

**California High-Speed Rail
Authority Board Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2022**

Webcast

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The meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) Board convened on February 17, 2022, 11:00 a.m. via webinar due to Governor Newsom's State of Emergency declaration regarding the COVID-19 outbreak and in accordance with Executive Order N-25-20 and the Guidance for Gatherings issued by the California Department of Public Health. The Minutes were prepared in the order items were presented during the meeting.

Members Present:

- Mr. Tom Richards, Chair
- Ms. Nancy Miller, Vice-Chair
- Mr. Ernest Camacho
- Mr. Henry Perea
- Ms. Lynn Schenk
- Ms. Martha Escutia
- Mr. James Ghielmetti
- Mr. Margaret Pena
- Mr. Anthony Williams
- The Honorable Dr. Joaquin Arambula, Ex Officio Member

Members Absent:

- The Honorable Lena Gonzalez

Public Comment

An opportunity for public comment was made at the outset of the meeting.

Public comment made during the February 17, 2022, Board meeting can be found on pages 13-51 of the attached Board meeting transcripts.

Agenda Item #1 – Consider Approving the February 1, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes

The February 1, 2022, meeting minutes were moved for approval by Director Perea, seconded by Director Miller, abstained by Directors Escutia, Pena, Camacho, and Ghielmetti, and approved (5-0).

Questions and comments made during agenda item #1 can be found on pages 52-60 of the attached February 17, 2022, Board meeting transcripts.

Agenda Item #2 – Economic Impact Analysis

Board Reporting and Business-Economics Branch Chief for the Authority, Derek Boughton, provided a presentation on the California High-Speed Rail Authority 2021 Economic Impact Analysis. There were no questions asked by the Board.

Agenda Item #3 – Consider Providing Approval to Release a Request for Qualification for Program Delivery Support Services

Director of Contract Management for the Authority, Darin Kishiyama, provided a presentation on the Request for Qualification (RFQ) for Program Delivery Support Services. Questions were asked by the Board and answered by Mr. Kishiyama, Chief Counsel Alicia Fowler, and Chief Executive Officer Brian Kelly. Motion was moved for approval by Director Perea, seconded by Director Williams, and approved (9-0) with added Board direction for the HSR Legal Office to 1) attend the Pre-Bid Conference and Small Business Informational workshop scheduled for this RFQ to explain the conflict policy process; 2) report progress on responses to OCOI requests on this RFQ to the Board weekly, starting on February 24; and 3) work with appropriate Authority staff to explore possible mitigation measures to resolve conflicts

Questions and comments made during agenda item #3 can be found on pages 69-124 of the attached February 17, 2022, Board meeting transcripts.

Agenda Item #4 – Consider Providing Approval to Release a Request for Qualifications for Design Services for the Merced to Madera Project Section

Chief Engineer of Strategic Delivery for the Authority, Christine Inouye, provided a presentation on the Request for Qualification for Design Services for the Merced to Madera Project Sections. Questions were asked by the Board and answered by Ms. Inouye, Chief Counsel Alicia Fowler, and Chief Executive Officer Brian Kelly. Motion was moved for approval by Director Schenk, seconded by Director Escutia, and approved (9-0) with added Board direction for the HSR Legal Office to 1) attend the Pre-Bid Conference and Small Business Informational workshop scheduled for this RFQ to explain the conflict policy process; 2) report progress on responses to OCOI requests on this RFQ to the Board weekly, starting on February 24; and 3) work with appropriate Authority staff to explore possible mitigation measures to resolve conflicts.

Questions and comments made during agenda item #4 can be found on pages 126-139 of the of the attached February 17, 2022, Board meeting transcripts.

Agenda Item #5-Consider Providing Approval to Release a Request for Qualifications for Design Services for the Fresno to Bakersfield Locally Generated Alternative Project Section

Chief Engineer of Strategic Delivery for the Authority, Christine Inouye, provided a presentation on the Request for Qualification for Design Services for the Fresno to Bakersfield Locally Generated Alternative Project Sections. No questions were asked by the Board. Motion was moved for approval by Director Miller, Seconded by Director Camacho, and approved (9-0) with added Board direction for the HSR Legal Office to 1) attend the Pre-Bid Conference and Small Business Informational workshop scheduled for this RFQ to explain the conflict policy process; 2) report progress on responses to OCOI requests on this RFQ to the Board weekly, starting on February 24; and 3) work with appropriate Authority staff to explore possible mitigation measures to resolve conflicts.

Agenda Item #6-2022 Draft Business Plan Summary

Chief Executive Officer for the Authority, Brian Kelly, provided a presentation on the Draft 2022 Business Plan. Questions were asked by the Board and answered by Mr. Kelly.

Questions and comments made during agenda item #6 can be found on pages 144-161 of the attached February 17, 2022, Board meeting transcripts.

Agenda Item #7-CEO Report

Chief Executive Officer for the Authority, Brian Kelly, provided a report on the California High-Speed Rail Project Updates. Questions were asked by the Board and answered by Mr. Kelly.

Questions and comments made during agenda item #7 can be found on pages 162-176 of the attached February 17, 2022, Board meeting transcripts.

Agenda Item #8-Finance & Audit Committee Report

Finance & Audit Committee Chairman Tom Richards provided a brief status report on the Committee's work.

Meeting Adjourned

Chair Richards announced at 2:30 p.m. that the Board would adjourn.