

# **San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District**

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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES OF THE 1,996<sup>th</sup> MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026**

### Members of the Board of Directors

Melissa Hernandez, President (District 5)  
Edward Wright, Vice President (District 9)  
Matthew Rinn (District 1)  
Mark Foley (District 2)  
Barnali Ghosh (District 3)  
Robert Raburn (District 4)  
Elizabeth Ames (District 6)  
Victor Flores (District 7)  
Janice Li (District 8)

Adopted: February 26, 2026

## **MEETING DESCRIPTION**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors was held on February 12, 2026 in the BART Board Room, 2150 Webster Street, 1st Floor, Oakland, California. President Melissa Hernandez presided, with Bob Franklin as District Secretary.

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Hernandez called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

#### **A. Roll Call.**

Directors Present in Oakland: Directors Ames, Flores, Foley, Ghosh, Li (arrived at 9:15 am), Raburn, Rinn and Vice President Wright, and President Hernandez.

Absent: None.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance:** President Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. Introduction of Special Guests:** Oakland City Councilmember Noel Gallo, County Connection General Manager Bill Churchill, Tri Delta General Manager Rashidi Barnes, and LAVTA General Manager Christy Wegener.

### **2. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**A. Compensation and Benefits for the Inspector General.** Board requested to authorize.

#### **Vote Summary**

Moved by: Director Raburn/ Seconded by Director Rinn.

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Director Li

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

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following people addressed the Board:

Bill Churchill

Christy Wegener

Rashidi Barnes

Noel Gallo

Aleta Dupree

Barney Smits

Bobby Lee

Tracy Farhad

Igor Tregub

Carter Lavin

Anissa Williams

Gina Papan  
Sultana Adams  
L Woods  
Ron Bernal  
Latrina  
Nathaniel Arnold  
Laura Tolkoff  
James Linsey  
Paul Marcelin  
Crystal Lee  
Keith Brown

President Hernandez then introduced item 4 with the following message:

“ I’d like to welcome you now to our annual Board Workshop. The Board Workshop is an opportunity to have a thoughtful and strategic discussion about the direction of the District, and the priority efforts of the year ahead. This format allows for in depth discussions about our challenges and opportunities and for each of the Board Members to share your thoughts and ideas.

As we begin the Workshop, I’d like to introduce and welcome back to BART, Dr. Karen Philbrick, who will be facilitating our Board Discussions today.

Dr. Karen Philbrick is the executive director of the Mineta Transportation Institute at San José State University since 2014. She has extensive experience in transportation, including as assistant director of the National Center for Intermodal Transportation, and holds leadership positions on several boards, including the American Public Transportation Association (APTA).

Dr. Philbrick, thank you for joining us again this year, and we’re looking forward to another round of engaging conversations facilitated by you!”

#### **4. WORKSHOP**

Item A. 2026: A Defining Year for BART: Importance of BART to the Region, Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Strategy and Look Ahead. *For Information and Discussion.*

Dr. Philbrick introduced the presenters for this item: Monica Meagher, Group Manager, Sustainability; Daniel Wu, Principal Planner, Strategic & Policy Planning; David Martindale, Director of Marketing and Research; and Joseph Beach, Chief Financial Officer.

There was a discussion between BART Staff and the BART Board of Directors.

Item B. “Connect Bay Area” Measure Fails FY27 Strategy. *For Information and Discussion.*

Dr., Philbrick introduced John McCormick, Director of Operations Planning; Pamela Herhold, Assistant General Manager Performance and Budget; Michael Eiseman, Director of Financial Planning; and Joseph Beach, Chief Financial Officer to give the presentation.

After the presentation, there was a discussion between BART Staff and the BART Board of Directors.

Item C. Grow Ridership and Build Confidence. *For Information and Discussion.*

Dr. Philbrick introduced the presenters for this item: Sylvia Lamb, Assistant General Manager, Infrastructure Delivery; Shane Edwards, Assistant General Manager, Operations; David Martindale, Director of Marketing and

Research; Chris Simi, Director of Budgets; Ravi Misra, Assistant General Manager, Technology; and Kevin Franklin, Chief of Police.

Item D. Next Steps on the Alternative Service Framework. For Information and Discussion.

Dr. Philbrick, General Manager Bob Powers and Deputy General Manager Michael Jones facilitated the discussion, summarizing the workshop and going over the next steps about BART’s approach should the “Connect Bay Area” measure fail.

Item E. In Memoriam. An opportunity for Board members to introduce individuals to be commemorated. Director Raburn honored David “Bike Dave” Favello, who lead the BART Bicycle Accessibility Task Force as Chairperson for 18 years. He was instrumental in many bike policies at BART. Director Raburn ended the meeting in his honor.

## **5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Sal Cruz

John Arantes

Glen Overton

Joe Kunzler

Aleta Dupree

Community Development

Paul Marcelin

M Vasquez

Nathaniel Arnold.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT:**

President Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 3:48 p.m.

Bob Franklin  
District Secretary