

A special meeting of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority, on call of the Chairman, was held at the offices of the Authority, 2233 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, on Tuesday, April 27, 1954.

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Chairman Pollard with the following members present:

Emmett E. Doherty	Martin E. Pollard
Fred S. Dean	Clarence A. Winder
Hayden F. Jones	Jim Wilson

Absent: Walter J. Brunmark

Also in attendance: Ralph P. Merritt, General Manager

Chairman Pollard greeted the newly appointed members of the Authority and called attention to the announcement made by the office of Governor Goodwin J. Knight on April 20, 1954. The press release from the office of the Governor reads as follows:

"Governor Goodwin J. Knight today announced the appointment of Hayden Jones, Emmett Doherty and Clarence Winder as members of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority.

"The Governor also announced reappointment to the Authority of Jim Wilson and Walter Brunmark for new terms ending March 2, 1958. Both were originally appointed in March 1952.

"Jones, real estate developer of Puente, succeeds H. C. McClellan of Los Angeles and New York who has resigned, for a term ending March 2, 1956.

"Doherty, a Los Angeles attorney and a former Assistant U. S. Attorney, succeeds Lloyd Whaley of Long Beach whose term has expired, for a term ending March 2, 1958.

"Winder, Mayor of Pasadena and a traffic engineer, succeeds B. O. Miller of Los Angeles who has resigned, for a term ending March 2, 1958."

The Chairman made a brief statement to the new members outlining the purposes and policy of the Authority.

The Secretary reported that the minutes of the previous meeting on March 2, 1954, would not be read at this time awaiting the formal waiver of notice and consent to be signed by the former members of the Authority.

A report of the financial condition of the Authority with respect to its current administrative funds, and with respect to the engineering funds, was presented as prepared by the Treasurer and copies were distributed to each of the members.

Chairman Pollard then called upon the General Manager to present his report. Mr. Merritt distributed to each member of the Authority a memorandum dated April 27, 1954, which was a review of the Authority action from March 1952 to April 27, 1954. This review is compiled from the minutes of the Authority and other records up to and including the press release of Governor Goodwin J. Knight April 22, 1954, in which the Governor expresses appreciation to members of the Transit Authority for outstanding service, and requests the members of the Authority to continue the development of further plans for the solution of Mass Rapid Transit problems to be presented to the regular session of the Legislature in 1955.

Mr. Merritt read to the Authority and commented upon the matters contained in the second portion of the report, which was a summary of the various actions which have been taken as a result of the presentation by the Authority of the Economic Engineering Report of

Coverdale & Colpitts to the Senate Interim Committee on February 2, 1954, and subsequent presentations to other bodies. Included in the statement with regard to the Engineering Report is an outline of the objection that has developed from various sources responsible to the California Transit Association, of which Mr. Jesse Haugh, President of the Metropolitan Coach Lines, is Chairman.

Following the factual review, the General Manager then presented to the Authority for consideration, acceptance or amendment an outline of a plan of procedure to accomplish the request of the Governor to prepare plans for the regular legislative session of 1955 in which the Governor urges that public and civic agencies join with the Transit Authority in efforts to reach an agreement upon a cooperative and integrated plan to overcome problems of Mass Rapid Transit.

The General Manager recommended:

1. That the Authority accept in principle the conclusions of Coverdale & Colpitts Report as a first step in the development of interurban Mass Rapid Transit for the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area, subject to further study of certain engineering, legal and financial matters set forth in detail in the memorandum.
2. That the Authority present to the Board of Supervisors a budget of administrative, engineering, legal and other costs for the year 1954-55, and that such budget should be sufficient to permit the development of the essential factors necessary to the legislative plan of 1955.
3. That public meetings be held and public information be developed to obtain widespread support for the transit plans of the Authority.

4. That a study be made of the availability of rights of way outside the proposed monorail system in order to determine at an early date whether there are abandoned or available rights of way which may be obtained by the Authority for the restoration of a countywide system of transit.
5. Encouragement and invitation to independent industrial or public and civic groups to act in support of the general program for a Mass Rapid Transit under the leadership of the Transit Authority, as proposed by the Governor of California.

At his request, Mr. Winder was excused from the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

A tentative budget for the administrative expenses of the Authority for the fiscal year 1954-55 was read and after considerable discussion a motion was made by Mr. Doherty, seconded by Mr. Jones, that the proposed budget should be given further consideration and made a matter of regular business at the next meeting of the Authority.

The roll was called and the motion was carried, five members voting aye, none voting no.

Discussion was had regarding the position of the General Secretary of the Authority. It was unanimously agreed by all members present that specifications as to the duties and responsibilities of the General Secretary should be adopted. The General Manager agreed to supply such specifications.

There was also discussion with respect to the advisability of including in the budget for the coming year an item for public relations, or public information, expense in an amount of \$7,500 to \$10,000. No action was taken.

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The statement of George R. Thornton in the amount of \$3,094.65 was read. This amount was in payment for the printing of one thousand copies of the Coverdale & Colpitts Report as authorized by action of the Authority at its meeting on February 1, 1954. It was moved by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Doherty, that same be paid. On roll being called the motion carried, five members voting aye, none voting no.

There being no further business, upon motion duly made by Mr. Dean, seconded by Mr. Jones and carried, the meeting adjourned to meet at the office of the Authority, 2233 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, on Tuesday, May 11, 1954.


Secretary

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We, the undersigned, being all the members of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority, do hereby ratify, adopt and consent to all the facts, resolutions, appointments, proceedings, rules and regulations shown upon the above minutes of the special meeting held on April 27, 1954, and do declare them to be the acts, resolutions, appointments, proceedings, rules and regulations of the Authority and do hereby approve the same.

W. B. [Signature] 6/30/54

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Wayne F. Jones

Ernest E. Doherty

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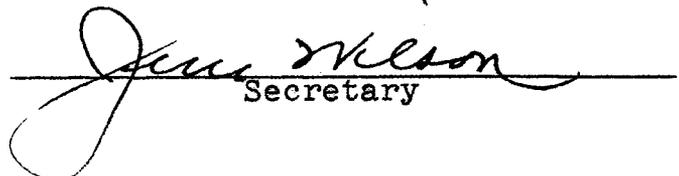
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TO ALL MEMBERS:

You are hereby notified that Chairman Martin Pollard has called a special meeting of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority, to be held at its offices at 2233 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, on Tuesday, April 27, 1954, at 2:30 p.m., for the purpose of organization and for such other business as may properly come before it.


Secretary

I, Jim Wilson, Secretary of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the notices delivered to all the members of the said Authority, giving due notice of the special meeting held on April 27, 1954.


Secretary