



CALIFORNIA High-Speed Rail Authority

California High-Speed Rail Authority Board meeting minutes May 20, 2021

Webcast

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The meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) Board convened on May 20, 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

Members Absent:

- The Honorable Dr. Joaquin Arambula, Ex Officio Member

Public Comment

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

Agenda Item #1 – Consider Approving the April 22, 2021, Board Meeting Minutes

The April 22, 2021, meeting minutes were moved for approval by Director Camacho, seconded by Director Schenk, and approved (9-0).

Agenda Item #2 – Updated Proposed Revision to CEO Delegation (Related to NEPA Assignment and Environmental Review)

Director of the Environmental Service Program for the Authority, Serge Stanich, and Chief Counsel for the Authority, Alicia Fowler, provided a presentation on the Updated Proposed Revision to CEO Delegation (Related to NEPA Assignment and Environmental Review). Questions were asked by the Board and answered by Ms. Fowler and Mr. Stanich. The motion was moved for approval by Vice Chair Miller, seconded by Director Schenk, and approved (9-0), with staff proposed revisions and further Board recommended changes to item 3C to read: Approve the release of a draft EIS and final EIS and approve the project in a ROD, provided that the CEO and Local Sponsor representative present a project summary to the Board between the time the local project sponsor issues an FEIR/FEIS and prior to signing a ROD approving the project.

Agenda Item #3 – Construction Update

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

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 2:13 p.m. that the Board would continue Closed Session on May 24, 2021.