



CALIFORNIA High-Speed Rail Authority

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Board meeting minutes

February 29, 2024

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The meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) Board convened on February 29, 2024, at the Cal Expo 1600 Exposition Blvd, Building 5. Sacramento, CA and by Zoom. The minutes were prepared in the order items were presented during the meeting.

Members Present:

- Mr. Tom Richards, Chair
- Ms. Nancy Miller, Vice Chair
- Ms. Lynn Schenk
- Mr. Henry Perea
- Ms. Ernest Camacho
- Ms. Martha Escutia
- Mr. Anthony Williams
- Ms. Emily Cohen

Members Absent:

- Mr. James Ghielmetti
- The Honorable Lena Gonzalez, Ex Officio Member
- The Honorable Dr. Joaquin Arambula, Ex Officio Member

Agenda Item #1– Confidential Closed Session

The Board entered into Closed Session at 9:01 a.m. and returned at 10:09 a.m.

Public Comment

An opportunity for public comment on all agenda and non-agenda items other than agenda item #3 was offered.

Public comment made during the general public comment period can be found on pages 10-30 of the February 29, 2024 transcripts.

Agenda Item #2 – Consider Approving the January 18, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

The January 18, 2024 meeting minutes were moved for approval by Director Camacho, seconded by Director Williams and approved (7-0).

Questions and comments made during agenda item #1 can be found on page 31-32 of the February 29, 2024 transcripts.

Agenda Item #3 – Draft Business Plan

Chief Executive Officer for the Authority, Brian Kelly, provided an update on the Draft 2024 Business Plan.

Questions and comments made during agenda item #3 can be found on pages 32-58 of the February 29, 2024, transcripts.

Public Comment

An opportunity for public comment on the Draft 2024 Business Plan was offered.

Public comment on the Business Plan can be found on pages 58-69 of the February 29, 2024 transcripts.

Agenda Item #4 – Consider Providing Approval to Issue Notice to Proceed-2 for the Fresno to Bakersfield Locally Generated Alternative Project Section

Chief Engineer of Strategic Delivery for the Authority, Christine Inouye, provided a presentation to the Board. Resolution 24-03 was moved for approval by Director Camacho, seconded by Director Miller and approved (8-0).

Questions and comments made during agenda item #4 can be found on pages 69-80 of the February 24, 2024 transcripts.

Agenda Item #7 – CEO Report

Chief Executive Officer for the Authority, Brian Kelly, provided a program update to the Board.

Questions and comments made during agenda item #7 can be found on pages 81-87 of the February 29, 2024 transcripts.

Agenda Item #5 – Central Valley Station Concept

Director of Planning & Sustainability for the Authority, Margaret Cederoth, provided a presentation on the Central Valley Station Concepts.

Questions and comments made during agenda item #5 can be found on pages 87-108 of the February 29, 2024 transcripts.

Agenda Item #6 – Train Interior Design Briefing

Chief of Strategic Communications for the Authority, Melissa Figueroa and Chief of Rail and Operations for the Authority, Bruce Armistead, provided a presentation on the train interior design.

Questions and comments made during agenda item #6 can be found on pages 108-117 of the February 29, 2024 transcripts.

Agenda Item #8 Board Member Comments

Comments made by the Board members can be found on pages 117-118 of the February 29, 2024, transcripts.

Agenda Item #9 Tour of the Train Interiors Preliminary Designs and Station Concepts at the Board Meeting Location

Board Chair Richards announced that the Board and Public would now move to the Train Interior & Station Concept tour located at 1600 Exposition Blvd. building #5.

Agenda Item #10 Meeting Adjourned

Chair Richards announce that the Meeting would adjourn after the Train Interior & Station Concept tour.