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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 19, 2017**

**Department of Healthcare Services Auditorium
1500 Capitol Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95814**

The meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) Board was convened on September 19, 2017 at 10:05 AM. at 1500 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, CA. The Meeting Minutes were prepared in the order items were presented during the meeting.

Members Present: Mr. Dan Richard, Chair
Mr. Tom Richards, Vice-Chair
Mr. Ernest Camacho
Ms. Bonnie Lowenthal
Ms. Lorraine Paskett
Mr. Michael Rossi
Ms. Lynn Schenk
The Honorable Dr. Joaquin Arambula, Ex Officio Member

Members Absent: Mr. Daniel Curtin
The Honorable Jim Beall, Ex Officio Member

Public Comment

An opportunity was made for public comment on all Agenda and Non-Agenda items.

Agenda Item #1 – Consider Approving the Board Meeting Minutes from the July 18, 2017 Board Meeting

The August 16, 2017 Meeting Minutes were moved by Director Schenk, seconded by Director Lowenthal, and approved (6 – 0).

Agenda Item #2 – Consider Augmenting the Contingency Fund for the Construction Package 1 Design-Build Contract

Acting Chief Operating Officer Jon Tapping presented to the Board. Questions were asked and answered. Resolution #HSRA 17-16 was moved by Director Rossi, seconded by Vice-Chair Richards, and passed (8 – 0).

Agenda Item #3 – Consider Amending the Environmental and Engineering Contract for the San Francisco to San Jose and San Jose to Merced Project Sections with HNTB

Director of Environmental Services Mark McLoughlin presented to the Board. Questions were asked and answered. Resolution #HSRA 17-17 was moved by Director Paskett, seconded by Director Lowenthal, and passed (7 – 1).

Agenda Item #4 – Consider Amending the Environmental and Engineering Contract for the Central Valley Wye with Parsons Transportation Group

Director of Environmental Services Mark McLoughlin presented to the Board. Questions were asked and answered. Resolution #HSRA 17-18 was moved by Director Paskett, seconded by Director Rossi, and passed (7 –1).

Agenda Item #5 – Consider Approving the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Audit Plan and Acknowledging the Internal Quality Assurance Self-Assessment for Fiscal Year 2016-17

Chief Auditor Paula Rivera presented to the Board. Questions were asked and answered. Resolution #HSRA 17-19 was moved by Director Schenk, seconded by Director Rossi, and passed (8 –0).

Agenda Item #6 – Presentation of Finance and Audit Committee Reports

Chief Financial Officer Russ Fong, Chief Auditor Paula Rivera, Chief Engineer Scott Jarvis, and Acting Chief Operating Officer Jon Tapping presented to the Board. Questions were asked and answered.

Agenda Item #7 – 2018 Business Plan Discussion

Interim Chief Executive Office Tom Fellenz presented to the Board. Questions were asked and answered.

Agenda Item #8 – Closed Session Pertaining to Employment of an Executive Director (CEO)

The Authority Board met in closed session pursuant to Government Code section 11126(a) to discuss the employment of a new Executive Director (CEO).

Agenda Item #9 – Closed Session Pertaining to Litigation

The Authority Board met in closed session pursuant to Government Code section 11126(e)(1)&(2)(A) to confer with counsel regarding litigation.

Chairman Richard announced that there was nothing to report from the Closed Sessions and adjourned the meeting at 1:44 PM.