



GOLETA CEMETERY DISTRICT

Minutes of a Regular Meeting

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

January 13, 2026 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
David Durbiano, District General Manager
Carrie Troup, CPA, District Accountant

Absent: None

1. Meeting called to order 4:00 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 amended. Order of Items: 9a. to 9b.; 9b. to 9a. Motion by Mr. Geller, second by Ms. Chyla. Ayes: Chyla, Dressler, Geller. Motion carried.

5. Correspondence / Information for Board:

Trustees – None
District Manager Bower – None

6. Approve Draft Meeting Notes of December 9, 2025 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 December: 8 (8 Casket / 0 Cremation)
Services thru December 2025; 112 (57 Casket/55 Cremation) 2024; 97 (47/50)
- b.** Presentation of District's December financial reports by Carrie Troup, CPA.

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

8. Old Business: None

9. New Business:

- a. The Board discussed, reviewed and approved the proposed Investment Policy. Motion by Mr. Geller, second by Ms. Chyla. Ayes: Chyla, Dressler, Geller. Motion carried.
- b. The Board discussed and approved District Resolution Number 2026-01, “A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Goleta Cemetery District authorizing the withdrawal of all funds from the County Treasury and the appointment of the District Treasurer to assume all County Treasurer duties.” Motion by Ms. Chyla, second by Mr. Geller. Ayes: Chyla, Dressler, Geller. Motion carried.
- c. The Board selected California CLASS to manage District funds not held in Community West Bank. Motion by Mr. Geller, second by Ms. Chyla. Ayes: Chyla, Dressler, Geller. Motion carried.
- d. The Board approved to vote for Dorinne Lee Johnson for Regular Special District Member of LAFCO. Motion by Mr. Geller, second by Ms. Chyla. Ayes: Chyla, Dressler, Geller. Motion carried.

10. Items for next regular meeting Agenda – scheduled for March 10, 2026.

- a. Meeting with Mike Gones, District Engineer regarding the expansion project.
- b. Proposed modifications to Manager’s residence.

11. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

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