

# San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES OF THE 2,002<sup>nd</sup> MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 14, 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: May 28, 2026

## **MEETING DESCRIPTION**

A Regular Meeting of the BART Board of Directors was held on May 14, 2026 in the BART Board Room, 2150 Webster Street, 1st Floor, Oakland, California. President Hernandez presided, with Bob Franklin as District Secretary.

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

President Hernandez called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

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

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

Absent: Director Rinn.

#### **B. Pledge of Allegiance.** President Hernandez led the pledge of allegiance.

#### **C: Introduction of Special Guests**

President Hernandez introduced the special guests, Melissa Anguiano and Cristabelle Garcia, representing 826 Valencia, and gave the following report:

- The San Francisco-based literary nonprofit recently partnered with BART Communications and the BART Art Program to launch BART Lines.
- The project brings BART-themed student writing to BART's short story dispensers – including a new dispenser at San Leandro – as well as train car posters.
- More than 100 students – ages 9 to 18 – participated in the project, which centers BART as both subject and muse and is bringing joy and whimsy to the system.

Jennifer Easton, Art Program Director; Melissa Anguiano, and Cristabelle Garcia addressed the Board and introduced a video of the students reading their poems.

#### **Public Comment**

Aleta Dupree addressed the Board on this item.

#### **Discussion**

Director Ghosh expressed her happiness with this collaboration. She recognized the broader importance of 826 Valencia, beyond this initiative.

Vice President Wright also thanked 826 Valencia and staff for their collaboration.

Director Raburn thanked BART staff and the students for this program.

### **2. REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT**

President Hernandez gave the following report:

- At the General Manager's request, President Hernandez removed item #3G from the agenda. Staff will bring this item back to the Board at a future meeting.
- President Hernandez also reminded the Board and the public that staff will be bringing the FY 27 annual budget for adoption at the June 11, 2026 BART Board Meeting.

#### **Public Comment**

Barney Smits addressed the Board on this item.

### **3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

President Hernandez brought the consent calendar forward, removing item 3G:

#### **A. Minutes for the April 23, 2026 BART Board meeting.**

B. Senate Bill 827 Mandatory Ethics Training Plan for Employees.

C. Change Order for 6M4842 Applicant Tracking System Subscription and Support Services Agreement from NeoGov.

D. Change Order No. 2 to Agreement No. 6M4771 for Building Engineering Services with ABM Industry Groups, LLC, for 2000 Broadway, Oakland (BPDHQ).

E. Change Order No. 3 to Agreement No. 6M4736 for Property Management Services with RiverRock Real Estate Group, GP, Inc., for 2000 Broadway, Oakland (BPDHQ).

F. Change Order No. 2 to Contract No. 49GH-135 for the Train Control Modernization Program Enabling Works with DMZ Builders.

~~G. Award of Agreement No. 6M3788 and 6M3789 to EMS/Rescue Services to provide Stand-by Basic Life Support (BLS) services for designated BART Stations.~~

~~1) Agreement No. 6M3788 – San Francisco downtown stations (Embarcadero, Montgomery, Powell and Civic Center)~~

~~2) Agreement No. 6M3789 – West Oakland Station~~

H. Award Agreement No. 6M3787 for Communications-Based Train Control Axle Modification Services to Bay Machine and Fabrication of Alameda, California.

Director Li moved items A, B, C, D, F and H of the consent calendar.

#### Vote Summary

Motions: Moved by Director Li/ Seconded by Director Wright.

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Director Rinn

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

#### Public Comments:

Aleta Dupree addressed the Board on these consent calendar items.

Director Foley pulled Item 3E to make the following amendment:

- 1 year contracting out extension through July 2027.
- Meet and confer with AFSCME about bringing property manager work in-house for BHQ and BPDHQ six months prior to expiration of the contract extension.
- Offer training this year to staff for BHQ and BPDHQ property management duties.
- Make best efforts to expand or hire internally property management roles for BHQ and BPDHQ.

#### Public Comments:

There were no public comments on item 3E.

#### Vote Summary on item 3E

Motions: Moved by Director Foley/ Seconded by Director Raburn

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Rinn

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

#### **4. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

President Hernandez introduced General Manager Bob Powers, who gave the following report:

Ridership for the month of April 2026 is 7% above budget, and 11% higher than last April, 8% above budget year to date and up 12% compared to last year.

The Bay-to-Breakers race is this Sunday, with special express trains running from select stations. The details of the service are on the BART and Bay-to-Breaker's websites.

There is a Small Business Summit next Thursday in BART Headquarters from 9am-12pm, which is an opportunity to engage with BART buyers and contractors.

Yesterday was the BART employee town hall, based on content from employee suggestions. The next town hall will be in the fall.

Take Your Kids to Work day was a great success, with over 400 kids in attendance, which was another example of strengthening pride at BART and in community.

There has been Transit Oriented Development and outreach planning at the following locations: Hayward, Bay Fair, and the 16<sup>th</sup> Street/Mission. Feedback from these events helped redefine Transit Oriented Development policies.

The General Manager also shared the new 2026 ugly holiday sweater.

#### **Public comments**

Glen Overton, Barney Smits and Aleta Dupree addressed the Board on this item.

#### **Discussion:**

Director Ames asked about the upcoming VTA meeting.

Director Foley provided some input about concerns from staff around transit funding and wanted more communication to staff about funding issues and opportunities.

#### **5. ADMINISTRATION ITEMS**

President Hernandez turned the item over to Janice Li, Chairperson of the Committee.

Chairperson Li introduced the following item:

- A. Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Alternative Service Plan: Retirement Incentive Program Evaluation.

Pamela Herhold, Assistant General Manager, Performance and Budgets; and Christopher Simi, Director of Budgets gave the presentation.

#### **Public Comments**

Glen Overton and Aleta Dupree addressed the Board.

#### **Discussion**

Director Ames had questions about organizational charts of the BART, specifically about details on an employee level.

Director Li summed up the discussion and appreciates the work of BART staff in exploring this Board idea that surfaced during the Board Workshop earlier in the year.

- B. Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Budget Overview.

Pamela Herhold, Assistant General Manager, Performance and Budgets; Joy Sharma, Interim Assistant General Manager of Infrastructure and Delivery; and Anais Malinge, Manager of Capital Financial Planning gave the presentation.

#### **Public Comments**

Glen Overton and Aleta Dupree addressed the Board.

## Discussion

Director Ghosh thanked staff for the presentation. If the revenue measure passes, Director Ghosh requested that BART do more advanced glow ups in stations, to bring iconic design and charm back to stations. She is looking forward to the conversation about capital budgets and operations and to learn about the flexibility between the capital and operations budgets.

Director Flores asked about the status of the platform screen doors project.

Vice President Wright said that this was a critical conversation about critical priorities and thanked staff for escalator and elevator modernization, especially for Market Street stations. Also he acknowledged the hopeful modernization project for the plazas in the Mission Street stations, with at least one plaza for 16<sup>th</sup> Street Station yet not in plan. He is hopeful for some funding for these projects early in the budget discussions.

Director Ames had questions as it relates to 10-year capital plan from FY25-34 and how costs and allocations have shifted for various projects. Staff explained the difference because of the changes within the 2 years, including funding, staff capacity and prioritization.

Chairperson Li wanted to know what difference took place or what has changed specifically (for example: different grant sources, new federal funding formulas, project delays) between the capital plans, given the variances between the CIP and the actuals. She also wanted to know how the capital budgeted is impacted if the regional measure fails. Staff will address this at the May 28 BART Board meeting.

## **6. ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS ITEMS**

President Hernandez turned the committee over to Director Mark Foley, Chairperson, who introduced Sylvia Lamb, Assistant General Manager, Operations; Joy Sharma, Interim Assistant General Manager of Infrastructure and Delivery; and John McCormick, Director, Operations Planning, who gave the presentation on the following:

### A. A85 Interlocking Project Update.

- 1) Award of Agreement No. 6M3804 for A85 Special Trackwork Assembly & Grading Services to Stacey and Witbeck, Inc.
- 2) Award separate services agreements (including but not limited to crane hoisting, on-call rental and hauling services) to support the special trackwork repair at the A85 Interlocking.
- 3) Change Orders to Contract No. 15EJ-180, 34.5kV Cable Replacement and Fiber Optic Installation, A-Line, with DMZ Builders for replacement of traction power cables and associated infrastructure at the A85 interlocking.

## Public Comments

Glen Overton and Aleta Dupree addressed the Board.

## Discussion

Director Ames discussed the dates of the weekend shutdowns, and its impacts on the City of Fremont.

Director Flores asked about the logistics of moving three items at once.

Director Raburn asked for an estimate for the overall cost of the project, which staff said was about \$15 million.

He asked about the vendor list of approved vendors, with the goal to provide opportunities for smaller businesses.

Director Raburn moved the item.

Director Ghosh expressed her support of the items, and asked about the cause of the wear and tear, and how this cause can be mitigated in the future. Michael Gibson is also looking at its root cause and ways to avoid this in the future.

## Vote Summary

Motions: Moved by Director Raburn/ Seconded by Director Ames

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

No: 0

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

## **7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

## **8. BOARD MATTERS**

### A. Board Member Reports:

Director Li acknowledged Bike to Wherever Day and that the month of May is also AAPI Heritage month. She thanked BART for its participation in the Equality California San Francisco awards this past Saturday. (Rebecca Saltzman and Alex Walker were also there.)

On May 12, she presented at the Merced Extension Triangle Neighborhood at the Daly City border and was joined by the SFMTA head and the San Francisco Assessor Recorder. She provided updates to the association along with BART staff member Mark Nagales. The Association appreciated the recent improvements at BART.

President Hernandez reported that she celebrated Dublin's Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month by attending the 8th Annual APAPA Tri-Valley Asian Heritage Celebration.

Director Raburn attended and/or presented at the following events:

April 26: Estudillo Estates, San Leandro, Q&A with AC Transit Director Murphy McCalley.

April 28: San Leandro Mayor Juan Gonzalez's State of the City.

April 30: Transform All Aboard at Nido Backyard in Oakland.

May 1: Sienna Parkside Movie at Cannery Tower, Hayward, to give a BART Presentation.

May 6: Hayward BART TOD Open House in the PM Commute.

May 7: Hayward Chamber BART Presentation w/AC Transit at Falck on Industrial Way.

May 7: Oakland Multicultural Chamber Mixer at Scotts Seafood.

May 9: Families United, BART Presentation and Director Award, 209 Joaquin Way, San Leandro.

May 12: Hayward BART TOD Open House AM Commute.

May 13: CCJPA Vision Plan.

May 14: Celebrated biking's annual event.

Director Foley provided the following update:

May 13: he gave a BART update to the Antioch City Council.

May 13: he attended the BART employee town hall.

He attended the Contra Costa Transportation Authority's countywide community transportation plan.

He thanked Travis Engstrom, who assisted OIPA's software request.

He finished by asking people to pause and reflect on the meaning of Memorial Day.

Director Ghosh gave the following update:

April 28: she presented at the Richmond City Council to provide a briefing on the new BART and the Alternative Service Plan.

April 30: She attended and presented at the Richmond Senior Transportation Workshop. Participants had questions about paratransit.

April 30: She attended the bike month launch at the Downtown Berkeley BART station plaza and ended with the Transform All Aboard event with transit advocates. San Mateo County Supervisor Noelia Corzo was the keynote speaker.

May 6: she met with UC Berkeley undergrads to better understand the impacts of BART shutdowns on students, with over 90% without alternative options available. She is looking for support from BART staff to assist the students and feels the report can help inform the Alternative Service Plan.

May 13: Director Ghosh presented at the San Francisco Bay chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility, who are concerned about air quality and equity. This was a follow-up to a presentation to Richmond Rising.

Director Flores gave the following report:

April 28: he attended the Rockridge mosaic unveiling and thanked Jennifer Easton, Henry Symons, Casey Farmer from the RCPC, Ms. Forte from Claremont Middle School and Eileen Fitzfaulkner (the artist).

April 30: he attended bike month kick off and the Transform All Aboard event.

May 2: he attended California College of Arts San Antonio studio, to redesign the neighborhood and what it would look like to have a BART station there.

May 6: He attended Impact 510 Visit Oakland presentation on tourism

May 6: Director Flores gave an update on the fiscal situation to Uptown Merchants in Oakland

May 6: he spoke to Claremont Middle School and thanked them for the mosaics.

May 7: he attended the multicultural chamber event at Scott's Seafood restaurant.

May 9: he went to the Equality California events in San Francisco.

May 13: he attended the Oakland Chinatown 39<sup>th</sup> Spring banquet.

VP Wright provided the following update:

He wished everyone a happy bike to wherever event.

April 23: he attended the groundbreaking for the Marvel in the Mission 100% affordable housing development immediately adjacent to one of the plazas at 16<sup>th</sup> Street/Mission.

May 5: he presented to the student government of Skyline College on the fiscal outlook and the progress on providing safer and cleaner stations and reliable service.

May 9: He went to the Equality California award in San Francisco, co-chaired by Honorable Bevan Dufty.

May 13: He hosted a forum for 16<sup>th</sup> Street/ Mission improvements, for the first time presented totally in Spanish. Vice President Wright thanked Charlie Castillo, Bradley Dunn and Sergio Ardilia, Tim Chan and all the community members who made it possible: Mission Street Vendors Association, La Raza Community Resource Center, Claro, and Calle 24 Latino Cultural District.

He invited everyone to the next meeting Thursday, May 21 from 6 to 8pm at Friendship House Association, with special thanks to the American Indian Cultural District.

B. Roll Call for Introductions: to introduce a matter for future consideration.

C. In Memoriam.

### Public Comment

Joe Kunzler and Glen Overton addressed the Board on this item.

## **9. CLOSED SESSION**

The Board entered into Closed Session under items 9A and B of the agenda at 11:26am and return to Open Session at its conclusion.

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: Boris Lipkin, Assistant General Manager of Planning & Development; Kasheica McKinney, Director of Transit-Oriented Development; Melissa Jeng, Principal Property Development Officer; and Carli Paine, Group Manager of Transit-Oriented Development.

Negotiating Parties: San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District, East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation, Insight Housing, Inc., and AvalonBay Communities, Inc.

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms.  
Government Code Section: 54956.8

**B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

Name of Case: Cassandra Haynes v. San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District and Rocellini Aguilar  
Case No.: 24CV060220  
Government Code Section: 54956.9(d)(1)

**10. OPEN SESSION**

A. Announcements from Closed Session, if any.

The Board returned into Open Session at 12:23 and had no announcements to make about the Closed Session items.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

President Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 12:24 p.m.

Bob Franklin  
District Secretary