

San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES OF THE 1,986TH MEETING THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 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: September 11, 2025

MEETING DESCRIPTION

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors was held on August 14, 2025, convening at 9:00 a.m. 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: President Foley, Vice President Hernandez, and Directors Ames, Flores, Ghosh, Li, Raburn, Rinn and Wright.

Directors Present via Teleconference: None.

Absent: None.

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

C. Introduction of Special Guests. There were no special guests in attendance.

2. REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT

President Foley reported that the August 28, 2025 Board meeting is canceled. The next scheduled meeting will be held on September 11, 2025.

Public Comment

There was no public comment for this item.

3. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director Rinn reported on the activities of the Audit Committee. The Internal Audit Department presented a summary of Fiscal Year 2025 activities and outlined the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 audit plan.

- The Office of the Inspector General presented its overtime audit, which included five recommendations. All recommendations were accepted by BART management.
- The Office of the Inspector General will present its findings to the full Board hopefully at the September 11, 2025 meeting.

Public Comment

Barney Smits and Roland Lebrun addressed the Board.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

A. Approval of Minutes of the Meetings of July 10, 2025.

- B. Award of Agreement No. 6M4910 for Dental Administration.
- C. District Base Pay Schedules.
- D. Change Order No. 1 to Computer Software Agreement with Dell Marketing LLP for Microsoft Enterprise Software.
- E. Set the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Property Tax Rates - General Obligation Bonds.
- F. Authorize the District to enter into a Funding Agreement with Caltrans for a Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant.
- G. Authorization to award Agreement No. 6M3756 to Rail Industry Specialist, Inc. (RIS) to provide three (3) Maintenance of Way flat car chassis and related services.
- H. Authorization to Award Invitation for Bid No. 9141 to RCE Equipment Solutions Inc. for one (1) Hi-Rail Mid-Size Excavator.
- I. Change Order(s) to the CBTC Enabling Works project, Contract No. 49GH-135, with DMZ Builders, to repair Traction Power Cables on K line.
- J. Award of Invitation for Bid No. 9148 for Hazardous Waste and Materials Storage Sheds to U.S. Chemical Storage LLC.

Discussion

The item was discussed with the following highlights:

Director Raburn moved approval of the Consent Calendar Items.

Director Rinn seconded the motion.

Public Comment

There was no public comment for this item.

Action

Upon motion by Director Raburn to approve the Consent Calendar, and seconded by Director Rinn, the Board took the following action by unanimous roll call vote:

Vote Summary:

Moved / Seconded: Director Raburn / Director Rinn.

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.

- A. The Minutes of the Meetings of July 10, 2025, were approved. (Vote: 9-0)
- B. The General Manager, or his designee, was authorized to award Agreement No. 6M4910 to Delta Dental of California to provide administrative services for the District's self-insured dental plans, in a total amount not to exceed \$636,865, pursuant to notification to be issued by the General Manager. (Vote: 9-0).
- C. The Board approved the current base pay schedule, effective July 1, 2025. (Vote: 9-0)
- D. The General Manager or his designee was authorized to execute Change Order No. 1 to the Microsoft Enterprise License Agreement with Dell Marketing LLP for an amount not to exceed \$400,000 for Fiscal Year FY26. (Vote: 9-0)
- E. Adopted Resolution No. 5621 In The Matter of Fixing The Rate of Taxes For San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District for Fiscal Year 2025/26. (Vote: 9-0)
- F. Adopted Resolution No. 5625 In the Matter of Authorizing the Execution of a Funding Agreement With the California Department of Transportation for BART's Transit Oriented Development Survey and Modeling Project. (Vote: 9-0)
- G. The General Manager was authorized to award Agreement No. 6M3756 to Rail Industry Specialist, Inc., to lease three (3) Maintenance of Way Flat Car chassis and provide related services in an amount not-to-exceed \$436,769, pursuant to a notification to be issued by the General Manager. (Vote: 9-0)
- H. The General Manager was authorized to award IFB No. 9141 Hi-Rail Mid-Size Excavator, to RCE Equipment Solutions, Inc., of Rockford, IL, for the amount of \$672,966 (including all applicable sales taxes), pursuant to notification to be issued by the General Manager. (Vote: 9-0)
- I. The General Manager was authorized to execute Change Order(s) to the Train Control Modernization Program Enabling Works project, Contract No. 49GH-135 (DMZ Builders), in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 to replace Traction Power Cables and associated infrastructure on K line to improve system reliability and redundancy. (Vote: 9-0)
- J. The General Manager was authorized to award IFB No. 9148 for Hazardous Waste and Materials Storage Shed to US Chemical Storage LLC. in the amount of \$374,082.03 (inclusive of all taxes), pursuant to notification to be issued by the General Manager, subject to compliance with District's Protest Procedures. (Vote: 9-0)

5. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

General Manager Bob Powers provided the following updates.

- Ridership
 - July 2025 ridership (first month of FY 2026) was 6% above budget and 12% higher year-over-year.
 - Large events such as Dead & Company concerts, Outside Lands, and Giants games contributed to strong ridership growth.
- Tap-and-Ride Launch
 - Systemwide launch of Tap-and-Ride begins Wednesday, August 20, 2025.
 - Riders may use credit/debit cards directly at faregates without needing a Clipper card.

- Tap-and-Ride includes a 30-minute excursion grace period (enter and exit at the same station without charge).
- A press conference with SF Mayor Daniel Lurie and SFO Director Mike Nakornkhet, and other leaders is scheduled for Tuesday, August 19, with systemwide activation the following day.
- BART has coordinated with labor partners and frontline staff for training and readiness.
- Faregate Replacement Completion
 - A ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating completion of new faregate installation in San Mateo County will take place at San Bruno Station, Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.
 - A final systemwide ribbon-cutting event is planned at West Dublin Station in September 2025 (date TBD).
- Regional Coordination – The “Big Sync”
 - BART led a regional initiative to coordinate schedules across Bay Area transit agencies (e.g., BART–Caltrain connections at Millbrae).
 - A major press conference was held Monday, August 11, and the initiative was well received.
- Community Event – Family Movie Night
 - BART will host its first-ever Family Movie Night at Concord Station on Saturday, August 16, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
 - The station parking lot will be transformed into a camp-themed outdoor movie space with activities, popcorn, treats, drinks, and a pop-up store.

The General Manager invited questions from the Board following his report.

President Foley thanked General Manager Powers and opened the floor to public comment on the report.

Public Comment

Barney Smits, Adina Levin, Aleta Dupree and Glen Overton addressed the Board.

Discussion

The item was discussed with the following highlights:

Director Li asked for an update on the Next Generation Clipper (Clipper 2) timeline, noting that the Regional Network Management Committee had not met this month, and requested more clarity on accountability measures for Cubic, the contractor, given repeated delays, and emphasized the importance of Board oversight.

Director Li also requested that if significant developments arise from the August Clipper Executive Board meeting, the BART Board receive a memo before its next meeting on September 11, 2025.

Director Rinn expressed enthusiasm for the launch of Tap-and-Ride, noting it was long overdue. He also asked how discounted fares for seniors and other eligible groups would apply under the new program, raising the example of a senior traveler arriving at SFO who may currently pay the full fare without Clipper. GM Powers said this discount feature won't be available initially.

Director Ames expressed appreciation for the implementation of credit card payment (Tap-and-Ride) and supported launching the program even without initial discounts to get it out there, noting potential for ridership growth. She also asked whether BART had reviewed the Independent Cost Risk and Impact Analysis report prior to its release, and requested that BART Staff provide their assessment of the analysis to help inform future discussions.

Director Ghosh thanked the Board and staff for advancing Tap-and-Ride as part of the broader Clipper 2 program, and expressed concern about the card clash issue, when there are multiple cards adjacent to each other while tapping. She asked whether other jurisdictions had solved the card clash issue and what outreach and training efforts were underway, particularly to support station agents who would be on the front line of rider concerns. GM Powers pointed out that when tapping with a phone, riders can identify which cards to use. He also said station agents will have information about frequently asked questions at their booths and will be trained.

Director Wright expressed enthusiasm for the launch of Tap-and-Ride, and frustration for the repeated delays in Clipper 2. He described the larger problem as contractor credibility, and that public agencies should take lessons to improve about contractor accountability. He wanted to learn more about outreach at SFO and Oakland Airport, emphasizing the potential to significantly increase ridership if travelers are aware of the seamless Tap-and-Ride experience.

President Foley wrapped-up the segment, expressed appreciation that Tap-and-Ride is finally being implemented, emphasizing the importance of clear communication with the public. He recommended using visual graphics—especially at airports with international travelers—to demonstrate how families or groups can enter the system using multiple debit/credit cards, and stressed that clear, visual instructions would be more effective than text-only signage.

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.

Clarence Fischer, Aleta Dupree, Glen Overton, Barney Smits, Adina Levin, and Roland Lebrun addressed the Board.

7. ADMINISTRATION ITEMS

Janice Li, Chairperson

A. Issuance and the Sale of (Election of 2016) Measure RR 2025 Series E Bonds (Green Bonds), (Election of 2004) Measure AA 2025 Refunding Series H Bonds (Green Bonds) and Sales Tax Revenue 2025 Refunding Series A Bonds (Green Bonds).

Chairperson Li introduced the item, noting it was an action item, and turned the presentation over to staff.

Pamela Herhold, Assistant General Manager for Performance and Budget; Joe Beach, Chief Financial Officer; and Priya Mathur, Director of Funding Strategy, presented the item.

Public Comment

Aleta Dupree and Glen Overton addressed the Board.

Discussion

The item was discussed with the following highlights:

Director Li emphasized that this action would unlock hundreds of millions of dollars critical to the District's Capital Program and fulfill voter commitments under bond measures. She noted the importance of ongoing updates to the Board regarding oversight, accountability, and progress toward completion of projects funded by Measure RR and other bond measures.

Director Ghosh expressed strong support, commending staff's financial management for maintaining high credit ratings and ensuring fiscal responsibility. She requested clarification on the impact of future bond issuances on debt service and sales tax revenues.

Director Flores moved approval of the item.

Director Ghosh seconded the motion.

Action

Upon motion by Director Flores to approve, and seconded by Director Ghosh, by unanimous roll call vote, the Board adopted the attached resolutions, incorporated herein:

Resolution No. 5622

A. General Obligation Bonds (Election of 2004) 2025 Refunding Series H Bond Issuance/Sale.

Authorizing and approving the issuance and sale, if sufficient savings are achieved, of not to exceed \$275 million aggregate principal amounts of the Measure AA Refunding Series H Bonds, and authorizing the preparation, execution and delivery of agreements and documents in connection therewith.

Resolution No. 5623

B. General Obligation Bonds (Election of 2016) 2025 Series E Bond Issuance/Sale.

Authorizing and approving the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$700 million aggregate principal amount of the Measure RR Series E Bonds, and authorizing the preparation, execution and delivery of agreements and documents in connection therewith.

Resolution No. 5624

C. Sales Tax Revenue Bonds 2025 Refunding Series A Bond Issuance/Sale.

Authorizing and approving the issuance and sale, if sufficient savings are achieved, of not to exceed \$85 million aggregate principal amount of the 2025 Refunding Series A Bonds, and authorizing the preparation, execution and delivery of agreements and documents in connection therewith.

Vote Summary:

Moved / Seconded: Director Flores / Director Ghosh.

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.

8. ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS ITEMS

Elizabeth Ames, Chairperson

NO ITEMS.

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

Robert Raburn, Chairperson

A. State Legislative Update.

a. Assembly Bill 476 (M. González): Metal Theft.

Director Raburn introduced the item, noting that the Board would hear staff presentations on three bills—AB 476, SB 79, and SB 63 before receiving public comment and then consider each bill separately for Board action.

Rodd Lee, Assistant General Manager, Office of External Affairs; Amanda Cruz, Director of Government and Community Relations; Alex Walker, Manager of Legislative Affairs and Government Relations; Carli Paine, Group Manager of Transit-Oriented Development; and Mike Eiseman, Director of Financial Planning, gave a presentation.

Public Comment

Aleta Dupree, Jerry Grace, Glen Overton, Sal Cruz, Adina Levin, Roland Lebrun, Jordan Grimes and Aaron Eckhouse addressed the Board.

Discussion

The item was discussed with the following highlights:

Director Raburn provided historical context for AB 476, noting that when he joined the Board in 2011, theft of copper from BART's system carried only a \$250 fine. Following a BART Police Department study, the Legislature increased the penalty to \$1,000 the next year. AB 476 would raise fines further, up to \$5,000, addressing the ongoing impact of metal theft on transit systems.

Director Rinn moved approval of the item.

President Foley seconded the motion.

Action

Upon motion by Director Rinn to approve, and seconded by President Foley, by majority roll call vote, the Board adopted the Board of Directors received and supported State Legislative Update: Assembly Bill 476.

Vote Summary:

Moved / Seconded: Director Rinn / President Foley.

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

No: 0

Abstain: Director Ghosh
Absent: 0
Result: 8-0-1, motion carried by majority roll call vote.

b. Senate Bill 79 (Wiener): Housing Development: Transit-Oriented Development.

Discussion

The item was discussed with the following highlights:

Director Raburn recalled that the Board last considered SB 79 on March 13, 2025, at which time the District adopted a “watch” position. Since then, the bill was substantially amended to strengthen affordable housing provisions and provide important exemptions. Several prior opponents have shifted to neutral or supportive positions.

Director Rinn recommended that the Board treat the item as informational only at this time and take no action. He expressed concerns about the bill’s state-level, one-size-fits-all approach to transit-oriented development (TOD), particularly in smaller jurisdictions where large-scale development could conflict with local planning priorities and community character.

Director Flores thanked staff for tracking SB 79 and providing updates. He emphasized that BART has already demonstrated the value of TOD, with 20,000 units planned on BART properties supporting both housing needs and financial sustainability, concluding that SB 79 is an opportunity to address both the housing shortage and transit fiscal deficits.

Director Flores moved that BART adopt a support position on SB 79.

Director Raburn seconded the motion.

Director Li thanked staff for providing additional analysis; she concluded that given BART’s unique history with AB 2923, it is significant for the Board to take a support position on SB 79, signaling a commitment to housing solutions and community partnership. BART’s thoughtful approach in the aftermath of AB 2923’s passage established that some fears of developments were unfounded, while the resulting increases in affordable housing helped meet critical needs of local jurisdictions. Given that the BART Board did not take a position on AB 2923, Director Li said it was important for BART take a support position on SB 79.

Director Ames expressed concerns about SB 79 as a one-size-fits-all approach and warned that SB 79 could create unintended consequences, such as lack of service for suburban housing developments, which might even lead to more car trips, or significant changes to the San Francisco skyline by mandating development near every bus stop and transit line.

Director Ames concluded that while supportive of TOD in principle, she cannot support SB 79 in its current form, as it requires more work to ensure balanced development.

Vice President Hernandez asked whether SB 79 applies to high fire hazard severity zones, such as Orinda, which has limited infrastructure. and whether it affects Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) numbers. She noted that while the housing crisis is real, SB 79 does not adequately address funding or impacts on local services and unfairly takes local control away from the cities.

Vice President Hernandez proposed a substitute motion to maintain BART’s “watch” position on the bill rather than taking a support position.

Director Rinn seconded the subsidiary motion.

Director Wright asked for clarification on how SB 79 would interact with AB 2923, BART’s existing zoning authority law. He emphasized the potential risk of down-zoning BART parcels during the 2029–2031 gap, urging that BART should maximize zoning authority over its land.

Director Wright proposed an amendment to Director Flores’ motion of support to include direction to staff to advocate for BART to maximize zoning authority on land that BART owns and concluded that SB 79 clearly benefits BART and aligns with the agency’s ridership, housing, climate and financial goals.

Director Ghosh asked if Transportation Demand Management (TDM) requirements and parking maximums could be incorporated into BART’s own development standards. Staff said the Board could develop these standards. She also framed SB 79 as part of a regional solution to the imbalance between housing supply and sustainable transit systems.

Director Ghosh encouraged staff to actively engage in legislative discussions to continue to shape the bill, share best practices from AB 2923, and advocate for incorporating TDM and parking maximums into SB 79, as well as establishing a funding source to help transit agencies develop and implement their own TOD standards.

President Foley raised a procedural question regarding the substitute motion and clarified the sequence of amendments with General Counsel. Director Flores accepted friendly amendments from Directors Wright and Ghosh to his original motion to support SB 79. Vice President Hernandez agreed that there is no need for a substitute motion, as BART has already taken a watch position on this bill.

President Foley went on to state that BART needs AB 2923 codified long-term, but he has opposition to this bill, citing two principal flaws:

1. Its application to single-family parcels, which could change neighborhood character.
2. The lack of value capture provisions, missing an opportunity for BART to recover financial benefit from upzoning. He indicated that he would vote No on the support position for this bill.

Director Raburn reflected on lessons from AB 2923, noting that initial fears proved unfounded and that BART staff demonstrated professionalism in engaging communities. He argued that SB 79, as amended, aligns with BART’s TOD policy goals and would help grow ridership.

Amendments Incorporated into Director Flores’ Motion included the following:

- Director Wright’s Amendment: Direct staff to advocate for maximizing BART’s zoning authority on land it owns.
- Director Ghosh’s Amendment: Direct staff to engage with the bill author to:
 - Secure funding support for transit agencies to develop TOD standards and work with local jurisdictions on sharing lessons from AB 2923.
 - Advocate for inclusion of TDM and parking maximums into the bill.

Action

Upon motion by Director Flores to adopt a support position on SB 79 with the above amendments, and seconded by Director Raburn, by majority roll call vote, the Board adopted a support position on SB 79 with amendments.

Vote Summary:

Moved / Seconded: Director Flores / Director Raburn.

Aye: Directors Flores, Ghosh, Li, Raburn, and Wright.

No: Directors Ames and Rinn, Vice President Hernandez, and President Foley.

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

Result: 5-4-0, motion carried by majority roll call vote.

c. Senate Bill 63 (Wiener/Arreguín): The Connect Bay Area Act and Related Legislative Matters.

Discussion

The item was discussed with the following highlights:

Director Raburn noted that the Board has received regular updates on SB 63 and described it as “likely the most watched bill in BART’s history.” He acknowledged recent support from governmental leaders in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties, emphasizing the bill’s critical importance to the survival of transit in the Bay Area.

Director Rinn clarified that SB 63 was listed as informational only and no action was required.

Director Li thanked staff and the bill’s authors (Senators Wiener and Arreguín) for their work. She requested staff provide the Board with:

1. A memo or email summarizing all legislative meetings held since the June Sacramento visit, including meetings scheduled with State Representatives and other key stakeholders.
2. Clearer guidance for how Board Members can actively participate in legislative advocacy.

Director Li commented on the amendments made in response to San Mateo County’s concerns, noting her support to incorporate oversight and accountability measures into SB 63 (as outlined on slides 20–21 of the staff presentation), and supported these adjustments as a way to advance negotiations and broaden support for SB 63.

Director Ames expressed concern that a sales tax would place further burden on middle- and lower-income residents, describing the issue as a conflict between a business decision (transit funding necessity) and a moral decision (equity concerns on where sales taxes are collected). She said she would like to pursue an amendment to include the gross receipts sales tax or corporate sales tax.

Director Wright expressed gratitude for all the work that has gone into SB 63 and noted the importance of gaining the support of San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. He offered the clarification about Sal Cruz’s comment, which was to express a desire that BART won’t actively lobby against adding any additional revenue sources to the language of the bill. He asked staff about BART’s position regarding the State transit loan terms that were part of the SB 63 legislative update.

Director Ghosh acknowledged supportive regional leaders, including San Mateo County Supervisor Noelia Corzo and South San Francisco Councilmember James Coleman, as strong allies for public transit. She also asked general questions about signature gathering and polling.

Director Li asked whether staff was aware of any upcoming amendments that would change the revenue mechanism of SB 63.

Director Raburn expressed concern that introducing a gross receipts tax option at this stage could undermine the extensive coalition-building effort already made with San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. He encouraged Board members to share their individual legislative advocacy efforts during their Board Member Reports and invited BART’s Independent Auditor to address the issue of accountability.

Inspector General Claudette Biemeret emphasized that BART already has a robust system of accountability and oversight through the Office of the Inspector General. She highlighted recent and ongoing audits, including reviews of overtime practices, span of control, and financial operations, which have led to cost recoveries, improved controls, and stronger decision-making.

President Foley thanked staff, and Board colleagues for their efforts. He stressed that the work accomplished over the past six months—and the work still required in the next 15 months—will be essential to ensuring BART’s long-term survival, and urged everyone to remain focused on getting SB 63 across the finish line.

Action

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

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.

- A. Board Member Reports.

Director Flores reported on recent activities:

- July 15 – Attended Oakland City Council to voice support for SB 63;
- July 19 - participated in the Oakland Chinatown–Latino Joint Chamber mixer.
- August 4 – Delivered a “Role in the Region” presentation to the Piedmont City Council, sharing BART’s regional contributions and updates.
- August 7 – Met with Supervisor Nikki Fortunato Bas and BART’s Government and Community Relations team to deliver a “Role in the Region” report.
- August 9 – Joined BART staff and community members in the San Francisco Pistahan parade celebrating Filipino heritage.
- August 12 – Attended the San Antonio Station Alliance to provide BART updates and share an overview of the System Development Policy.

Director Ghosh:

- Thanked Director Raburn for his In Memoriam comments on AC Transit Director Chris Peeples, recalling Director Peeples as a longtime mentor and presence in Bay Area transit advocacy. She noted first encountering him nearly 20 years ago and most recently seeing him at an AC Transit briefing on Realign.
- Reported giving a “Role in the Region” presentation at the Albany Rotary Club, receiving overwhelmingly positive feedback about BART service, including from a newcomer to the Bay Area. Praised staff for improvements in service quality, cleanliness, frequency, and reliability, noting customer satisfaction is evident not only in surveys but also in community feedback.

- Highlighted that such feedback supports both BART’s near-term success and preparation for the upcoming funding ballot measure.
- Also presented “Role in the Region” alongside Director Flores to Supervisor Nikki Fortunato Bas’ office, describing the conversation as highly productive and supportive of transit and affordable housing.

Director Ames:

- July 31 – Attended a Union City District dialogue meeting, where community members expressed interest in creating a BART mural on columns near Decoto Road. Reported that Union City is preparing to begin its long-delayed at-grade crossing project, which will help resolve the current landlocked condition caused by railroad tracks.
- August 2–3 – Attended the Fremont Festival of Arts, thanking staff including Bradley Dunn, BART Community Service Officers, and Crisis Intervention Specialists for their participation in what she described as a successful two-day event.
- August 5 – Participated in National Night Out in Hayward, noting the strong community turnout and highlighting the popular dunking booth featuring BART Police Deputy Chief Love.
- August 6 – Attended the Chabot College Resource Fair, welcoming new students and learning about recent transit improvements. Reported that:
 - After two years of advocacy, AC Transit implemented 20-minute bus service between South Hayward BART and Chabot Community College.
 - At Cal State East Bay, the College has funded an EZ Pass program for students and expressed interest in joining the BayPass pilot program. However, service frequency remains 40 minutes after the school opted not to use the shuttle service offered by ACTC. Students are requesting articulated buses to better handle demand.
- August 13 – Attended the BART–AC Transit Interagency Liaison Committee meeting.

Director Wright:

- July 12 – Joined the San Francisco South Asian Radical Walking Tour, hosted by Director Ghosh. Praised the event, encouraged colleagues to participate, and noted its value for cultural and community engagement.
- He was excited to report that efforts to renovate and reinvigorate 16th Street/Mission BART plazas are moving forward. He met on July 24 with stakeholders. There are meetings scheduled with community and neighborhood groups and a public workshop is planned for Fall 2025. He thanked staff, particularly Tim Chan, Molly Burke and Val Menotti for their support, and capital funding is still needed.
- July 24: Spoke to the San Francisco Young Democrats on BART’s progress and financial challenges.
- July 30 – Presented to the Glen Park Association about BART’s progress and financial challenges and potential areas of collaboration. Reported two tangible outcomes:
 - Replacement and repair of LED lights at Glen Park Station, with completion expected by September.
 - Hosted a community meet-and-greet featuring the Hyde, the BART Falcon Program, and his handler James, which provided education on birds of prey. Event received highly positive feedback, and he is exploring additional lighting upgrades and community programming for the Glen Park Plaza.
- August 8 – Met with Assemblymember Catherine Stefani alongside Director Li to discuss BART’s funding needs.
- Also reported on work to address the noisy rail conditions between San Bruno and Colma Stations, where sound levels have reached 105 decibels. Thanked Shane and his team for initiating rail inspections.

Director Raburn:

- 7/14 In Sacramento to lead testimony on SB 63 to Assembly Taxation and Revenue Committee.

- 7/15 Mini Trades Fair at Cypress Mandela; BART Role in the Region presentation to Oakland Councilmember Kevin Jenkins; Comment to Oakland Council in support of Councilmember Unger's resolution supporting SB 63.
- 7/16 BART Role in the Region presentation to Washington Manor HOA in San Leandro.
- 7/23 Coliseum Planting Plan group.
- 7/26 Greeted Oakland Roots Soccer Club team and fans on the field on Jumbotron at the Coliseum.
- 7/29 Joined Vice President Hernandez in discussing SB 63 w/Assemblymember Liz Ortega in Hayward.
- 7/30 Community Listening Session w/Mayor Lee at Juntos Fruitvale.
- 7/31 Attended BART's Internship Project Showcase & Recognition.
- 8/1 San Leandro Chamber meeting at Davis Street Community Center, met Carrington College leadership that announced an electronic tech program at their Bayfair Campus.
- 8/5 National Night Out, Hayward BART.

C. In Memoriam

- Director Raburn delivered an In Memoriam for H.E. Christian Peeples, longtime AC Transit Director (since 1997), who passed away on August 7th, 2025.
 - Remembered him as a friend, mentor, and fellow transit rider.
 - Recalled first meeting him in 1992 at an Oakland Charter Reform or Redistricting meeting, where Director Peeples' business card read "political junky."
 - Noted Director Peeples' work as a practicing attorney and his 1999 legal victory with Stuart Flashman to block a bypass freeway through Hayward.
 - Highlighted Director Peeples' dedication as a car-free transit rider and his use of humor in advocating for working-class and underrepresented communities.
 - Shared personal memories of encounters on Capitol Corridor trains and collaborative discussions on bike and bus integration in Oakland.
 - Credited Peeples for supporting bike racks on AC Transit buses, which were demonstrated during Oakland's annual Bike-to-Work Day in front of City Hall.
 - He shared a photo from 2002 of Director Peeples along with Oakland Mayor Jerry Brown in front of Oakland City Hall with a new low-floor bus.
 - Peeples was a champion for synchronized schedules between transit agencies.
 - Emphasized Peeples' legacy in promoting zero-emission hydrogen-fueled buses for AC Transit.
 - Noted Peeples' advocacy for restrooms for bus drivers, culminating in BART's recent agreement with AC Transit and labor partners to provide restroom facilities at all BART stations in AC Transit's service area.
 - Concluded by praising Director Peeples' exemplary public service, which benefited riders, workers, and the environment.

President Foley delivered an In Memoriam for his mother, Marge Foley, who passed away on July 21, 2025, at age 80 following a brief battle with stage 4 lung cancer.

- Remembered her life as defined by love of family, friends, and animals.
- She was born and raised in upstate New York, where she grew up riding horses—a dream she carried into adulthood after moving to California, where she found ranches in the Lafayette Hills and Stinson Beach.
- Recalled traveling with her to California with the family cat, a memory that became part of her legacy of humor and love.
- Noted her passion for butterflies, reflected in her tattoo, artwork, jewelry, and even her email address.
- After retiring from a 20-year career at East Bay MUD, she often returned to the office around the holidays, bringing gifts for her former colleagues—earning the nickname "Grammy Santa."

- Above all, her greatest devotion was to her grandchildren Maddie, Maya, Arielle, and Noble, with whom she cherished babysitting, outings, and play, earning the affectionate nickname “Grammy Monster.”
- Shared that on the Sunday before she passed, she was surrounded by 14 family members, offering hugs, signs of love, and goodbyes, and she passed peacefully the next morning with her sons by her side.
- President Foley concluded with his personal tribute with *“I love you, Mom. I miss you.”*

Public Comment

Glen Overton, Jerry Grace, and Adina Levin addressed the Board.

11. CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Property: Property Located at the North Berkeley BART Station at 1750 Sacramento Street, Berkeley, CA 94702, including APNs 58-2147-18-5, 58-2148-17-4, 58-2146-16-5, and 58-2149-19-4.

District Negotiators: Val Menotti, Assistant General Manager of Planning & Development; Kasheica McKinney, Director of Transit-Oriented Development; Melissa Jeng, Principal Property Development Officer; Carli Paine, Group Manager of Transit-Oriented Development; and Darin Smith, Economic and Planning Systems.

Negotiating Parties: San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District, North Berkeley Housing, LP, BRIDGE Regional Partners, Inc., North Berkeley Housing, LLC, East Bay NBB BART Housing, LLC, BRIDGE Insight NBB BART Housing, LLC and AvalonBay Communities, Inc.

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms.

Government Code Section: 54956.8

B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Titles: General Manager, General Counsel, and Inspector General

Government Code Section: 54957

President Foley brought the item before the Board and indicated that the Board would enter Closed Session under Item 11-A, (Conference with Real Property Negotiators), and 11-B, (Public Employee Performance Evaluation).

President Foley noted that the Board would reconvene to continue the public agenda after closed session.

Public Comment

There was no public comment for this item.

The Regular Board Meeting recessed at 12:47p.m.

The Board reconvened in Closed Session at approximately 12:48 p.m.

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

Directors Present via Teleconference: None.

Absent: None.

The Board Meeting Closed Session recessed at 3:03p.m.

12. OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at about: 3:04p.m.

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

Directors Present via Teleconference: None.

Absent: None.

A. Announcements from Closed Session, if any.

Upon returning to Open Session, President Foley announced there were no announcements from Closed Session.

President Foley extended appreciation to Media, Communications, and I.T. staff for their ongoing support in facilitating the meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

President Foley adjourned the meeting at 3:04 p.m.

Bob Franklin
Interim District Secretary