

SPECIAL MEETING

Meeting was called to order at 3:20 p.m. by Chairman.

Members present: Walter J. Brunmark Martin E. Pollard
Fred S. Dean Jim Wilson
H. C. McClellan

Members absent: B. O. Miller
Lloyd S. Whaley

Also in attendance: Ralph P. Merritt, General Manager
Stephen L. Wells, Public Information Counsel

Moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Dean, that the minutes of March 3, 1953, be approved. Motion carried and said minutes adopted, five members voting yes; voting no, none. Moved by Mr. Dean, seconded by Mr. Brunmark, that minutes of February 26, 1953, be approved. Motion carried unanimously. Five aye votes. No votes, none.

Letter from Long Beach Chamber of Commerce commending contract with Coverdale & Colpitts was read and ordered filed.

Communications

Letter from Attorney Beebe approving the securities deposited by the California Bank in the amount of \$50,000 as guaranty of funds deposited in said bank by the Authority.

Reports

By Attorney Beebe in the matter of employment of himself as General Attorney for the Authority, with Resolution No. 14 providing for such employment. (All members have copies of the Resolution.)

Moved by Mr. McClellan and seconded by Mr. Dean that Resolution No. 14 as submitted by the Attorney be adopted. On roll call the motion carried, five members voting aye. Members voting no, none.

Attorney Beebe's report on employment of Stephen L. Wells as Public Information Counsel with Resolution No. 15 providing for such employment, was read. (All members have copies of this resolution.) Much

discussion followed the reading of this report, more particularly of that part of the report dealing with "propagandizing" and "public information".

Mr. Merritt said that the Authority should make its position clear with regard to "public information" for the reason that the Authority may soon be entering into a legislative controversy; that there should be no violation of law in the use of funds provided by the Board of Supervisors regarding this matter.

Mr. Wells also discussed that part of the Beebe report citing certain court decisions as to appropriations of public funds; discussed also the subject of "propaganda" as applied to "public information service". Mr. McClellan suggested that any disagreement Mr. Wells might have as to the wording used in Resolution No. 15 be taken up by Mr. Wells with Attorney Beebe.

It was suggested by Mr. Merritt that if it was the desire of the Authority to compensate Mr. Wells for his services as Public Information Counsel in the amount available for such payments, it might be done by paying him at the rate of \$1500 a month from March 3 to June 30, 1953, inclusive. Mr. McClellan stated that the Attorney for the Authority should be consulted before approving payments of salary for a Public Information Counsel.

Mr. Merritt said that in the next few months the Authority will have a number of very important subjects to be presented to the public and that the time has come when an efficient and responsible Public Information Counsel will be needed.

After further discussion of said report and resolution, in which all members present participated, it was moved by Mr. Dean, seconded by Mr. McClellan, that action on this matter be postponed until the

regular meeting of the Authority of April 7, 1953. The motion was carried, five members voting aye; no votes, none.

The proposed amendments to Assembly Bill No. 3112, known as Assembly Bill 2311, as prepared by Attorney Beebe, were read by Mr. Merritt who made explanatory remarks concerning each of them. (All members have copies of these amendments.)

Mr. Merritt then discussed possible relations between the Authority and Mr. Jesse Haugh who is presently negotiating for the purchase of certain properties of the Pacific Electric Company.

Mr. Merritt stated that he had received from Mr. Burpee of Coverdale & Colpitts the draft of a proposed contract between the Authority and Coverdale & Colpitts which he had submitted to Attorney Beebe for preparation of preliminary draft. He said that the contract in its final form would be submitted to the Authority at its meeting of April 7, 1953. It was agreed that Mr. Merritt should make a trip to New York City to prepare with Mr. Burpee the final form of the contract for submission to Attorney Beebe.

Chairman Pollard then read a letter he had received as Chairman of the Authority from Mr. Stephen Wells regarding the giving out of publicity regarding the contract to be made between the Authority and Coverdale & Colpitts. It was the stated opinion of Mr. Wells that the Authority should not execute such a contract with engineering firms without giving out some information regarding these contracts to the public. Some discussion was had as to the proper time such information should be made public.

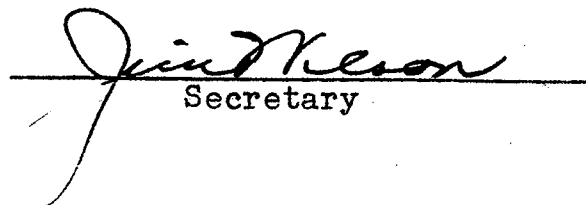
The General Manager and the Secretary advised members that it will become necessary to rent additional rooms to provide office space for

the engineering firms of Coverdale & Colpitts and Donald Baker for the purpose of carrying out the conditions of the contract between the Authority and Coverdale & Colpitts; that it would be necessary to purchase some equipment and to obtain whatever furniture is necessary to furnish the additional offices-- by rental as far as possible-- in order to carry out the provisions of the contract with Los Angeles County for making "engineering and economic studies of rapid transit routes".

Motion made by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Dean, that General Manager be authorized and instructed to make the necessary arrangements as to additional office space, purchase of necessary equipment and obtaining required office furniture. Motion carried, five votes aye; no votes, none.

Mr. Merritt presented a report of the activities and achievements of the Authority for the period beginning March 3, 1952, and ending March 3, 1953, covering the first year of the Authority's existence. (All members have copies.) Mr. Merritt asked that members read this annual report which will be brought up for amendment and adoption at the next meeting.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Dean, seconded by Mr. Brunmark, to adjourn the meeting until April 7, 1953, at 2 p.m. at these offices. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.


Secretary

MINUTE RECORD OF LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

MEETING HELD ON THE TWENTY FOURTH

DAY OF MARCH

1953

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REG. U.S. PAT. OFF. STANDARD MINUTE RECORD

We, the undersigned, being all the members of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority, do hereby ratify, adopt, and consent to all the acts, resolutions, appointments, proceedings, rules and regulations shown upon the above minutes of the special meeting held on the twenty-fourth day of March, 1953, and do hereby declare them to be the acts, resolutions, appointments, proceedings, rules and regulations of the Authority and do hereby approve said minutes.

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<u><i>Hoyt W. ...</i></u>	<u>3/31/53</u>
<u><i>Mark ...</i></u>	<u>3/24/53</u>
<u><i>Ken ...</i></u>	<u>3-24-53</u>
<u><i>Frank ...</i></u>	<u>3-24-53</u>
<u><i>W. B. ...</i></u>	<u>3-24-53</u>
<u><i>Jim ...</i></u>	<u>3-24-53</u>

RESOLUTION NO. 14

RESOLUTION RELATING TO GENERAL ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, this Authority, beginning with the first meeting thereof, has had as its General Attorney, James L. Beebe, of O'Melveny & Myers; and

WHEREAS, the Authority had no funds prior to July 1, 1952; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Authority had expected to compensate the General Attorney for services during the fiscal year 1952-53 from funds made available for that purpose, but no resolution or order providing for his compensation was adopted prior to March 3, 1953, and it is the opinion of Mr. Beebe that he cannot be compensated for services prior to said March 3, but nothing herein shall prevent payment for such services in the event a legal method of making such payment can be found; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Beebe was employed as General Attorney for the Authority with compensation to begin on March 3, 1953;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the appointment of James L. Beebe as General Attorney for the Authority at the meeting of March 3, 1953, be and it is hereby confirmed; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND AGREED that said James L. Beebe shall receive reasonable compensation for his services as billed from time to time for all services beginning March 3, 1953.

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Los Angeles, California
March 6, 1953

Name
Member Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority
Address

You are hereby notified that a special meeting of this Authority will be held at its offices, 2233 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, on Tuesday, March 24, 1953, at 3:00 o'clock, P.M. for the purpose of acting on proposed amendments to A. B. 3112 and such other business as may properly come before it.

Jim Wilson


Secretary.

I, JIM WILSON, Secretary of Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of notice of a special meeting of the Authority to be held on March 24, 1953, at its offices at 2233 Beverly Boulevard, Los California, at 3:00 o'clock, P. M. of said date.

Said notices were delivered to all members of the Authority.


Secretary