

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

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

September 17, 1976

On notice duly 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 2:05 p.m. on September 17, 1976, at which time President Byron E. Cook called the meeting to order.

Directors present:

George W. Brewster	Jay B. Price
Byron E. Cook	Ruth E. Richter
Donald Gibbs (entered at 2:15 p.m.)	Charles H. Storing
Marvin L. Holen	George Takei
Mike Lewis	Baxter Ward (entered at 3:10 p.m.)
Thomas Neusom (entered at 2:40 p.m.)	

Directors absent:

None

Staff present:

Jack R. Gilstrap, General Manager  
George W. Heinle, Manager of Operations  
Jack Stubbs, Asst. General Manager for Administration  
John S. Wilkens, Manager of Employee Relations  
Richard T. Powers, General Counsel  
George L. McDonald, Manager of Planning & Marketing  
Joe B. Scatchard, Controller-Treasurer-Auditor  
Mike Olivas, Deputy Admin. - Equal Employment Opportunities  
Richard K. Kissick, Secretary

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

President Cook announced that before recessing in Executive Session to consider labor matters, the Board would hear from members of the public who had requested appearances.

#### Public Appearances

Mr. Robert J. Edwards, P. O. Box 48904, Los Angeles 90048, representing Transit Victims, reported on a class action suit which his organization had filed against the District and the unions and stated it was his third appearance before the Board to request the Board to institute dial-a-ride service, and also that the suit maintains that strikes by public employees are unconstitutional.

Mr. Sheldon Walter, 16647 San Jose Street, Granada Hills 91344, stated he also believed that public employees did not have the right to strike and hoped agreement could be reached soon so the strike could end.

Mr. Howard Watts, 1021 N. Mariposa Avenue, Los Angeles 90029, urged the Board to change their stand and settle the strike, opposed the funds expended for newspaper ads, urged a change in legislation to outlaw strikes by public employees and wanted all proposals made public.

President Cook advised Mr. Watts that 33 cities had endorsed the Board's position, plus the Contract Cities Association.

(Director Gibbs entered at 2:15 p.m.)

Mrs. Fay Douglas, 6330 N. Figueroa Street, Los Angeles 90042, felt the strikers were getting sufficient pay now and opposed further increases. She also opposed the stand which the union leaders had taken.

Board of Directors Recessed in Executive Session at 2:20 p.m.

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board of Directors recessed in Executive Session at 2:20 p.m. to consider labor matters.

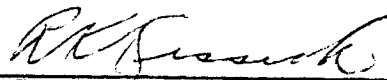
The Board reconvened at 5:08 p.m. with all Directors present except Director Ward who did not return to the meeting.

Following Roll Call, President Cook presented the following statement:

"The Board of Directors has been in Executive Session for approximately two and one-half hours. We invite the unions to submit to their membership the pending offers for a secret ballot.

"As an alternative, we invite the unions to return to the negotiating table with the understanding that discussions regarding the modification of work rules will be involved. We are ready and willing to explore that approach in a search for a solution."

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.



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Secretary