

Artesia Cemetery District
Meeting Location: 11142 Artesia Blvd., Cerritos, CA 90703

Board of Trustees

Chair Michael Wada **Vice Chair** Linda Gonzalez

Trustee Allison Stewart **Trustee** Osvaldo Palhinha **Trustee** Mike Laughlin
General Manager Antonio Mendoza **District Counsel** Karen A. O'Neil

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Thursday, October 20, 2022

4:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wada called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Wada, Vice Chair Gonzalez, Trustee Laughlin, Trustee Palhinha,
Teleconference: Trustee Stewart

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Stewart

4. AGENDA

Trustee Laughlin motioned to approve the Agenda of the October 20, 2022 meeting. Vice Chair Gonzalez seconded. **Unanimous Approval**

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present.

6. CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--EXISTING LITIGATION

(Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9)

Artesia Cemetery District vs. Robert Yeutter et al. (Case No. 21NWCV00562)

Trustee Palhinha motioned to go into closed session and Vice Chair Gonzalez seconded.

The Board of Trustees entered Closed Session at 4:05 p.m.

The Board of Trustees returned from Closed Session at 4:27 p.m.

7. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements. Closed Session was for informational purposes only.

8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A. FINANCE/TREASURER'S REPORT

Paul J. Kaymark CPA, Financial consultant reviewed the Finance/Treasurer's Report via Teleconference.

Vice Chair Gonzalez motioned to approve the Finance/Treasurer's Report. Trustee Laughlin seconded. **Unanimous Approval**

B. ACD UPDATE

This month we had a total of 8 funerals: 4 burials and 4 cremations. Still averaging about 75% full burials and 25% cremations.

The Ground project is running smoothly; they are creating division lines in the back of cemetery.

He is working with Vault company to figure out pricing with them. We estimate early January to get project running.

Rock Name will be released at the Dia De Los Muertos Event. The vote tally is as follows: Rock of Faith (15 votes), Serenity Stone (12 votes), Remembrance Rock (11 votes), Serenity Rock (5 votes), Resting Rock (2 votes), Rock of Love (2 votes).

Open House was a success and had great feedback from the community.

Dia de los Muertos event is ready, families have signed up to participate in the Ofrenda table to honor their loved ones, food vendor is confirmed, Rose Cremations will be doing a dance performance and we are having a costume contest for children 12 and under. Raffle tickets and prizes will be given. Movie will begin at 6:30pm

9. CONSENT ITEMS

A. MINUTES: September 15, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Gonzalez motioned to approve the Minutes from the September 15, 2022, board meeting. Trustee Palhinha seconded. **Unanimous Approval**

10. ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF BRIGHTVIEW AGREEMENT FOR TREE CARE SERVICES

Trustee Palhinha motioned to approve Approval of Brightview Agreement for Tree Care Services. Trustee Laughlin seconded. **Unanimous Approval**

B. NICHE WALL AND OSSUARY UPDATE

Antonio gave an update on Niche Wall and Ossuary. He shared the next steps and timeline for the plans.

C. JUNETEENTH STATE HOLIDAY UPDATE (AB 1655)

Chair Wada requested to have a motion to approve a friendly amendment for a floating holiday, pending development of a policy & procedures by the General Manager.

Trustee Palhinha motioned to approve. Trustee Laughlin seconded. **Unanimous Approval**

11. BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Laughlin: Discussed with Antonio about Artesia High School welding students to creating ACD logo on the back gate. Also asked if there were any plans for an event on Veteran's Day in which there is not.

Trustee Palhinha: Confused about who else is on the board. He thanked Dawn for giving him a Cookie for his birthday.

Trustee Stewart: Thanked everyone for their flexibility with virtual calls, said she has less than 2 weeks to go and then she will be done with school.

Vice Chair Gonzalez: Apologized for being late and looking forward to Dia de Los Muertos Event.

Chair Wada: Glad that Vice Chair Gonzalez is doing better. We need to add a new label to flagpole for a new military branch. Asked if we can also provide something for Artesia High School students as a thanks for their work. Reminder that it is time again for ACD Staff lunch. Looking into scheduling it for Thursday, November 3rd, 2022, at lunch time. The General Manager says he will send an email with details.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Gonzalez motioned to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Laughlin seconded this motion.

Chair Wada adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 5:40 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on **Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.**