



CALIFORNIA High-Speed Rail Authority

California High-Speed Rail Authority Board Meeting Minutes November 20, 2025

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The meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) Board convened on November 20, 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
- Mr. Ernest Camacho
- Mr. Anthony Williams
- Mr. Jeffrey Worthe
- Ms. Martha Escutia

Members Absent:

- Ms. Emily Cohen
- 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 5-35 of the November 20, 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 Perea, seconded by Director Camacho, Vice Chair Miller abstained, and motion was approved (6-0).

Questions and comments made during agenda item #1 can be found on page 36 of the November 20, 2025, transcript.

Agenda Item #2 – Board Chair Elections

Motion to approve Tom Richards as Board Chair was moved for approval by Director Schenk, seconded by Director Camacho, Board Chair Richards abstained, and motion was approved (6-0).

Motion to approve Nancy Miller as Vice Chair was moved for approval by Director Schenk, seconded by Director Camacho, Vice Chair Miller abstained, and motion was approved (6-0).

Questions and comments made during agenda item #2 can be found on pages 36-38 of the November 20, 2025, transcript.

Agenda Item #3 – Track and Systems Construction Contracts Approval for Procurement

Motion to approve the Track and Systems Construction Contracts Approval for Procurement was moved by Director Worthe, seconded by Vice Chair Miller, motion was approved (7-0).

Questions and comments made during agenda item #3 can be found on pages 38-50 of the November 20, 2025, transcript.

Agenda Item #4 Public-Private Partnership: Co-development Agreement for Procurement

Commercial Strategic Advisor for the Authority, Brent Butzin, and Financial Advisor for the Authority, Thierry Prate, presented information on the request for qualifications to engage a co-development partner.

Questions and comments made during agenda item #4 can be found on pages 50-55 of the November 20, 2025, transcript.

Agenda Item #5 Staff Report LA Metro Link US Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision (ROD)

Director of Environmental Services for the Authority, Stefan Galvez, NEPA assignment Manager for the Authority, Brett Rushing, and Executive Officer and Program Manager for LA Metro, Scott McConnell, presented information on the LA Metro Link US Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision (ROD)

Questions and comments made during agenda item #5 can be found on pages 55-67 of the November 20, 2025, transcript.

Agenda Item #6 CEO Report

Chief Executive Officer for the Authority, Ian Choudri, presented information on the 2026 Business Plan approach, partnerships with local agencies to further optimize cost, necessary legislative and administrative actions, and a look ahead at the anticipated 2026 milestones and accomplishments.

Questions and comments made during agenda item #4 can be found on pages 67-74 of the November 20, 2025, transcript.

Agenda Item #7 Finance and Audit Committee Report Out

Chief Financial Officer, Jamey Matalka, provided an executive summary on the Finance

and Audit reports.

Questions and comments made during agenda item #7 can be found on pages 76-78 of the November 20, 2025, transcript.

Agenda Item #6 Board Member Comments

Comments made by the Board members can be found on page 78 of the November 20, 2025, transcript.

Meeting Adjourned

Chair Richards announced at 12:50 p.m. that the Board was adjourned on page 78.