

SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

SPECIAL Open Session Minutes- Board of Directors

June 19, 2008

A SPECIAL Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District met on Thursday, June 19, 2008 at the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA.

Chair Beautz called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.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
Marcela Tavantzis

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Kirby Nicol
Dale Skillicorn
Ex Officio Donna Blitzer

STAFF PRESENT

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

Margaret Gallagher, District Counsel
Robyn Slater, Human Resources Manager
Les White, General Manager

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

Bonnie Morr, 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 because time is of the essence. Ms. Morr reported that UTU had received the latest proposal from METRO and has submitted a counter proposal. UTU feels it has made a lot of movement including backing off from most articles except wages, parity issues and protective language.

Ms. Morr said UTU was appreciative of the District's medical proposal but UTU wants parity with the retirement as well. Ms. Morr urged the Board to find the funding for fair and equitable wage increases because the operators can handle the working conditions if the pay is better.

SECTION II: CLOSED SESSION

Chair Beautz adjourned to Closed Session at 12:14 p.m. and reconvened to Open Session at 1:25 p.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 Beautz adjourned the meeting at 1:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

CINDI THOMAS
Administrative Services Coordinator