



A Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District was convened on the above date at the Administrative Offices of Santa Cruz METRO, located at 110 Vernon Street, in Santa Cruz, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Bustichi called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

The following Directors were present:

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| Director Margarita Alejo          | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Director Hilary Bryant            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Director Dene Bustichi            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Director Daniel Dodge             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Director Zach Friend              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Director Ron Graves               | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Director Michelle Hinkle          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Director Deborah Lane             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Director John Leopold             | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Director Bruce McPherson          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Director Lynn Robinson            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Ex-Officio Director Donna Blitzer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

STAFF PRESENT

Anthony Tapiz, Administrative Services Coordinator  
Leslie R. White, General Manager  
Leslyn K. Syren, District Counsel

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

Angela Aitken, SC METRO  
Robert Cotter, SC METRO  
Tove Beatty, SC METRO  
Debbie Kinslow, SC METRO

Erron Alvey, SC METRO  
April Warnock, Paracruz  
Carolyn Derwing, SEA

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 3-1. Vice Chair Bustichi asked everyone in attendance to join the Board of Directors in observing a moment of silence in honor of Santa Cruz Police Detectives Loran “Butch” Baker and Elizabeth Butler.
- 3-2. Amy Weiss announced that she was available for Spanish language interpretation during "Oral Communications" and for any other agenda item for which these services were needed.
- 3-3. Vice Chair Bustichi announced that the Board of Directors meeting was being broadcast by Community Television of Santa Cruz County.

**DIRECTOR DODGE ARRIVED**

***ITEM #10 WAS TAKEN OUT OF ORDER***

- 10. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION FOR SANTA CRUZ POLICE DETECTIVE SERGEANT LORAN BAKER AND DETECTIVE ELIZABETH BUTLER

Chair Dodge read aloud and presented the resolution to the family of Detective Elizabeth Butler. Directors Bustichi, Friend, McPherson and Robinson voiced their appreciation. SCPD Chief Vogel thanked the Board for their support.

**ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR ROBINSON SECOND: DIRECTOR FRIEND**

**APPROVE RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR SANTA CRUZ POLICE DETECTIVE ELIZABETH BUTLER.**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH DIRECTORS ALEJO, GRAVES AND LEOPOLD BEING ABSENT.**

Chair Dodge read aloud and presented the resolution to SCPD Chief Vogel, who accepted on behalf of the Baker family. Director Bryant voiced her appreciation.

**ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR BRYANT SECOND: DIRECTOR ROBINSON**

**APPROVE RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR SANTA CRUZ POLICE DETECTIVE SERGEANT LORAN BAKER.**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH DIRECTORS ALEJO, GRAVES AND LEOPOLD BEING ABSENT.**

4. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 4-1. CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING ALTERNATE STOP FOR OUTBOUND HIGHWAY 17 EXPRESS  
Carmen Paras, San José, California

Director Lane asked about the recent dropped service. Leslie R. White said that a report on the dropped service would be forthcoming.

Bonnie Morr, UTU, asked that the METRO employees who responded to the Branciforte Drive shooting incident and evacuation on February 26, 2013 be acknowledged. Chair Dodge thanked all the METRO responders to the February 26, 2013 Branciforte Drive shooting incident and evacuation and said that METRO is often overlooked by the public when it does something right..

5. LABOR ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATIONS

Eduardo Montesino, UTU, stated that METRO bus operators immediately responded to the Branciforte evacuation without regard to their own safety because they are dedicated to public service.

6. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT EXISTING AGENDA ITEMS

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 7-1. CONSIDERATION OF TORT CLAIMS: REJECT CLAIM #13-0001- EDVAL ZOTO
- 7-2. NOTIFICATION OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION
- 7-3. ACCEPT & FILE MONTHLY BUDGET STATUS REPORTS YEAR TO DATE AS OF 12/31/2012
- 7-4. ACCEPT & FILE ACCESSIBLE SERVICES REPORT FOR JANUARY 2013
- 7-5. CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF CONTRACT WITH LAW OFFICES OF MARIE F. SANG FOR LEGAL SERVICES IN THE AREA OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$135,000
- 7-6. CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH NORTHSTAR, INC. FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE L/CNG FUELING STATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$415,000
- 7-7. CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH ATHENS ADMINISTRATORS FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$105,000
- 7-8. ACCEPT & FILE STATUS REPORTS OF PROPOSED FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATION AND CURRENT LEGISLATIVE ISSUES
- 7-9. ACCEPT & FILE STATUS REPORT OF ACTIVE GRANTS & SUBMITTED GRANT PROPOSALS FOR MARCH 2013

- 7-10. APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2013 AND JANUARY 25, 2013
- 7-11. ACCEPT & FILE MINUTES OF METRO ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF JANUARY 16, 2013
- 7-12. ACCEPT & FILE METRO PARACRUZ OPERATIONS STATUS REPORT
- 7-13. ACCEPT AND FILE PRELIMINARILY APPROVED CLAIMS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2012
- 7-14. ACCEPT & FILE MINUTES FROM METRO ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 20, 2013

**ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR BUSTICHI SECOND: DIRECTOR BRYANT**

**APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH DIRECTORS ALEJO, GRAVES AND LEOPOLD BEING ABSENT, AND DIRECTORS FRIEND AND MCPHERSON ABSTAINING FROM APPROVAL OF ITEM #7-10.**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

- 8. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY13 & FY14 REVISED BUDGET AS OF MARCH 2013; AND CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF THE FY12 SCHEDULE OF RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCES

Angela Aitken presented the staff report.

**ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR ROBINSON SECOND: DIRECTOR BUSTICHI**

**APPROVE RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY13 & FY14 REVISED BUDGET AS OF MARCH 2013; AND APPROVE ADOPTION OF THE FY12 SCHEDULE OF RESERVE ACCOUNT BALANCES.**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH DIRECTORS ALEJO, GRAVES AND LEOPOLD BEING ABSENT.**

- 9. PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

- 11. CONSIDERATION OF REVISING SANTA CRUZ METRO'S CURRENT ADVERTISING POLICY

**DIRECTOR BUSTICHI LEFT THE ROOM**

Leslyn K. Syren presented the staff report.

**ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR BRYANT SECOND: DIRECTOR ROBINSON**

**APPROVE REVISIONS TO SANTA CRUZ METRO'S CURRENT ADVERTISING POLICY.**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH DIRECTORS ALEJO, BUSTICHI, GRAVES AND LEOPOLD BEING ABSENT.**

12. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY/GENERAL MANAGER AND DISTRICT COUNSEL TO INITIATE LITIGATION ON BEHALF OF THE SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

Leslyn K. Syren presented the staff report

**ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR ROBINSON SECOND: DIRECTOR BRYANT**

**APPROVE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY/GENERAL MANAGER AND DISTRICT COUNSEL TO INITIATE LITIGATION ON BEHALF OF THE SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT.**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH DIRECTORS ALEJO, BUSTICHI, GRAVES AND LEOPOLD BEING ABSENT.**

13. CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO BE THE AUTHORIZING AGENT TO IMPLEMENT CHANGES ACCORDING TO THE PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE FOR JUDY K. SOUZA OPERATIONS BUILDING COMPONENT OF THE METROBASE PROJECT

Frank Cheng presented the staff report.

**ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR BRYANT SECOND: DIRECTOR ROBINSON**

**APPROVE RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR SANTA CRUZ POLICE DETECTIVE SERGEANT LORAN BAKER.**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH DIRECTORS ALEJO, BUSTICHI, GRAVES AND LEOPOLD BEING ABSENT.**

14. CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH LEWIS C. NELSON AND SONS, INC. TO INCORPORATE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE ORDER PROCESS

Frank Cheng presented the staff report.

**ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR ROBINSON SECOND: DIRECTOR BRYANT**

**AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH LEWIS C. NELSON AND SONS, INC. TO INCORPORATE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE ORDER PROCESS.**

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH DIRECTORS ALEJO, BUSTICHI, GRAVES AND LEOPOLD BEING ABSENT.**

15. REVIEW OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Leslyn K. Syren announced that the Board would conference with legal counsel regarding the claim of Christopher Lanagan.

16. COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION

17. ORAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Chair Dodge announced that the next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held Friday, April 12, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. at the Santa Cruz METRO Offices, 110 Vernon Street, Santa Cruz, California.

18. ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business, Chair Dodge adjourned at 9:30 am to the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



ANTHONY TAPIZ  
Administrative Services Coordinator