



GOLETA CEMETERY DISTRICT

Minutes of a Regular Meeting

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

April 8, 2025, 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 4:02 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 – Mr. Geller reported on the CAPC conference he attended in Seaside. He discussed investment options such as laddered treasuries.

District Manager Bower – Reported on the CAPC conference regarding his contact with vendors as well as collaboration with other managers.

6. Approve Draft Meeting Notes of Notes of March 11, 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 March: 13 (6 Casket / 7 Cremation)
Services for 2025 through March: 36 (17 Casket / 19 Cremations); 2024: 33 (14 / 19)
- b.** Presentation of District's March 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 discussed and the Board approved of the proposal from RJM Design Group for the "Preliminary Design" of the Master Plan Project. Motion by Mr. Geller, second by Ms. Chyla. Ayes: Chyla, Dressler, Geller. Motion carried.

9. New Business:

- a.** General Manager Bower recommended and the Board approved the "Cost of Living" pay increase for all full-time grounds employees, to match the 12-month percentage change as of May 2025 Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index for this area effective July 1, 2025 (February CPI is 3.1%). Motion by Ms. Chyla, second by Mr. Geller. Ayes: Chyla, Dressler, Geller. Motion carried.
- b.** General Manager Bower recommended and the Board approved changes to District fees and charges, effective July 1, 2025. Motion by Mr. Geller, second by Ms. Chyla. Ayes: Chyla, Dressler, Geller. Motion carried.

10. Items for next regular meeting Agenda – scheduled for June 10, 2025:

- a.** Operations Budget for FY July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026
- b.** Stiefel Investments.

11. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 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