

San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES OF THE 1,977TH MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025

Members of the Board of Directors

Mark Foley, President (District 2)

Melissa Hernandez, Vice President (District 5)

Matthew Rinn (District 1)

Barnali Ghosh (District 3)

Robert Raburn (District 4)

Elizabeth Ames (District 6)

Victor Flores (District 7)

Janice Li (District 8)

Edward Wright (District 9)

Adopted: April 10, 2025

MEETING DESCRIPTION

A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors was held on March 13, 2025, convening at 1:41 p.m. in the BART Board Room, 2150 Webster Street, 1st Floor, Oakland, California. President Foley presided, April B. A. Quintanilla, District Secretary.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Foley called the Meeting to order at 1:41 p.m.

A. Roll Call.

Directors Present in Oakland:	Directors Ames, Flores, Ghosh, Li, Raburn, Rinn, Wright, and Foley.
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Directors Present via Teleconference:	None.
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Absent:	Vice President Hernandez.
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B. Pledge of Allegiance. President Foley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM 3 ONLY

President Foley called for Public Comment on Item 3 only.

No comments were received.

3. RALPH M. BROWN ACT TRAINING

President Foley brought the item before the Board.

Jeana Zelan Peterson, General Counsel, presented the item.

Discussion

The item was discussed, with the following highlights:

President Foley inquired whether a paid conference such as the annual conference hosted by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) is considered open to the public. President Foley also inquired about the legal implications of “liking” or sharing posts related to BART Board agendas on online platforms such as Twitter or Blue Sky.

Director Li commented on the Brown Act issue created by interaction between Directors on social media if the content is reasonably connected to BART and inquired whether sharing factual content, such as a photo of a BART train, posted by another Director, could violate the Brown Act if it falls within BART's jurisdiction.

Director Wright expressed that he likes his colleagues' social media content, indicating that he said so in person as he could not do so online.

Director Ghosh thanked General Counsel Zelan Peterson for her continued guidance and responsiveness to legal questions.

President Foley echoed Director Ghosh's expression of gratitude for General Counsel Zelan Peterson's guidance.

Action

No Board action was taken, as the item was presented for information only.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

April B. A. Quintanilla
District Secretary