



GOLETA CEMETERY DISTRICT

Minutes of a Regular Meeting

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Goleta Cemetery District was held

December 10, 2024, at 4:00 pm

Goleta Cemetery District Office
44 S. San Antonio Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Present: Terry Dressler, Board Chairman
Gene Geller, Board Vice-Chairman
Claudia Chyla, Board Secretary
Rick Bower, District General Manager
Carrie Troup, CPA, District Accountant

Absent: None

1. Meeting called to order @ 4:04 pm. Welcome to all present.

2. Roll Call

Terry Dressler, Board Chairman – Present
Gene Geller, Board Vice-Chairman – Present
Claudia Chyla, Board Secretary – Present

3. Public Comment: None

4. Adoption of Agenda:

The Board adopted the agenda as presented. Motion by Mr. Geller, second by Ms. Chyla.
Ayes: Chyla, Dressler, Geller. Motion carried.

5. Correspondence / Information for Board:

Trustees – Ms. Chyla reported on the Mission Compassion Counseling program.
Mr. Geller announced he will attend Supervisors Capps' upcoming program.
District Manager Bower – None.

6. Approve Draft Meeting Notes of Notes of November 12, 2024, Regular Board Meeting:

The Board adopted the meeting notes as presented. Motion by Mr. Geller, second by Ms. Chyla. Ayes: Chyla, Dressler, Geller. Motion carried.

7. Reports: District General Manager and District Accountant:

- a. Services for November: 8 (5 Casket / 3 Cremation)
2024 Thru November: 97 (47 Casket / 50 Cremation); 2023: 102 (40 / 62)
- b. Presentation of District's November financial report by Carrie Troup, CPA

Action Items (The Board will discuss and may take action on the following items):

8. Old Business:

General Manager Bower provided information on the Grounds Development Project.

9. New Business:

- a. General Manager Bower updated the Board members on terms and the required professional training, ethics, and harassment.
- b. Selection of Board Officers for 2025.
Mr. Geller nominated Mr. Dressler as Chairman.
Motion by Mr. Geller, second by Ms. Chyla. Ayes: Chyla, Dressler, Geller. Motion Carried.
Ms. Chyla nominated Mr. Geller to be Vice-Chairman. Motion by Ms. Chyla, second by Mr. Dressler. Ayes: Chyla, Dressler, Geller. Motion carried.
Mr. Geller nominated Ms. Chyla to be Secretary. Motion by Mr. Geller, second by Mr. Dressler. Ayes: Chyla, Dressler, Geller. Motion carried.
- c. The Board reviewed and approved the 2025 regular meeting calendar:
January 14, March 11, April 8, June 10, August 12, September 9,
November 12 (Wednesday), December 9.
(No regular meetings in February, May, July, and October.)
All Meetings will be held in District Office and start at 4:00 pm.
Motion by Mr. Geller, second by Ms. Chyla. Ayes: Chyla, Dressler, Geller. Motion Carried.

10. The Board recessed to closed session 4:30 pm:

Closed Session: Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Title: District General Manager: per Government Code Section 54957

Return to open session at 4:37 pm. Report from closed session: No action taken.

11. Items for next regular meeting Agenda – scheduled for January 14, 2025:

- a. GM to update the Board on available inventory of Plots/Niches.
- b. Grounds development project.

12. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm. Motion by Mr. Dressler, second by Ms. Chyla.
Ayes: Chyla, Dressler, Geller. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Bower, Clerk of the Board
Goleta Cemetery District Board of Trustees