

CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

HELD NOVEMBER 20, 2025

AT 8:30 a.m.

LOCATION:

California Department of Food and Agriculture

1220 N Street,

Sacramento, CA 95814

and virtual via Zoom

Electronic Reporter: --

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APPEARANCES

Board Members

Tom Richards, Chair

Nancy Miller, Vice Chair

Ernest Camacho, Board Member

Martha Escutia, Board

Henry Perea, Board Member

Lynn Schenk, Board Member

Anthony Williams, Board Member

Jeffrey Worthe, Board Member

Authority Staff

Adam Brezine, General Counsel

Alex Armstrong deHoogh, Board Secretary

1 BOARD SECRETARY: Director Camacho?
2 BOARD MEMBER ERNIE CAMACHO: Here.
3 BOARD SECRETARY: Vice-Chair Miller?
4 VICE-CHAIR NANCY MILLER: Present.
5 BOARD SECRETARY: Director Perea?
6 BOARD MEMBER HENRY PEREA: Here.
7 BOARD SECRETARY: Director Escutia?
8 BOARD MEMBER MARTHA ESCUTIA: (No audible response.)
9 BOARD SECRETARY: Director Williams?
10 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY WILLIAMS: Here.
11 BOARD SECRETARY: Director Worthe?
12 BOARD MEMBER JEFFREY WORTHE: (No audible response.)
13 BOARD SECRETARY: Director Cohen?
14 BOARD MEMBER EMILY COHEN: (No audible response).
15 BOARD SECRETARY: Assembly Member Carrillo?
16 ASSEMBLY MEMBER JUAN CARRILLO: (No audible response.)
17 BOARD SECRETARY: Senator Gonzalez?
18 SENATOR LENA GONZALEZ: (No audible response.)
19 BOARD SECRETARY: Mr. Chairman, we have a quorum.
20 CHAIR TOM RICHARDS: Thank you. Thank you.
21 I would like to make a motion that the Board adopt a finding that
22 this Special Meeting is warranted due to the circ- -- due to
23 circumstances that occurred after the posting of our regular Meeting
24 Agenda, and which would cause a substantial hardship on the Board
25 and the Authority to wait an additional 10 days to act because the

1 Board must receive an update, and provide direct- -- our direction to
2 staff in closed session on pending litigation matters, which I mentioned
3 a moment ago.

4 UNIDENTIFIED BOARD MEMBER: Second.

5 CHAIR TOM RICHARDS: I've got to make the -- I've got to make
6 motion --

7 UNIDENTIFIED BOARD MEMBER: You --.

8 CHAIR TOM RICHARDS: -- I've got to make the motion. Oh, you
9 --.

10 UNIDENTIFIED BOARD MEMBER: I thought you did make it.

11 CHAIR TOM RICHARDS: Yeah, I did. Well, I still making it.

12 UNIDENTIFIED BOARD MEMBER: Oh. Oh, you're still making it?

13 CHAIR TOM RICHARDS: No, I'm happy to be (CROSSTALK).

14 UNIDENTIFIED BOARD MEMBER: Preemptive set.

15 CHAIR TOM RICHARDS: All right. We have a motion and second.
16 Can we please call the roll?

17 BOARD SECRETARY: Director Schenk?

18 BOARD MEMBER LYNN SCHENK: Yes.

19 BOARD SECRETARY: Chair Richards?

20 CHAIR TOM RICHARDS: Yes.

21 BOARD SECRETARY: Director Camacho?

22 BOARD MEMBER ERNIE CAMACHO: Yes.

23 BOARD SECRETARY: Vice-Chair Miller?

24 VICE-CHAIR NANCY MILLER: Yes.

25 BOARD SECRETARY: Director Perea?

1 BOARD MEMBER HENRY PEREA: Yes.

2 BOARD SECRETARY: Director Williams?

3 BOARD MEMBER ANTHONY WILLIAMS: Aye.

4 BOARD SECRETARY: Director Worthe?

5 BOARD MEMBER JEFFREY WORTHE: Yes.

6 BOARD SECRETARY: The motion carries, Mr. Chairman.

7 CHAIR TOM RICHARDS: Thank you.

8 All right. We'll -- we have a motion and a second. The Board
9 Secretary has called the roll, and we will now -- the Board will now go
10 into closed session.

11 After the closed session, we'll come back out and report to the
12 public whether there was any actions taken by the Committee in closed
13 session -- or the Board.

14 With that, we'll now move to closed session. Thank you.

15 (CLOSED SESSION) (RECOMMENCES AT 02:24:46)

16 CHAIR TOM RICHARDS: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen,
17 and welcome back -- or at least I'll welcome my colleagues back.

18 We have been in closed session.

19 I can report to those of you here, and around the State, that we've
20 concluded the closed session portion of it, and that there has been no
21 action taken to report out to the -- to you.

22 I will say that the closed session will be continued -- or it's -- it will
23 be continued in the following dates at 770 L Street, Suite 11A, here in
24 Sacramento. There will be a continuation of the closed session on
25 Monday, November the 24th, Tuesday the 25th, Wednesday the 26th,

1 and Friday the 28th, each of those days at 10:00 a.m. There may be
2 addition- -- additional closed sessions after that. Those are the ones
3 that we're announcing now. One more time for you, one date -- next
4 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday the 24th, 5th, 6th, and 8th,
5 10:00 a.m. at 770 L Street, Suite -- or Room 11A. That is the
6 headquarters for the High-Speed Rail Authority.

7 With that, the closed session is now adjourned until Monday the
8 24th at 10:00 a.m.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Adjourned or continued?

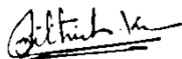
10 CHAIR TOM RICHARDS: Continued. I'm sorry. Thank you.

11 *(Meeting concludes at approximately 10:46 a.m.)*

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