



GOLETA CEMETERY DISTRICT

Minutes of a Regular Meeting

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

December 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
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 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 – None

6. Approve Draft Meeting Notes of November 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.

7. Reports: District General Manager and District Accountant

- a.** Services for November: 7 (1 Casket / 6 Cremation)
Services thru November 2025; 104 (49 Casket/55 Cremation) 2024; 97 (47/50)
- b.** Presentation of District's November financial reports by Carrie Troup, CPA.

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

8. Old Business:

District Manager Bower reported on the Master Plan Expansion Project. Mr. Gones will be the Project Engineer on the project.

9. New Business:

a. Investment presentations from Crystal Lynn of California Class, and Sandra Wheeler of Stifel Investments. They reported on financial division as well as tailored management options.

b. Motion to move item 9d. to 9b. 'Resolution #2025-02, Withdrawing Funds from County Treasury. Appointment of District Treasurer. District Investment policy.' Motion by Mr. Geller, second by Ms. Chyla. Ayes: Chyla, Dressler, Geller. Motion carried.

The Board motioned to move the district funds from the Santa Barbara County Treasury and directed staff to prepare the following for the next regular Board meeting: a Resolution to remove the funds from the Santa Barbara County Treasury and a District Investment Policy. Motion by Mr. Dressler, second by Mr. Geller. Ayes: Chyla, Dressler, Geller. Motion carried.

c. Report on the General Manager transition: January 15, 2026 will be District Manager Bower's last day.

d. Clarification regarding employees' and spouses' retiree health benefits: health insurance for employees and spouses to be covered and will continue after retirement.

e. General Manager Bower reported on Board member terms and required professional training.

f. Selection of Board Officers for 2026:
Chairman, Mr. Dressler; Vice Chair, Ms. Chyla; Treasurer, Mr. Geller.
Motion by Mr. Geller, second by Ms. Chyla. Ayes: Chyla, Dressler, Geller. Motion carried.

g. Set regular meeting calendar for 2026. GM recommends:
January 13, March 10, April 14, June 9, August 11, September 8, November 10, December 8. (No regular meetings in February, May, July, and October.) All meetings will be held in District office and start at 4:00 pm.

10. Items for next regular meeting Agenda – scheduled for January 13, 2026.

Two separate motions: Resolution to remove funds from the Santa Barbara County Treasury and Investment Policy.

11. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 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