

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Board
of Directors of the District

January 6, 1981

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Upon notice given, the Board of Directors of the Southern California Rapid Transit District met at a Special meeting in the District Board Room, 425 South Main Street, Los Angeles, California, at 10:05 a.m. on January 6, 1981, at which time President Thomas G. Neusom called the meeting to order.

Directors Present:

David K. Hayward
Marvin L. Holen (entered 10:09 a.m.)
Gerald B. Leonard
Mike Lewis
Carl Meseck (entered 10:22 a.m.)

Thomas G. Neusom
Ruth E. Richter
Charles H. Storing
George Takei

Director Absent:

Jay B. Price

Staff Present:

Richard T. Powers, Acting General Manager
George L. McDonald, Manager of Planning & Marketing
Sam Black, Manager of Operations
Joe B. Scatchard, Controller-Treasurer-Auditor
James Jackson, Assistant General Counsel
David D. Dominguez, Manager of Human Relations
Robert G. Williams, Manager of Customer Relations
John S. Wilkens, Manager of Employee Relations
Patricia J. Bluemke, Assistant District Secretary

Also present were members of the public and the news media.

Resolution
No. Assigned

Approval of Provision of Indemnity for Double-Deck
Bus Inspection Consultant

The General Manager presented his report dated January 6, 1981, outlining the status of the procurement of 20 double-deck buses from Neoplan Company of Stuttgart, Germany. The Board recently approved award of a contract to Mr. George H. Wells covering final inspection of the prototype double-deck buses being manufactured; however, Mr. Wells has indicated that he has been unable to secure liability insurance for his consulting inspection efforts.

A report from Germany is expected January 7, 1981, on circumstances which may require the bus to be redesigned due to structural problems, and President Neusom informed the Board legal steps may be necessary to resolve the situation, including involvement of members of the Board of Directors.

Director Lewis left the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

After further discussion, upon motion of Director Hayward, seconded and carried as noted below, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolution
No. Assigned

Approval of Provision of Indemnity for Double-Deck
Bus Inspection Consultant (Cont.)

Ayes: Hayward, Holen, Leonard, Meseck,
Neusom, Richter, Storing, Takei
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Lewis, Price

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RESOLVED, that the General Manager is authorized to execute a contract amendment with Mr. George H. Wells, indemnifying him from any liability which may result from his inspection efforts in connection with the on-site inspection of 20 Neoplan double-deck buses in Stuttgart, Germany; form of contract amendment subject to approval of the General Counsel; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Treasurer is authorized to pay travel expenses incurred by members of the Board of Directors and staff who may be required to participate in the procurement effort.

Report Regarding Exercise of Option with General
Motors Corporation Covering Purchase of Additional
Buses

At the direction of the Board, the General Manager submitted his report dated January 5, 1981, relative to the possibilities of acquiring an additional 200-250 buses through exercise of an option with General Motors Corporation.

He reported that due to legal technicalities involved in accepting the General Motors Corporation option and the apparent inability of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration to participate in the procurement, it appears it would not be advisable to attempt to exercise the option for the 200-250 buses from General Motors Corporation at this time.

Resolution
No. Assigned

Report Regarding Exercise of Option with General
Motors Corporation Covering Purchase of Additional
Buses (Cont.)

The General Manager reported, however, the staff will continue to work with the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission to finalize contingency plans for the Implementation of Proposition A, which could include eventual acquisition of more buses with the use of Proposition A funds.

Upon motion of Director Hayward, seconded and carried, the report was "Received and Filed."

Changing Date of Board Meeting

Due to an anticipated lack of quorum on Thursday, January 29, 1981, it was proposed that the second regular meeting in the month of January be changed.

Upon motion of Director Hayward, seconded and carried as noted below, the following resolution was adopted:

Ayes:	Hayward, Holen, Leonard, Meseck, Neusom, Richter, Storing, Takei
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Lewis, Price

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RESOLVED, that the second regular meeting in the month of January be changed to Wednesday, January 28, 1981.

Closed Session to Discuss Personnel Matters

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board retired to Closed Session to receive a personnel report. The Board returned from Closed Session at 11:35 a.m. with all Directors except Directors Lewis, Price and Hayward responding to Roll Call. No report was made.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.


Patricia J. Blum
Assistant District Secretary