



**BRIEFING: OCTOBER 11, 2016 BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM #3**

**TO:** Chairman Richard and Board Members

**FROM:** Thomas C. Fellenz, Chief Counsel

**DATE:** October 11, 2016

**RE:** Consider Amending the Board's Policies and Procedures to Update Board Committee Jurisdictions

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**Summary of Requested Action and Background**

The California High-Speed Rail Authority Board's Policies and Procedures do not accurately reflect the current jurisdiction of the Finance and Audit Committee, address overlapping jurisdictions, and do not include the Transit-Land Use Committee or a description of its jurisdiction. Staff is recommending the Board update its Policies and Procedures to codify these changes. The attached Board policies show the current committee structures and areas of focus.

**Discussion**

Public Utilities Code section 185020 establishes the California High-Speed Rail Authority composed of nine Board members. From among its members, the Authority shall elect a chairperson, who shall preside over all meetings of the Authority.

The Board's Policies and Procedures state that Board committees are established by the Chairperson. Unless otherwise provided by the Board, Board committees serve in an advisory capacity only, make their recommendations to the full Board, and do not provide direction to staff or consultants. Any delegation of power to a committee shall be made by resolution of the full Board. The resolution shall set forth the powers delegated to the committee and the term of existence, if any, of the delegation.

The Board Chairperson has requested that the staff update the Board Policies and Procedures to expand the jurisdiction description for the Finance and Audit Committee and to establish the jurisdiction description for the Transit-Land Use Committee.

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Board approve and adopt the attached resolution to amend the Board Policies and Procedures to update the jurisdiction description for the Finance & Audit Committee and the Transit-Land Use Committee as shown in the attached draft resolution.

## **Attachments**

- Resolution #HSRA16-25
- Board Policies and Procedures dated June 3, 2014