



CALIFORNIA High-Speed Rail Authority

California High-Speed Rail Authority Board Meeting Minutes October 9, 2025

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The meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) Board convened on October 9, 2025, at the California Department of Food and Agriculture 1220 N Street 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. Lynn Schenk
- Mr. Henry Perea
- Ms. Emily Cohen
- Mr. Ernest Camacho
- Mr. Anthony Williams
- Mr. Jeffrey Worthe
- The Honorable Juan Carrillo, Ex Officio Member

Members Absent:

- Ms. Martha Escutia
- Ms. Nancy Miller, Vice Chair
- 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 7-28 of the October 9, 2025, transcript.

Agenda Item #1 – Consider Approving the October 9, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve The October 9, 2025, was moved for approval by Director Schenk, seconded by Director Perea, Director Worthe abstained, and motion was approved (6-0).

Questions and comments made during agenda item #1 can be found on pages 28-29 of the October 9, 2025, transcript.

Agenda Item #2 – Audit Office Peer Review

Motion to approve the Audit Office Peer Review #HSRA 25-09 was moved for approval by Director Perea, seconded by Director Schenk and approved (7-0).

Questions and comments made during agenda item #2 can be found on pages 29-40 of the October 9, 2025, transcript.

Agenda Item #3 – Presentation of Architect Engineer Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity Contract

Chief of Contracts Emily Morrison presented the Architect Engineer Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (AE IDIQ) contract.

Questions and comments made during agenda item #3 can be found on pages 41-52 of the October 9, 2025, transcript.

Agenda Item #4 CEO Report

Chief Executive Officer for the Authority, Ian Choudri, presented a look back at 2025 and a look to the future including, funding and finance, procurement strategy, design and construction, organizational structure, balancing risk, and legislative action.

Questions and comments made during agenda item #4 can be found on pages 53-63 of the October 9, 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 October 9, 2025.

Questions and comments made during agenda item #5 can be found on pages 63-64 of the October 9, 2025, transcript.

Agenda Item #6 Board Member Comments

Comments made by the Board members can be found on page 64-69 of the October 9, 2025, transcript.

Agenda Item #7 Closed Session

Board Chair Richards announced that the Board would enter closed session at 11:07 a.m. on page 69. Board Chair Richards returned at 11:22 a.m. and reported that closed session was finished and there was no action taken to report.

Questions and comments made during agenda item #7 can be found on page 69 of the October 9, 2025, transcript.

Meeting Adjourned

Chair Richards announced at 11:22 a.m. that the Board was adjourned on page 69.