



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING *draft* MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2026 - 1:30 PM**

5401 Old Redwood Highway, 1st Floor Petaluma,
CA 94954

1. Call to Order [00:03 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]
Vice Chair Sackett called the meeting to order at 1:30PM.

Vice Chair Sackett and Directors Colin, Fleming, Garbarino, Kelley, Lucan, Pahre, Paulson, and Rabbit were present. Chair Coursey and Director Cader Thompson were absent. Director Colin was unable to attend in person due to a verified “*Just Cause*” and requested to participate remotely via Zoom. A roll call vote was held to approve the Director’s request

MOTION: Director Garbarino moved to approve the Director’s remote participation. Director Lucan seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried 9-0-0-2 with Chair Coursey and Director Cader Thompson absent.

2. Approval of the December 17, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes [02:30 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

MOTION: Director Pahre moved approval of the December 17, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Director Kelley seconded. The motion carried 7-0-1-2 with Chair Coursey and Director Cader Thompson absent and Director Paulson abstaining.

3. Board Member Announcements [03:40 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

None

4. General Manager’s Report [03:49 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

General Manager Cumins provided a PowerPoint presentation, which is posted on SMART’s website. Highlights included:

- Ridership Report
- Emergency Repairs
- Highlight of the Month
- Questions

5. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items [11:15 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]
Kim Lockhart
6. Consent Calendar [13:52 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]
 - 6a. Accept Monthly Ridership Report – December 2025
 - 6b. Approve Monthly Financial Status Report – November 2025
 - 6c. Approve the Black Point Bridge emergency declaration to determine if there is a continued need for emergency action and continue to approve Contract No. FR-BB-25-002 for emergency repairs

Public Comment:
None

MOTION: Director Garbarino moved to approve the Consent Calendar, Items 6a thru 6c. Director Rabbitt seconded. The motion carried 9-0-0-2 with Chair Coursey and Director Cader Thompson absent.

7. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-01 accepting the certifications of the Sonoma County Registrar of Voters as to the verifications of signatures for the initiative petition entitled “The SMART Initiative: Safe, Modern, and Accessible Rail and Transit” (“Initiative Measure”), and requesting the Boards of Supervisors of the Counties of Sonoma and Marin to call a special election on the initiative measure to be held on June 2, 2026 and to consolidate the special election with the Statewide Direct Primary Election and any special election held on that same date. *General Manager, Cumins presented a PowerPoint Presentation which is posted on SMART’s website.* [14:44 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Public Comments: [19:58 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]
Suzanne Smith
Eris Weaver
Jack Swearingen

Discussion: Vice Chair Sackett and Directors Paulson and Rabbitt spoke

MOTION: Director Kelley moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-01 accepting the certifications of the Sonoma County Registrar of Voters as to the verifications of signatures for the initiative petition entitled “The SMART Initiative: Safe, Modern, and Accessible Rail and Transit” (“Initiative Measure”), and requesting the Boards of Supervisors of the Counties of Sonoma and Marin to call a special election on the initiative measure to be held on June 2, 2026 and to consolidate the special election with the Statewide Direct Primary Election and any special election held on that same date. Director Pahre seconded. The motion carried 9-0-0-2 with Chair Coursey and Director Cader Thompson absent.

8. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-02 to make various changes to the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Adopted Budget - Amendment #6 – *Presented by Heather McKillop, Chief Financial Officer.* [28:09 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Public Comments:
None

MOTION: Director Kelley moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-02 to make various changes to the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Adopted Budget - Amendment #6. Director Rabbitt seconded. The motion carried 9-0-0-2 with Chair Coursey and Director Cader Thompson absent.

Board/Public Comments [31:38 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]
None

9. Approve the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee to Review Citizens Oversight Committee Applications and Recommend Appointments – *General Manager, Cumins presented a PowerPoint Presentation which is posted on SMART’s website* [32:26 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Directors Garbarino, Kelley and Paulson Volunteered and Staff was directed to contact Director Cader Thompson who had expressed interest in the Ad Hoc Committee. Public Comments: [35:27 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

MOTION: Director Paulson moved to approve the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee to Review Citizens Oversight Committee Applications and Recommend Appointments Director Lucan seconded. The motion carried 9-0-0-2 with Chair Coursey and Director Cader Thompson absent.

10. Next Board of Directors Meeting, **February 18, 2026 – 1:30 PM** – 5401 Old Redwood Highway, 1st Floor, Petaluma, CA 94954

11. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 2:08PM

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Kyreen Jorgensen
Clerk of the Board

Approved on: _____