

Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority Board of Directors

MEETING MINUTES

Foothill Gold Line Community Room
 404 E. Huntington Drive
 Monrovia, California 91016

**January 29, 2026
 11:00 AM**

1. Call to Order

Chair Reece called the meeting to order at 11:01 AM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Member Sandoval led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call:

Member	Appointing Entity	Present	Absent
<i>Voting Members</i>			
Ed Reece. <i>Chair</i>	SGVCOG	X	
Mendell Thompson	City of South Pasadena	X	
Tim Sandoval	LACMTA	X	
Tim Hepburn	City of Pasadena	X	
Vacant	City of Los Angeles	—	—
<i>Non-Voting Members</i>			
Gene Masuda	City of Pasadena	X	
Daniel Evans	City of South Pasadena	X	
John Dutrey	SBCTA	X	
Marlon Regisford	Governor of California	X	
<i>Alternate Members</i>			
Bill Ruh	City of Pasadena	—	—
Paul Leon	City of South Pasadena	—	—
Alan Wapner	SBCTA	—	—
Larry Spicer	SGVCOG	—	—
Tami Saghafi	Governor of California	—	—

4. [Public Comments on Items On/Off Agenda](#)

Chair Reece inquired of the Clerk of the Board, if any Public Comment had been received for items on or off the Agenda. The Clerk indicated that no requests for Public Comment had been received and no members of the public wished to speak. Chair Reece closed Public Comment.

5. [Nomination and Election of Officers for 2026](#)

Chair Reece opened nominations for the position of Chair of the Board of Directors for 2026. Board Member Hepburn made a motion to nominate current Chair, Ed Reece, which was seconded by Board Member Sandoval. Chair Reece requested any additional nominations; hearing none, nominations were closed, and Chair Reece requested a roll call vote from the Clerk.

Agenda Item 5 – Nomination of Ed Reece to serve as Chair for 2026				
<i>Voting Board Members</i>				
Reece	Thompson	Sandoval	Hepburn	Vacant
Yes	Yes	Second	Motion	N/A

Chair Reece opened nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Board of Directors for 2026. Board Member Hepburn made a motion to nominate Mendell Thompson to serve as Vice Chair, which was seconded by Board Member Sandoval. Chair Reece requested any additional nominations; hearing none, nominations were closed, and Chair Reece requested a roll call vote from the Clerk.

Agenda Item 5 – Nomination of Mendell Thompson to serve as Vice Chair for 2025				
<i>Voting Board Members</i>				
Reece	Thompson	Sandoval	Hepburn	Vacant
Yes	Yes	Second	Motion	N/A

➤ [Presentation](#)

6. [CEO Monthly Report](#)

Mr. Habib F. Balian, Chief Executive Officer, provided the report.

➤ [Presentation](#)

Item received and filed.

7. [Consent Calendar](#) (Committee Review):

- a. [Approval of November 13, 2025, minutes of Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority Board of Directors meeting](#)
- b. [Approve 2026 Board Committees and Assignments](#)

Chair Reece requested a motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

Board Member Hepburn made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar which was seconded by Board Member Thompson. Chair Reece requested a roll call vote. The motion passed.

Agenda Item 7 – Consent Calendar (7a & 7b)				
Voting Board Members				
Reece	Thompson	Sandoval	Hepburn	Vacant
Yes	Yes	Second	Motion	N/A

8. General Board Items:

- a. [Receive and File Technical Update: CMAR Project Delivery Method](#)

Chair Reece requested Chris Burner, Chief Project and Planning Officer, provide the report.

- [Presentation](#)

Item received and filed.

- b. [Receive and file Monthly Project Status Update as of December 2025](#)

Chair Reece requested Chris Burner, Chief Project and Planning Officer, provide the report.

- [Presentation](#)

Item received and filed.

- c. [Authorize the CEO to Execute Amendment 9 to C1145 Small Business Enterprise \(SBE\) Audit Consulting Services with GCAP Services, Inc.](#)

Chair Reece requested Mitchell Purcell, Esq., Chief Contracting Officer and In-House Counsel, provide the report.

- [Presentation](#)

Chair Reece requested a motion to approve the item.

Board Member Hepburn made a motion to approve the item which was seconded by Board Member Sandoval. Chair Reece requested a roll call vote. The motion passed.

Agenda Item 8.c. – C1145 Amendment 9				
<i>Voting Board Members</i>				
Reece	Thompson	Sandoval	Hepburn	Vacant
Yes	Yes	Second	Motion	N/A

- d. [Approval of Southern California Regional Rail Authority \(SCRRA\) work authorization through fiscal year \(FY\) 2026, in an amount not to exceed \\$52,000 to support the Foothill Gold Line Phase 2B2 project](#)

Chair Reece requested Chris Burner, Chief Project and Planning Officer, provide the report.

➤ [Presentation](#)

Chair Reece requested a motion to approve the item.

Board Member Hepburn made a motion to approve the item which was seconded by Board Member Sandoval. Chair Reece requested a roll call vote. The motion passed.

Agenda Item 8.d. – SCRRA Reimbursement				
<i>Voting Board Members</i>				
Reece	Thompson	Sandoval	Hepburn	Vacant
Yes	Yes	Second	Motion	N/A

- e. [Award Contract No. C3005 “Pomona to Claremont Design and Engineering Services” to Parsons Transportation Group, Inc. and Authorize the CEO to Execute Contract](#)

Chair Reece requested Mitchell Purcell, Esq., Chief Contracting Officer and In-House Counsel, provide the report.

➤ [Presentation](#)

Chair Reece requested a motion to approve the item.

Board Member Hepburn made a motion to approve the item which was seconded by Board Member Sandoval. Chair Reece requested a roll call vote. The motion passed.

Agenda Item 8.e. – Award C3005				
<i>Voting Board Members</i>				
Reece	Thompson	Sandoval	Hepburn	Vacant
Yes	Yes	Second	Motion	N/A

- f. [Authorize CEO to Issue Request for Proposals \(RFP\) C3006 Pomona to Claremont Project](#)

Chair Reece requested Mitchell Purcell, Esq., Chief Contracting Officer and In-House Counsel, provide the report.

➤ [Presentation](#)

Chair Reece requested a motion to approve the item.

Board Member Hepburn made a motion to approve the item which was seconded by Board Member Sandoval. Chair Reece requested a roll call vote. The motion passed.

Agenda Item 8.f. – Issue RFP C3006				
Voting Board Members				
Reece	Thompson	Sandoval	Hepburn	Vacant
Yes	Yes	Second	Motion	N/A

- g. [Consideration of Resolution 2026-R-01 of the Board of Directors Authorizing the Use of Teleconferencing Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.8.7 \(SB 707\)](#)

Chair Reece requested Alfred E. Smith II, Esq., General Counsel, provide the report.

- [Presentation](#)

Chair Reece requested a motion to approve the item.

Board Member Hepburn made a motion to approve the item which was seconded by Board Member Sandoval. Chair Reece requested a roll call vote. The motion passed.

Agenda Item 8.g. – Resolution 2026-R-01				
Voting Board Members				
Reece	Thompson	Sandoval	Hepburn	Vacant
Yes	Yes	Second	Motion	N/A

- h. [Consideration of Resolution 2026-R-02 of the Board of Directors Authorizing the Construction Committee to Utilize Teleconferencing Provisions as an Eligible Subsidiary Body Under the Brown Act](#)

Chair Reece requested Alfred E. Smith II, Esq., General Counsel, provide the report.

- [Presentation](#)

Chair Reece requested a motion to approve the item.

Board Member Hepburn made a motion to approve the item which was seconded by Board Member Sandoval. Chair Reece requested a roll call vote. The motion passed.

Agenda Item 8.h. – Resolution 2026-R-02				
Voting Board Members				
Reece	Thompson	Sandoval	Hepburn	Vacant
Yes	Yes	Second	Motion	N/A

- 9. [General Counsel’s Report](#)

No General Counsel’s report.

10. Board Member Comments

Received Board Member comments.

11. Adjournment

Chair Reece adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:58 PM.