



**SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT (METRO)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES*
AUGUST 25, 2023 – 10:00 AM**

(or as soon as possible following the Regular Board Meeting)

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) was convened on Friday, August 25, 2023, as a hybrid meeting.

The Board Special Meeting agenda packet can be found online at www.SCMTD.com and is available for inspection at Santa Cruz METRO's Administrative office at 110 Vernon Street, Santa Cruz, California. *Minutes are "summary" minutes, not verbatim minutes. Audio recordings of Board meeting open sessions are available to the public upon request.

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1 CALLED TO ORDER at 10:40 AM by Board Chair Kalantari-Johnson.

2 ROLL CALL:

The following Directors were **present**, representing a quorum:

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| Director Kristen Brown | City of Capitola |
| Director Rebecca Downing | County of Santa Cruz |
| Direct Jimmy Dutra | City of Watsonville |
| Director Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson | City of Santa Cruz |
| Director Manu Koenig | County of Santa Cruz |
| Director Donna Lind | City of Scotts Valley |
| Director Bruce McPherson | County of Santa Cruz |
| Director Scott Newsome | City of Santa Cruz |
| Director Larry Pageler | County of Santa Cruz |
| Director Quiroz-Carter | City of Watsonville |
| Director Mike Rotkin | County of Santa Cruz |
| Ex-Officio Director Dan Henderson | UC Santa Cruz |
| Ex-Officio Director Alta Northcutt | Cabrillo College |
| Michael Tree | CEO/General Manager |
| Julie Sherman | General Counsel |

3 APPROVE: CONSIDER A RESOLUTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2023, DURING THE 9:00 AM REGULAR METRO BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE SANTA CRUZ CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 809 CENTER STREET, SANTA CRUZ, CA REGARDING THE REIMAGINE METRO SERVICE PROPOSALS

Julie Sherman, Legal Counsel, spoke to the item. METRO has a public hearing policy that requires the Board of Directors when contemplating certain actions, primarily substantive changes to services and fares, to have a formal public hearing. Staff is requesting the Board of Directors to call that public hearing and have a public comment period through the next regular Board meeting on September 22, 2023.

Directive Pageler asked if there will be a presentation that the public can comment on; an actual service plan by that date. We've seen Alternatives A and B and heard of a possible hybrid option. There is work to be done over the next four weeks leading to that. If staff needs assistance or participation from a Director, I'd be happy to volunteer. Board Chair Kalantari-Johnson, Director Downing and Director Rotkin volunteered as well. Director Lind encouraged staff and Board Members to get the word out to the community to participate in this process.

Board Chair Kalantari-Johnson spoke to CEO Tree that a few Directors are willing to form an ad hoc committee to plan and prep for this public hearing should you need our help.

There were no public comments.

ACTION: ADOPT A RESOLUTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2023, DURING THE 9:00 AM REGULAR METRO BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE SANTA CRUZ CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 809 CENTER STREET, SANTA CRUZ, CA REGARDING THE REIMAGINE METRO SERVICE PROPOSALS

MOTION: DIRECTOR ROTKIN

SECOND: DIRECTOR LIND

MOTION PASSED WITH 8 AYES (Directors Brown, Downing, Kalantari-Johnson, Koenig, Lind, Pageler, and Rotkin). Directors Dutra, Newsome, and Quiroz-Carter were absent.

Hearing nothing further, Board Chair Kalantari-Johnson moved to the next agenda item.

4 ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Kalantari-Johnson adjourned the meeting at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Bauer
Executive Assistant