



**SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 21, 2015 – 11:00 AM
110 VERNON STREET
SANTA CRUZ, CA**

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) was convened on Monday, December 21, 2015, at the Santa Cruz METRO's Administrative offices, 110 Vernon Street, Santa Cruz, CA.

The Board Meeting Agenda Packet can be found online at www.SCMTD.com and is available for inspection at Santa Cruz METRO's Administrative offices at 110 Vernon Street, Santa Cruz, California.

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SECTION I: OPEN SESSION

- 1 CALL TO ORDER at 11:12AM** by Vice Chair Rotkin.

- 2 ROLL CALL:** The following Directors were **present**, representing quorum:

Director Ed Bottorff	City of Capitola
Director Dene Bustichi, Chair	City of Scotts Valley
Director Jimmy Dutra	City of Watsonville
Director Zach Friend	County of Santa Cruz
Director Donald "Norm" Hagen	County of Santa Cruz
Director John Leopold	County of Santa Cruz
Director Bruce McPherson	County of Santa Cruz
Director Mike Rotkin, Vice Chair	County of Santa Cruz

The following Directors were absent:

Director Karina Cervantez	City of Watsonville
Director Cynthia Chase	City of Santa Cruz
Director Don Lane	City of Santa Cruz
Ex-Officio Director Donna Blitzer	UC Santa Cruz

STAFF PRESENT:
Alex Clifford, CEO
Leslyn Syren, District Counsel

METRO EMPLOYEES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO VOLUNTARILY INDICATED THEY WERE PRESENT (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER) WERE:

Angela Aitken, METRO	Al Pierce, METRO
Debbie Kinslow, METRO	

3 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Chair Rotkin announced: The microphones are not working today; please speak loudly. Additionally, the following documentation has been distributed to Board Members and is available at the sign-in table:

- Item 4, Consideration of a Formal Ratification of a Labor Agreement Between the SEIU, Local 521, for the Period December 31, 2015 through June 30, 2018 that contains a 2 ½ year Contractual Wage Adjustment staff report and attachments
- December 19, 2015 article from the Santa Cruz Sentinel entitled, "METRO Eyes Tech Shuttles Quiet Use of Transit Center"
 - CEO Clifford advised the assembly that he will address this issue of tech shuttles at the January 2016 board meeting.

4 CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF SEIU, LOCAL 521, CONTRACT EXTENSION

CEO Clifford asked the SEIU representatives in attendance to speak regarding this agenda item. Will Regan, VMU Representative, and Manny Martinez, PSA Representative, introduced themselves and recognized Joan Jeffries, SEA President, who was unable to attend today's meeting. Mr. Martinez asked the Board for their support of the contract extension and thanked them for their attendance on short notice. The proposal had been voted upon by the SEIU membership with overwhelming support; they want to redirect their energies to meet the Agency's challenges ahead.

CEO Clifford thanked the SEIU for their submission and highlighted some of the proposed changes, noting that they are similar to those previously adopted by UTU. Angela Aitken, Finance Manager, confirmed that these changes would be effective with the first payroll period of calendar year 2016.

Hearing no questions or comments from the public, Vice Chair Rotkin turned the floor to the Board Members.

Director Leopold thanked the union on behalf of the entire community for their assistance to METRO.

Vice Chair Rotkin recognized the sacrifice the union members have made and the difference it is making to the organization.

Directors Dutra, Hagen and McPherson also expressed their appreciation.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SEIU, LOCAL 521, CONTRACT EXTENSION AS PRESENTED

MOTION: DIRECTOR LEOPOLD

SECOND: DIRECTOR HAGEN

MOTION PASSED WITH 8 AYES (Directors Bottorff, Bustichi, Dutra, Friend, Hagen, Leopold, McPherson and Rotkin). Directors Lane, Cervantez and Chase were absent

5 ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2016 AT 8:30 AM, SANTA CRUZ CITY CHAMBERS, 809 CENTER STREET, SANTA CRUZ
Vice Chair Rotkin announced the next meeting as referenced above.

6 ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Rotkin adjourned the meeting at 11:20AM

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Pye, Executive Assistant