



CALIFORNIA High-Speed Rail Authority

California High-Speed Rail Authority Special Board Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2026

8:30 a.m.

Webcast

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The special meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) Board convened on January 21, 2026, 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. Nancy Miller, Vice Chair
- Ms. Lynn Schenk
- Mr. Henry Perea
- Ms. Emily Cohen
- Mr. Ernest Camacho
- Mr. Anthony Williams
- Ms. Martha Escutia
- The Honorable Juan Carrillo, Ex Officio Member

Members Absent:

- Mr. Jeffrey Worthe
- The Honorable Lena Gonzalez, Ex Officio Member

Public Comment

No opportunity for public comment was provided.

Agenda Item #2 – Consider Making a Finding of Necessity for the Special Meeting, per Gov. Code section 11125.4(c) – Board Chair (2/3 majority vote required or unanimous vote if less than 2/3 of Board present)

Motion to approve the finding of necessity for the special meeting, was moved for approval by Chair Richards, seconded by Director Schenk, and motion was approved (8-0).

Questions and comments made during agenda item #1 can be found on pages 4-5 of the January 21, 2026, special Board meeting transcript.

Agenda Item #3 Closed Session

Board Chair Richards announced that the Board would enter closed session at 8:33 a.m. on page 5 Board Chair Richards returned at 9:35 a.m. and reported that a motion to approve Resolution 26-2 DFJV Settlement Change Order was made by Vice Chair Miller, seconded by Director Perea, and approved 7-0, Director Cohen abstained from the vote.

Questions and comments made during agenda item #3 can be found on pages 5-6 of the January 21, 2026, special Board meeting transcript.

Meeting Adjourned

Chair Richards announced at 9:35 a.m. on page 6.