



CALIFORNIA High-Speed Rail Authority

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Board meeting minutes

March 6, 2025

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The meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) Board convened on March 6, 2025, at the California High Speed Rail Authority in Fresno, 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. Ernest Camacho
- Mr. Henry Perea
- Mr. Anthony Williams
- Mr. James Ghielmetti
- Ms. Martha Escutia
- Ms. Emily Cohen

Members Absent:

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

Public Comment

An opportunity for public comment was provided.

Discussion regarding public comment can be found on pages 6-10 of the March 6, 2025, transcript.

Agenda Item #1 – Consider Approving the January 23, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve The January 23, 2025, was moved for approval by Director Ghielmetti, seconded by Director Escutia and approved (9-0)

Questions and comments made during agenda item #1 can be found on page 10-11 of the March 6, 2025, transcript.

Agenda Item #2 – Bagley-Keene Training

Authority Attorney Elena Pacheco and Assistant Chief Counsel Kendall Bonebrake provided an update training on the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

Questions and comments made during agenda item #2 can be found on page 11-21 of the March 6, 2025, transcript.

Agenda Item #3 – Construction Update

The Authority's Central Valley Regional Director, Garth Fernandez and Principal Transportation Engineer, Ben Ruiz provided an update on current progress of construction.

Questions and comments made during agenda item #3 can be found on page 21-42 of the March 6, 2025, transcript.

Agenda Item #4 CEO Report

Chief Executive Officer for the Authority, Ian Choudri, provided a program update, a review of the Industry Forum event and a review of the Project Update Report (PUR) to the Board.

Questions and comments made during agenda item #4 can be found on page 42-47 of the March 6, 2025, transcript.

Agenda Item #5 Finance and Audit Committee Report Out

Board Chair Tom Richards provided a report out on action from the Finance and Audit report held at 8:30 a.m. on March 6, 2025.

Questions and comments made during agenda item #5 can be found on page 47-48 of the March 6, 2025, transcript.

Agenda Item #6 Board Member Comments

Comments made by the Board members can be found on pages 49-51 of the March 6, 2025, transcript.

Agenda Item #7 Closed Session

Board Chair Richards announced that the Board would enter into closed at 10:49 a.m. on page 51. Board Chair Richards returned at 11:40 a.m. and reported that closed session was finished and there was nothing to report to the public on pages 51-52.

Meeting Adjourned

Chair Richards announced at 11:40 am that the Board was adjourned on page 52.