

# SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

**SPECIAL Open Session Minutes- Board of Directors**

**June 25, 2008**

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A SPECIAL Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District met on Wednesday, June 25, 2008 the District's Administrative Office located at 370 Encinal Street in Santa Cruz, California.

Chair Beautz called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

## **SECTION 1: OPEN SESSION**

### **1. ROLL CALL:**

#### **DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Jan Beautz  
Dene Bustichi  
Donald Hagen  
Michelle Hinkle  
Emily Reilly  
Mike Rotkin  
Pat Spence  
Mark Stone (arrived after roll call)  
Marcela Tavantzis

#### **DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Kirby Nicol  
Dale Skillicorn  
Ex Officio Donna Blitzer

#### **STAFF PRESENT**

Ciro Aguirre, Operations Manager  
Angela Aitken, Finance Manager  
Frank Cheng, MetroBase Project Manager  
Mark Dorfman, Assistant General Manager  
Mary Ferrick, Fixed Route Superintendent

Margaret Gallagher, District Counsel  
Robyn Slater, Human Resources Manager  
Tom Stickel, Maintenance Manager  
April Warnock, Paratransit Superintendent

#### **EMPLOYEES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO VOLUNTARILY INDICATED THEY WERE PRESENT**

Bonnie Morr, UTU  
Eduardo Montesino, UTU

Steve Prince, UTU  
James Taylor, UTU

### **2. REVIEW OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION**

Margaret Gallagher reported the Board would have a conference with its Labor Negotiators regarding UTU, Local 23, Fixed Route.

### **3. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION**

Bonnie Morr, UTU, thanked the Board for holding this Special Meeting and thanked METRO's negotiating team for the wage calculator.

## **DIRECTOR STONE ARRIVED**

Ms. Morr said UTU was appreciative of the District's movement on the medical and retirement so far, but UTU wants parity. Ms. Morr said that wages are still being negotiated and urged the Board to find the funding for reasonable and significant wage increases for the bus operators who have not had a fair raise in three years.

Steve Prince, UTU, stated that he is approaching twenty-nine years of employment at METRO, which he is thankful for, and he wants the longevity bonus that SEIU has and a significant wage increase. Mr. Prince stated that UTU is almost always the "sacrificial lamb" that always gives up and then a year later, SEIU gets a decent raise and now it is UTU's turn to get the wages it deserves.

Eduardo Montesino, UTU, stated that UTU wants to be treated fairly and he used the color of the paper towels at Administration, white, and at Operations, brown, as an example of the disparity that Fixed Route operators feel they always get.

## **SECTION II: CLOSED SESSION**

Chair Beutz adjourned to Closed Session at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session at 11:20 a.m.

## **SECTION III: RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

### **4. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION IF ANY**

Margaret Gallagher reported that the Board took no reportable action in Closed Session.

## **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Chair Beutz adjourned the meeting at 11:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

CINDI THOMAS  
Administrative Services Coordinator