and lunch programs. Ms. Hearon said that throughout the year route #42 is used by farm workers for shopping and doctor appointments and cutting it would impose a great hardship for a lot of people that depend on this bus. Bonnie Morr, UTU, recommended that route #40 be reinstated to serve Davenport only.

There was a discussion about deleting the Wheelock Loop in Watsonville. Director Tavantzis said that the students at Monte Vista have alternatives to the bus, whereas farm workers do not, and she said she would prefer that the changes benefit the farm workers.

**6. CONSIDERATION OF VACANCIES ON THE METRO ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Summary:**

Les White said that the Metro Advisory Committee needs more people to be on the committee because the quorum requirement is sometimes not met due to low attendance. Mr. White said that MAC was also considering changing the frequency of committee meetings from monthly to quarterly.

**Discussion:**

Director Hagen said that he had a potential nominee for MAC.

**8. ORAL ANNOUNCEMENT: THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2010 AT 9:00 A.M. AT THE SANTA CRUZ CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 809 CENTER STREET, SANTA CRUZ**

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

Margaret Gallagher reported that the Board would have a conference with its Legal Counsel regarding the potential litigation for the claim of Chayme Higgins, and two existing litigation claims

by Phyllis Dias and Alberto Barragan; and a conference with Real Property Negotiators for the 425 Front Street property.

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

None.

**SECTION II: CLOSED SESSION**

**SECTION III: RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

**11. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Margaret Gallagher said there were no reportable actions.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Vice Chair Robinson adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



ANTHONY TAPIZ  
Acting Administrative Services Coordinator

