



# CALIFORNIA High-Speed Rail Authority

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### Board Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2025

#### Webcast

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The meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) Board convened on August 28, 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. Henry Perea
- Ms. Martha Escutia
- Ms. Emily Cohen
- Mr. Ernest Camacho
- Mr. Anthony Williams

#### Members Absent:

- The Honorable Lena Gonzalez, Ex Officio Member
- The Honorable Juan Carrillo, Ex Officio Member

#### **Public Comment**

An opportunity for public comment was provided.

Discussion regarding public comment can be found on pages 7-16 of the August 28, 2025, transcript.

#### **Agenda Item #8 Closed Session**

Board Chair Richards announced that the Board would enter into closed at 9:43 a.m. on page 14. Board Chair Richards returned at 10:12 a.m. and reported that closed session was finished and there was one action taken to report. Resolution #HSRA25-08 CEO Performance Metrics Criteria Evaluation was approved (7-0) Director Cohen abstained.

Questions and comments made during agenda item #8 can be found on page 16 of the August 28, 2025, transcript.

### **Agenda Item #1 – Consider Approving the July 10, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve The July 10, 2025, was moved for approval by Director Camacho, seconded by Director Williams and approved (8-0).

Questions and comments made during agenda item #1 can be found on pages 17 of the August 28, 2025, transcript.

### **Agenda Item #2 – Budget Update and Approval of Budget**

Motion to approve the 25/26 budget #HSRA 25-07 was moved for approval by Director Camacho, seconded by Vice Chair Miller and approved (8-0).

Questions and comments made during agenda item #2 can be found on pages 17-30 of the August 28, 2025, transcript.

### **Agenda Item #3 – Presentation of Multiple Award Task Order Contract Strategy and Potentially Applicable Projects**

Chief of Contracts Emily Morrison presented the Multiple Awards Task Order Contract (MATOC) strategy and potentially applicable projects.

Questions and comments made during agenda item #3 can be found on pages 30-38 of the August 28, 2025, transcript.

### **Agenda Item #4 – Direct Commodity Purchasing: Approval to solicit competitive bids for six (6) rail commodities contracts for track, overhead contact system (OCS) poles, ballast, OCS components, concrete rail ties, and fiber optic cable and for the CEO to Award and Execute the Resulting Contracts**

Motion to approve the Direct Commodity Purchasing: Approval to solicit competitive bids for six (6) rail commodities contracts for track, overhead contact system (OCS) poles, ballast, OCS components, concrete rail ties, and fiber optic cable and for the CEO to Award and Execute the Resulting Contracts. #HSRA 25-06 was moved for approval by Vice Chair Miller, seconded by Director Perea and approved (8-0).

Questions and comments made during agenda item #4 can be found on pages 38-56 of the August 28, 2025, transcript.

### **Agenda Item #5 CEO Report**

Chief Executive Officer for the Authority, Ian Choudri, presented an update on the 2025 Supplemental Project Update Report, information on the MATOC, RFEI responses, and information on legislative support.

Questions and comments made during agenda item #5 can be found on pages 56-69 of the August 28, 2025, transcript.

### **Agenda Item #6 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 August 28, 2025.

Questions and comments made during agenda item #6 can be found on pages 69-72 of the August 28, 2025, transcript.

**Agenda Item #7 Board Member Comments**

Comments made by the Board members can be found on page 71-72 of the August 28, 2025, transcript.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Chair Richards announced at 11:30 a.m. that the Board was adjourned on page 72.