



**SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT (METRO)  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES\*  
FEBRUARY 25, 2022 – 1:30 PM  
MEETING HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE**

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO) convened on Friday, February 25, 2022, via teleconference.

The Board Meeting Agenda Packet can be found online at [www.SCMTD.com](http://www.SCMTD.com). \*Minutes are “summary” minutes, not verbatim minutes. Audio recordings Board meeting open sessions are available to the public upon request.

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- 1 CALLED TO ORDER** at 1:34 PM by Chair Pageler.
- 2 ROLL CALL:** The following Directors were **present** via teleconference, representing a quorum:

<b>Director Rebecca Downing</b>	<b>County of Santa Cruz</b>
<b>Direct Jimmy Dutra</b>	<b>City of Watsonville</b>
<b>Director Shebreh Kalantari-Johnson</b>	<b>City of Santa Cruz</b>
<b>Director Manu Koenig (AR 1:42 PM)</b>	<b>County of Santa Cruz</b>
<b>Director Donna Lind</b>	<b>City of Scotts Valley</b>
<b>Director Bruce McPherson</b>	<b>County of Santa Cruz</b>
<b>Director Donna Meyers</b>	<b>City of Santa Cruz</b>
<b>Director Larry Pageler</b>	<b>County of Santa Cruz</b>
Director Ari Parker	City of Watsonville
<b>Director Kristen Petersen</b>	<b>City of Capitola</b>
<b>Director Mike Rotkin</b>	<b>County of Santa Cruz</b>
Ex-Officio Director Dan Henderson	UC Santa Cruz
Ex-Officio Director Alta Northcutt	Cabrillo College
Dawn Crummié	Interim CEO/GM
Julie Sherman	General Counsel

- 3 ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT EXISTING AGENDA ITEMS**

Having none, Chair Pageler asked if there were any public comments before recessing to closed session.

Holly Alcorn, Vice President – SEA Chapter of SEIU 521, asked if there would be a “Meet & Greet” between the union and the top candidates before someone is hired. Director Lind responded with “No; the applicants are currently employed and concerned about confidentiality. If it becomes apparent that they’ve applied, they could lose their current positions. When the final selection is made, then there can be a “Meet & Greet.”

Bonnie Morr, Legislative Representative from SMART Local 0023, commented that in the past when hiring a General Manager, the unions have been able to meet the final group of candidates. Director Lind commented that the recruiter advised us that all the candidates are currently employed (which was not the case in the past) and felt their positions could be at risk and would withdraw from the application process if their names could not be kept confidential.

James Sandoval, SMART Local 0023, said he was disappointed in this decision but he understands it. He was grateful that the recruiter reached out to the union for feedback and suggested if any candidates have union concerns, the union would be available for those discussions. He went on to say that he and Interim CEO Dawn Crummié have been working well together.

**RECESSED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 1:41 PM.**

**4 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT – CEO/GM POSITION (GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957); CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6)**

Director Manu Koenig arrived at 1:42 PM

**RECONVENED TO OPEN SESSION AT 4:24 PM**

**5 REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEM**

Julie Sherman, General Counsel, reported that the Board took no reportable action.

**6 ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Pageler adjourned the meeting at 4:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Bauer  
Executive Assistant