

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

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

September 2, 1976

Upon 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 1:05 p.m. on September 2, 1976, at which time President Byron E. Cook called the meeting to order.

Directors present:

George W. Brewster
Byron E. Cook
Donald Gibbs
Marvin L. Holen
Mike Lewis
Thomas G. Neusom

Jay B. Price
Ruth E. Richter
Charles H. Storing
George Takei
Baxter Ward

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
Robert Williams, Manager of Customer Relations
Richard K. Kissick, Secretary

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

Appearance of Councilman Ernani Bernardi

Los Angeles 7th District Councilman Ernani Bernardi appeared before the Board stating he had attempted to obtain City Council approval to support President Cook's recent letter to public officials regarding the present RTD strike but had been unsuccessful so was speaking for himself. He objected to the manner in which the settlement had been reached in 1974 and felt that public officials should stay out of the negotiations and let the RTD settle the labor problem, and requested the Board to hold the line on any settlement. He reported that Santa Monica Muni operators are receiving less per hour than the RTD operators at present; also, the operators of one of the major charter companies. He urged the Board to not settle the dispute at the 21 percent which he understood had been recommended, even if it prolonged the strike.

Board of Directors Recessed in Executive Session at 1:17 p.m.

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board of Directors recessed in Executive Session at 1:17 p.m. to consider labor matters.

The Board reconvened at 3:28 p.m. with Directors Brewster, Cook, Gibbs, Holen, Lewis, Neusom, Price, Richter and Storing responding to Roll Call. Directors Takei and Ward did not return to the meeting.

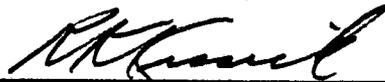
Following Roll Call, President Cook presented the following statement:

"The Board has met again in special session to consider the last offer made to this Board by the ATU.

After considerable discussion, the Board rejects the offer by an 8-3 vote so, essentially, the position of the Board is as I stated Tuesday to you - that the offer that is on the table presently is the last offer that was made by the Rapid Transit District to the ATU union so there will be no foreseeable reconsideration of that offer in my estimation.

The negotiating team for the RTD has been instructed to return to the table with the same offer they had before and to continue negotiations with the ATU and the UTU unions. I presume the disposition of the Board is to leave that offer on the table for a short period of time. How long it will be there, I do not know. There has been no change in the position of the Board, so all the activity that has occurred in the last two or three days at the Hall of Administration has been just that. It did not change the position of the Board. The Board's position is the same as it has always been, and according to my best evaluation of the Board's position, that will continue to be the position of the Board, so that, gentlemen, is about all I have to say on the matter."

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.



Secretary