

San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 1,989TH MEETING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 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)

MEETING DESCRIPTION

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors was held on October 9, 2025 in the BART Board Room, 2150 Webster Street, 1st Floor, Oakland, California. President Foley presided, with Bob Franklin as Interim District Secretary.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Foley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

A. Roll Call.

Directors Present in Oakland: Directors Ames, Ghosh, Raburn, Rinn and Wright, Vice President Hernandez and President Foley.

Directors Present via Teleconference: Director Flores (Just Cause) and Director Li.

Absent: None.

B. Pledge of Allegiance: Director Raburn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

a. Introduction of Special Guests. There were no special guests.

2. REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT

President Foley thanked Dennis Markham for leading BART with FTA's Fiscal Year 2025 Triennial Review of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District, with just three minor deficiencies, all of which were already corrected.

Public Comment

Barney Smits and Aleta Dupree addressed the Board.

3. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no reports.

Public Comment

No public comments on this item were received.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

President Foley brought the following Consent Calendar items before the Board.

A. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of September 25, 2025.

Board requested to authorize.

B. Authorization to Modify Agreement No. 6M6150, Management Services to Operate BART's Bike Facilities, and Agreement No. 6M6151, Bike Locker and Bike Station Kiosk Maintenance.

Board requested to authorize.

C. BART's Annual Surveillance Report - 2024/25.

Board requested to authorize.

D. Special Appointments: Liaisons to BART Stations in San Mateo County.

Board requested to authorize.

E. Re-appointment of Audit Committee Public Member

Board requested to Authorize.

Director Rinn moved approval of the consent calendar, with Director Raburn seconding the motion.

Public Comment

There were no public comments on this item.

Vote Summary

Moved by Director Rinn/ Seconded by Director Raburn.

Aye: Directors Ames, Flores, Ghosh, Li, Raburn, Rinn, Wright, Vice President Hernandez, and President Foley.

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Result: 9-0-0, motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The following action was taken:

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C. The Board authorized BART's Annual Surveillance Report - 2024/25.

D. The Board authorized Special Appointments: Liaisons to BART Stations in San Mateo County.

E. The Board re-appointed Audit Committee Public Member Thomas Parry to a one year term.

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

President Foley introduced this item, turning it over to General Manager Bob Powers, who provided the following updates:

Report of Activities, including updates of Operational, Administrative, and Roll Call for Introductions Items.

Sept 9: BART hosted a big employee Health and Wellness Fair, with over 250 employees attending, giving out flu shots, and hosting many booths.

The General Manager thanked Vice President Hernandez for leading the September 26 ribbon cutting event at the West Dublin/Pleasanton BART station. All the next generation faregates are installed. Staff will be using all the new tools to refine and improve faregate performance, such as the timing of the gate closure and the speed at which the TR4 readers can read the fare instrument.

Saturday Sound Tracks Jazz Festival at the North Berkeley BART station, which is driving ridership up.

BART is running longer trains for San Francisco's Fleet Week, as well as for Salesforce's Dreamforce Conference and the October 18 No Kings rallies.

BART will be participating in the October 16 Great Shakeout, the 36th anniversary of the Loma Prieta earthquake.

BART will host a Hispanic Heritage event on October 15 from 12 noon to 1pm in the BART Board Room. The panel will include Vice President Hernandez, Director Flores and BART Police Chief of Staff Olivia Jackson.

President Foley thanked General Manager Powers and opened the floor to comments on the reports.

Director Wright asked if reports on adjustments to faregate issues including piggybacking will come back before the Board and staff said they will report back to the Board with adjustments.

Director Ames wanted luggage included in the faregate timing. She also referenced the October 10 VTA meeting. Lastly, she asked if there could be a follow-up on the root cause analysis for recent train incidents, which staff said will come back before the Board.

Director Li also wanted information on the fine tuning of the new faregates and the upcoming changes. She also mentioned that throughput is slower, and there also is confusion, as passengers can go through some faregates that are not marked for passage, which further slows throughput. Also, she asked if the remaining balance on the fare instrument which is no longer visible, can be added back as a display on the gates.

President Foley said he will work to agendize an information update, and requested a memo about what is on the horizon for the faregates.

Public Comments

Aleta Dupree and Barney Smits addressed the Board.

Action

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

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Foley called for public comment, an opportunity for members of the public to address the Board of Directors on matters under their jurisdiction and not on the agenda.

Scott Mace, Aleta Dupree and Barney Smits addressed the Board.

In response to a commenter, Director Ghosh wanted to understand emergency communications, protocol, scripts, and how BART conveys what is going on in a safe way for the public.

Director Raburn also asked communication questions, such as why passengers are entering an evacuation scene.

7. ADMINISTRATION ITEMS

Janice Li, Chairperson

President Foley helped facilitate the committee, bringing forward the following item:

Item 7.A.: Fiscal Year 2025 Fourth Quarter Financial Report and Fiscal Year 2025 Year-End Budget Resolution.
Board requested to adopt.

Pamela Herhold, Assistant General Manager Performance & Budget; Chris Simi, Director of Budgets; and Erin Spragan, Assistant General Manager Finance presented on the item.

Public Comments

There were no public comments on this item.

Discussion

Director Li requested year end and quarterly financial reports as informational items, not just on consent calendar, which staff agreed to do. She appreciated the new information which provide more nuances and insights on the reasons for overtime usage by BART employees.

Director Ames asked questions about capital reimbursements and how unfunded capital projects impact on-time performance. She also wanted to track the infrastructure backlog, to see if there is a link between unfunded projects and service disruptions.

Director Raburn stated that Federal and State funds have covered recent operating deficits. BART has exhausted all Federal funds, with State funding largely covering FY26, as well as cost reductions. FY27's deficit is too big to

cut. He asked what happens with the FY25 positive \$6M budget outcome. Staff responded that the allocation is being carried forward into the FY26 budget. He supports Director Li's request to have informational items for quarterly financial reports.

Director Rinn asked about funding the retiree health benefit liability and how it is managed, which staff explained is offset by assets. The balance in the account of \$600m also earns interest.

Director Wright had questions about overtime hours and what they are attributed to, such as a high correlation between service hours and overtime hours. Director Wright also thanked staff for the positive trend in Accounts Receivable.

Director Li moved the item, with Director Raburn seconding the motion, to approve the attached resolution "In the Matter of Amending Resolution No. 5586 regarding Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Budget."

Vote Summary

Moved by Director Li/ Seconded by Director Raburn.

Aye: Directors Flores, Ghosh, Li, Raburn, Rinn, and Wright, Vice President Hernandez, and President Foley.

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Director Ames

Result: 8-0-0, motion carried 8-0 by roll call vote.

B. BART Fare Programs and Ridership Update.

For Information.

President Foley brought forward this item, turning it over to BART staff.

Pamela Herhold, Assistant General Manager Performance & Budget, introduced the informational item, which was presented by Michael Eiseman, Director of Financial Planning.

Public Comments

Glen Overton addressed the Board on this item.

Discussion

Director Raburn said that ridership would need to double to cover the current deficit, which therefore requires a new funding model to cover operating expenses. He anticipates the Clipper 2.0 to be a key contributor to sustainable transit funding and seamless transit in the region. He clarified that BayPass at UC Berkeley only applies to students, and not to faculty and staff.

Vice President Hernandez asked if BayPass 2 will outreach to other affordable housing groups, who often build developments near transit. Staff said they are working broadly with all housing developers. She also reached out to Sutter Health, who are interested in the pilot, and she expressed it may be worth outreaching to other medical providers.

Director Ghosh is encouraged by the growth of pass programs. She had questions about Clipper START and if there are targets for enrollment. Staff responded that the eligible pool of BART riders is about 25%. GM Powers described regional marketing initiatives. She is interested in what strategies are working. She mentioned that she doesn't think the name "Clipper START" conveys what it does nor who it is for, and prefers that the name is indicative of its program.

Director Wright biggest takeaway was that more people ride transit if cost is not a barrier. Fare media is an important factor to drive ridership growth. The BayPass establishes that BART should be laying down the foundation now for more pass programs in advance of Clipper 2.0. He asked about criteria for participation in BayPass, which are for organizations with over 100 members. He asked how Directors can support this program. Staff encouraged Director to network and outreach to their business connections.

Director Li asked if MTC was going to present on broader regional issues surrounding Clipper, pass programs and Clipper START promotion. Staff said MTC will present at the October 27, 2025 BART Board meeting. Director Li also asked what's the process of how ridership changes leads to service level updates. She asked that with the success of BayPass, how can BART and the region accelerate the growth of BayPass Phase II and what is the reason for any bottleneck? She finally asked that now that pass programs and concepts have been established, how does BART get sustained funding sources so programs can continue to grow?

Director Ames wants Cal State East Bay to participate in the BayPass Pilot and seeks an expansion of the pilot. She also requested an update on San Jose State's participation in the pilot. Staff stated that university and community college participation are top priorities.

President Foley stated that he sees the tremendous upside of the Tap and Ride fare instrument. He asked about incorporating all fare products (Clipper START, BayPass and other discounts) into Tap and Ride.

8. ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS ITEMS

Elizabeth Ames, Chairperson

No items were presented.

9. PLANNING, PUBLIC AFFAIRS, ACCESS, AND LEGISLATION ITEMS

Robert Raburn, Chairperson

No items were presented.

10. BOARD MATTERS

- A. Board Member Reports.
- B. Roll Call for Introductions.
- C. In Memoriam.

President Foley called for Items 10-A, Board Member Reports; 10-B, Roll Call for Introductions; and 10-C, In Memoriam. The following Directors provided updates:

Director Raburn participated in the following events:

September 26: Attended Chris Peeples' Memorial, which was also commemorated on the front of AC Transit buses.

October 1: He attended the AFSCME 3883 30th Anniversary.

October 2: He participated in the Downtown Oakland Revitalization Walk with Mayor Barbara Lee, Legislators and Samuel Merritt University President Wang.

October 5: He joined in with the Oakland Ballers Championship Rally and Parade.

October 7: Oakland State of the City event, including comments from Senator Jesse Arreguin.

Director Wright

He participated on October 6 in a Future of Transit panel with Senator Scott Weiner and San Francisco Muni General Manager Julie Kirschbaum, which was hosted by the Bay Area Council and the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

He also thanked Shane Edwards and Michael Gibson for lighting improvements at 16th Street/Mission and Glen Park BART stations.

Director Ames

Sept 26: She joined the celebration of the completion of the next generation faregate project. She also acknowledged the great job of system service workers preparing the station for that event.

Sept 27: She attended the Union City Bike Boulevard ribbon cutting, and thanked Bike East Bay for their leadership.

Oct 6: She participated in Bike East Bay's public engagement class for youth on how to address city councils.

Oct 8: She joined the international walk and roll event in Fremont, hosted by Alameda County and Transform.

Oct 8: She attended the Fremont BART station open house.

Director Ghosh

September 26: Attended Chris Peeples' Memorial

September 27: She spoke at the Telegraph for People rally at the Downtown Berkeley BART plaza.

September 29: She gave a Role in the Region briefing for Healthy Black Families.

September 30: Director Ghosh toured Operations Control Center with Director Flores.

October 2: Attended Richmond walking tour as part of Assemblymember Haney's Downtown Recovery Select Committee.

October 4: Gave a Role in the Region briefing for the NAACP.

She announced the completion of the North Berkeley Bike and Access Improvement Infrastructure Project

President Foley

September 26: Attended the ribbon cutting celebration of completing faregates.

September 28: Participated in the El Sobrante Pride celebration, thanking Rodd Lee and Neha Balram.

October 1: Attended a Regional Funding Town Hall with Assemblymember Lori Wilson.

October 1: Addressed the Martinez City Council with a Role in the Region presentation. The Council was interested in fare integration between BART and Capitol Corridor, with transfers between Martinez and Richmond.

Public Comment

Glen Overton addressed the Board.

11. CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into closed session at for the following items at 11:21 a.m.:

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT

Title: District Secretary

Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)

B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Agency Negotiators: President Foley, Vice President Hernandez, and Director Flores

Title: District Secretary

Government Code Section: 54957.6

C. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Designated Representatives: Robert Powers, General Manager; Michael Jones, Deputy

General Manager; and David Coleman, Director of Labor Relations
Employee Organizations: BART Police Officers' Association; BART Police Managers'
Association
Government Code Section: 54957.6

12. OPEN SESSION

A. Announcements from Closed Session, if any.

The Board returned to open session at 1:38pm. There were no announcements from Closed Session.

14. ADJOURNMENT

President Foley adjourned the meeting at 1:38pm

Bob Franklin
Interim District Secretary