



GOLETA CEMETERY DISTRICT

Minutes of a Regular Meeting

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

August 12, 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 4:00 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 presented. Motion by Mr. Geller, second by Ms. Chyla.
Ayes: Chyla, Dressler, Geller. Motion carried.

5. Correspondence / Information for Board:

Trustees – None
District Manager Bower informed the Board that he will be retiring at the end of this calendar year. The Board will schedule a special meeting to discuss.

6. Approve Draft Meeting Notes of the June 10, 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 June: 11 (4 Casket / 7 Cremation)
Services for July: 14 (4 Casket / 10 Cremation)
Services for 2025 through July: 77 (33 Casket / 44 Cremations); 2024: 63 (29 / 34)
- b.** Presentation of District's June & July financial report by Carrie Troup, CPA

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

8. Old Business:

- a. District Manager Bower reviewed and discussed designs of 2 niche features as prepared by RJM Design Group for the Master Plan Expansion Project.
- b. The Board discussed action regarding the previous presentation by Sandra Wheeler, Vice President / Investments, Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, San Luis Obispo, regarding possible alternative investment options for District Funds. Trustee Geller discussed the options.

9. New Business:

- a. The Board approved Resolution 2025-010: Designation of a separate “Bill Paying Fund.” Motion by Mr. Geller, second by Ms. Chyla. Ayes: Chyla, Dressler, Geller. Motion carried.
- b. The Board approved to cast a ballot for the regular Special District member on LAFCO for Dorinne Lee Johnson. Motion by Mr. Geller, second by Mr. Dressler. Ayes: Chyla, Dressler, Geller. Motion carried.
- c. The Board discussed and approved of the General Manager’s request to amend “Vacation Accrual Schedule” in District Employee Handbook to equal the schedule in the MOU for County service employees. Motion by Mr. Geller, second by Ms. Chyla. Ayes: Chyla, Dressler, Geller. Motion carried.

10. Items for next regular meeting Agenda – scheduled for September 9, 2025

- a. Master Plan Expansion Project.
- b. Special Meeting. TBA

11. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 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