

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
OF THE GOLETA WEST SANITARY DISTRICT
UCSB CAMPUS, PARKING LOT 32, SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA
MARCH 6, 2024**

In-person meeting

POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda for this meeting was posted in the display case outside the administrative office of the Goleta West Sanitary District and on the District's website at least 24 hours in advance of this special meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Director Bearman called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

2. ROLL CALL: BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

David Lewis
Eva Turenchalk
Robert Thomas
Craig Geyer
David Bearman M.D.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Brian McCarthy – General Manager/Board Clerk-Secretary
Jena Acos – District Counsel
Joey Hilliard – GWSD
Brian Robinson – Terrain Consulting (attended remotely)

OTHERS PRESENT

Sharon Rose – Director, GSD
Teanna Herrera – Engineer, Santa Barbara Airport (SBA)
Nate Irwin – Santa Barbara Channel Keeper

3. REQUEST FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION UNDER AB 2449

None.

4. APPROVE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

(24-03-15)

Director Geyer made a motion to remove Item 8 from the agenda. The motion was seconded by Director Turenchalk and passed unanimously by the Board.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS OF JANUARY 30, 2024 AND FEBRUARY 27, 2024

(24-03-16)

Upon a motion by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Thomas, the board unanimously approved the minutes for the Special Board Meetings of January 30, 2024 and February 27, 2024.

6. GENERAL MANAGER UPDATES

The General Manager provided a report updating activities and actions taken since the last meeting on February 27, 2024. At the direction of President Bearman, the General Manager contacted Directors Turenchalk and Geyer to ask that they serve on Ad Hoc Committee. The role of this Committee is to expedite communications relating to the Airport Spill Incident of February 17, 2024 for consideration by the Board. The Ad Hoc Committee will be considered dissolved upon completion of all Incident regulatory obligations and its final report has been made.

7. LEGAL COUNSEL UPDATES

No report.

8. THIS ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA (SEE ITEM 4.)

9. RECONSIDERATION OF THE CONDITIONS CONSTITUTING AN EMERGENCY

(24-03-17)

The General Manager provided an update on the Airport Spill Incident information since the last Board meeting on February 27, 2024. (see agenda Item 6.) District Counsel provided a summary of the agenda item for Board consideration. Board discussion and questions followed with the General Manager and Counsel providing current information. Counsel cited specific language in Resolution No. 24-823. The Board received and responded to public comment. Upon a motion by Director Geyer, seconded by Director Turenchalk, the Board affirmed that an emergency condition still exists and authorized the General Manager to proceed with emergency work and associated expenditures in order to protect life and safety of citizens, property, and the environment by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Thomas, Lewis, Bearman, Turenchalk, Geyer
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

10 APPROVAL OF COMMUNICATIONS PLAN AND AUTHORITY FOR DIRECTOR TURENCHALK TO APPROVE PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

(24-03-18)

The General Manager introduced the item and referenced a Proposed Communication Plan drafted by Terrain Consulting at the direction of the District PR Committee. Staff and the Committee provided additional details and answered questions from the Board. The intent is for the communication plan to be fluid and allow for open and accurate communication with the public. Director Turenchalk as chair of the PR Committee asked to review and edit all Press Releases related to the Airport Spill Incident prior to circulation. The Board received and responded to public comment. Upon a motion by Director Turenchalk, seconded by Director Geyer, the Board approved implementation of the Proposed Communication Plan and accorded authority to Director Turenchalk to review, edit, and approve of all future Press Releases related to the Incident by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Bearman, Lewis, Thomas, Geyer, Turenchalk
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

11. **COMMUNICATIONS**

Noted as received.

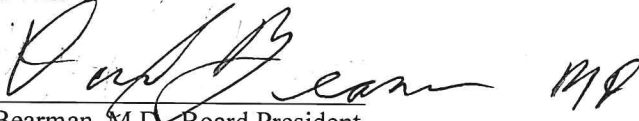
12. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Bearman adjourned the meeting at 5:47 PM.



Brian McCarthy, Board Clerk-Secretary

APPROVED



David Bearman, M.D., Board President