



# CALIFORNIA High-Speed Rail Authority

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### Board meeting minutes

December 6, 2023

#### Webcast

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The meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) Board convened on December 6, 2023, at the Department of Food and Agriculture Auditorium 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
- Mr. Henry Perea
- Ms. Ernest Camacho
- Mr. James Ghielmetti
- Mr. Anthony Williams
- Ms. Emily Cohen
- The Honorable Dr. Joaquin Arambula, Ex Officio Member

#### Members Absent:

- Ms. Nancy Miller, Vice-Chair
- Ms. Lynn Schenk
- Ms. Martha Escutia
- The Honorable Lena Gonzalez, Ex Officio Member

#### **Public Comment**

An opportunity for public comment was provided.

Public comment can be found on pages 7-12 of the December 6, 2023, transcripts.

#### **Agenda Item #1– Consider Approving the November 2, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes**

The November 2, 2023, meeting minutes were approved (6-0).

Questions and comments made during agenda item #1 can be found on pages 15-16 of the December 6, 2023, transcripts.

#### **Agenda Item #3 – Consider Providing Approval to Execute and Award the Rail Systems Engineering Services (RSES) Support Contract**

Chief of Rail for the Authority, Bruce Armistead, provided a presentation on the Rail Systems Engineering Services Support Contract to the Board. Resolution 23-09 was moved for approval by Director Williams, seconded by Director Camacho and approved (6-0).

Questions and comments made during agenda item #3 can be found on pages 1-22 of the December 6, 2023, transcripts.

**Agenda Item #4 – Construction Update**

Chief Executive Officer for the Authority, Brian Kelly, provided a Construction Update to the Board.

Questions and comments made during agenda item #4 can be found on pages 23-53 of the December 6, 2023, transcripts.

**Agenda Item #5 – CEO Report**

Chief Executive Officer for the Authority, Brian Kelly, provided a program update to the Board.

Questions and comments made during agenda item #5 can be found on pages 53-62 of the December 6, 2023, transcripts.

**Agenda Item #2 – AECOM Program Update**

Chief, Process and Program Development Branch for the Authority, Catrina Blair, and Chief and Attorney IV for the Authority, Tawnya Southern, provided a presentation on the AECOM Program Update to the Board.

Questions and comments made during agenda item #2 can be found on pages 62-74 of the December 6, 2023, transcripts.

**Agenda Item #6 Finance and Audit Committee Report**

Chair Richards provided an update on the Finance and Audit Committee Meeting.

Questions and comments made during agenda item #6 can be found on page 74 of the December 6, 2023, transcripts.

**Agenda Item #7 Board Member Comments**

No comments were provided.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Chair Richards announced at 11:13 a.m. that the Board would adjourn.