

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
OF THE GOLETA WEST SANITARY DISTRICT
UCSB CAMPUS, PARKING LOT 32, SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA
AUGUST 20, 2026**

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

President Thomas called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

2. ROLL CALL: BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Margaret Zhu
Craig Geyer
Eva Turenchalk
Robert Thomas
Bill Rosen

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Joseph Hilliard – General Manager
Jena Acos – District Counsel
Kristyn Lopez – Office Manager

OTHERS PRESENT

None.

3. APPROVE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

(26-08-46)

Upon a motion by Director Geyer, seconded by Director Thomas, the Board voted to remove Item 14, Closed Session, from the agenda, as presented by unanimous vote (5-0).

4. GENERAL MANAGER UPDATES

General Manager Joseph Hilliard provided a report.

5. LEGAL COUNSEL UPDATES

Legal Counsel Jena Acos provided a report on Senate Bill 1159.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

(26-08-47)

Upon a motion by Director Geyer, seconded by Director Zhu, the Board approved the Consent Calendar, as presented by unanimous vote (5-0).

- a. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JULY 21, 2026**
- b. **RECEIVE AND FILE GENERAL MANAGER'S OPERATIONS REPORT FOR THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JULY 21, 2026**
- c. **RECEIVE AND FILE ALLOWANCE OF CLAIMS FOR THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JULY 21, 2026**
- d. **CONSIDERATION OF THE JUNE 2026 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

DISCUSSION-ACTION AGENDA

7. **AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO SIGN A WAIVER OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST TO PERMIT BROWNSTEIN HYATT FARBER SCHRECK TO REPRESENT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA FOR UNRELATED REAL ESTATE AND LAND USE DUE DILIGENCE MATTERS**

(26-08-48)

General Manager Joseph Hilliard and Director Geyer provided information to the Board regarding the waiver. Upon a motion by Director Geyer, seconded by Director Turenchalk, the Board approved authorizing the General Manager to sign a "Waiver of Conflict of Interest – Consultation, Disclosure, Informed Consent" permitting Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck (BHFS), the law firm of District Counsel, to represent the University of California (UC) for the limited purpose of providing advice on unrelated real estate and land use due diligence matters, as presented by unanimous vote (5-0).

8. **CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 21 OF THE BOARD POLICY HANDBOOK**

(26-08-49)

District Counsel Jena Acos provided information to the Board regarding proposed amendments to the Board Policy Handbook. Upon a motion by Director Turenchalk, seconded by Director Thomas, the Board approved the proposed amendments to Section 21 of the Board Policy Handbook, as presented by District Counsel Jena Acos, to formally establish the position of Vice Treasurer and clarify the Vice Treasurer's authority, as well as the proposed edits from Director Rosen to Sections 21.7.3 and 21.7.4, with the revision of changing *absence* to *unavailability*. The motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

9. **CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE INVESTMENT POLICY AS PART OF THE ANNUAL REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 26-851**

(26-08-50)

District Counsel Jena Acos provided a report to the Board regarding proposed amendments to the Investment Policy. Upon a motion by Director Turenchalk, seconded by Director Zhu,

the Board approved the annual review of the Goleta West Sanitary District Investment Policy and proposed amendments to incorporate the Vice Treasurer role and align the delegation of investment authority with Section 21 of the District's Board Policy Handbook, as well as the proposed edits from Director Rosen to Section 5.0, with the revision of changing *absence* to *unavailability*, and adopted Resolution No. 26-851. The motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

10. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE FY 2026-2027 BUDGET

(26-08-51)

General Manager Joseph Hilliard provided a report regarding the FY 2026-2027 Budget. Upon a motion by Director Geyer, seconded by Director Zhu, the Board adopted the FY 2026-2027 Budget, with the addition of a rider stating that the District will not fund any non-mandated capital projects during FY 2026-2027 to allow time for the completion of a financial analysis of the force main(s). The motion passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

INFORMATION ITEMS

11. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

12. REPORTS

A. Operations Report – July 15, 2026 – August 13, 2026

The General Manager provided a report.

B. SBCCSDA Chapter Meeting – July 27, 2026

No report provided.

C. GWSD Special Management Committee Meeting – July 31, 2026

No questions.

D. CANCELED - Santa Barbara County Legislative Program Committee – August 3, 2026

E. Goleta Sanitary District Board Meeting – August 3 & August 17, 2026

Director Thomas and Director Geyer provided a report.

F. CANCELED - City of Goleta Council Meeting – August 4, 2026

G. SBCCSDA Executive Meeting – August 5, 2026

Director Geyer provided a report.

H. Goleta Water District Board Meeting – August 11, 2026

Director Zhu provided a report

I. EMID Board Meeting – August 12, 2026

Director Thomas provided a report.

J. **GWSD Special Finance Committee Meeting – August 14, 2026**
No questions.

K. **City of Goleta Council Meeting – August 18, 2026**
No report provided.

L. **Santa Barbara Airport Commission Meeting – August 19, 2026**
Director Thomas provided a report.

M. **Other Reports**
None.

13. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
None.

~~14. **CLOSED SESSION**~~

~~a. **TEMPORARY ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION**~~

~~b. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**~~
~~Significant exposure to litigation pursuant Government Code Section~~
~~54956.9(d)(2): One case~~

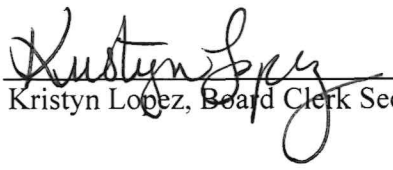
~~c. **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**~~

*This item was removed from the agenda.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**
There being no further business, President Geyer adjourned the meeting at 5:09 PM.

APPROVED


Robert Thomas, Board President


Kristyn Lopez, Board Clerk Secretary