



CALIFORNIA High-Speed Rail Authority

California High-Speed Rail Authority Board meeting minutes April 22, 2021

Webcast

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The meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) Board convened on April 22, 2021, 11:00 a.m. via webinar due to Governor Newsom's State of Emergency declaration regarding the COVID-19 outbreak and in accordance with Executive Order N-25-20 and the Guidance for Gatherings issued by the California Department of Public Health. The Minutes were prepared in the order items were presented during the meeting.

Members Present:

- Mr. Tom Richards, Chair
- Ms. Nancy Miller, Vice-Chair
- Mr. Ernest Camacho
- Mr. Henry Perea
- Ms. Lynn Schenk
- Ms. Martha Escutia
- Mr. James Ghielmetti
- Mr. Andre Boutros
- Mr. Anthony Williams
- The Honorable Dr. Joaquin Arambula, Ex Officio Member

Members Absent:

- N/A

Public Comment

An opportunity for public comment was made at the outset of the meeting.

Agenda Item #1 – Consider Approving the March 25, 2021, Board Meeting Minutes

The January 21, 2021, meeting minutes were moved for approval by Director Camacho, seconded by Director Williams, and approved (9-0).

Agenda Item #2 – National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Update

Director of the Environmental Service Program for the Authority, Serge Stanich, provided a presentation on the NEPA Assignment program to the Board. There were no questions asked by the Board.

Agenda Item #3 – Consider Amending Existing Board CEO Delegation Policy Regarding Environmental Review Issues

Director of the Environmental Service Program for the Authority, Serge Stanich, and Chief Counsel Alicia Fowler provided a presentation on the CEO Delegation Policy Regarding Environmental Review Issues. Questions were asked by the Board and answered by Mr. Stanich, Ms. Fowler and Mr. Kelly. The Motion to approve items number 1 and 2 in resolution 21-03 was moved for approval by Director Escutia, Seconded by Director Perea, and approved (9-0). Item number 3 on the resolution will be amended and brought back to the Board for approval at the May 20, 2021.

Agenda Item #4 – Earth Day/Sustainability Update

Director of Planning and Sustainability for the Authority, Margaret Cederoth, provided a Sustainability Update presentation to the Board. Questions were asked by the Board and answered by Ms. Cederoth.

Agenda Item #5 – CEO Report

Chief Executive Officer for the Authority, Brian Kelly, provided a report on the California High-Speed Rail Project Updates. Questions were asked by the Board and answered by Mr. Kelly.

Agenda Item #6– Finance and Audit Committee Report

Finance & Audit Committee Chairman Tom Richards provided a brief status report on the Committee's work.

Closed Session

Chair Richards announced that the Board would adjourn for closed session.

Meeting Adjourned

Chair Richards announced at 1:57 p.m. that the Board would adjourn.