



GOLETA CEMETERY DISTRICT

Minutes of a Regular Meeting

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

September 9, 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:

Guest, Susan Klein-Rothschild, introduced herself and announced that she is running for LAFCO Special District Representative.

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 Handout: Letter of Resignation from District Manager Bower.

6. Approve Draft Meeting Notes of the August 12, 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.

Approve Draft Meeting Notes of the August 26, 2025 Special 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 August: 9 (7 Casket / 2 Cremation)
Services for 2025 through August: 86 (40 Casket / 46 Cremations); 2024: 74 (33 / 41)
- b.** Presentation of District's August 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 reported on Master Plan Expansion Project.
- b.** The Board approved to vote for Regular Special District Member Susan Klein-Rothschild for the Special District Representative on the LAFCO Board. Motion by Mr. Geller, second by Ms. Chyla. Ayes: Chyla, Dressler, Geller. Motion carried.
- c.** The Board discussed, and District Manager Bower gave an update, on securing a replacement for the retiring District Manager. They discussed the candidate assessment process.

9. New Business:

- a.** The Board approved of the amended contract with District Accountant Carrie Troup, CPA, and will report back on the savings in January. Motion by Mr. Geller, second by Ms. Chyla. Ayes: Chyla, Dressler, Geller. Motion carried.
- b.** District Manager Bower discussed and informed the Board of public concerns over both weekend gatherings and e-bikes on the grounds.
- c.** District Manager Bower reported on the recent request from Sunseri Construction for consideration of renting equipment storage space in the undeveloped section. No action taken.

10. Items for next regular meeting Agenda – scheduled for November 12, 2025 (Wednesday)

- a.** Master Plan Expansion Project.
- b.** Replacing District General Manager.
- c.** TBD.

11. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 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