

San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 1,980TH MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 8, 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 May 8, 2025, convening at 1:01 p.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 1:01p.m. and welcomed attendees to the BART Board of Directors' regular meeting.

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 Ames 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 stated that there was no Board President's report for this meeting.

Public Comment

There was no public comment for this item.

3. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Director Raburn reported on the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Partnership Special Committee, which met on May 2, 2025, chaired by Mayor Sergio Lopez of Campbell. Key points included:

- Funding Gap: The VTA continues to address a \$700 million shortfall within its \$12 billion total funding package.
- Funding Strategy:
 - VTA has applied for \$100 million in grants, including through the Solutions for Critical Corridors Program and SB 1 funding.
 - Grant award announcements are expected in June 2025.
- Cost-Saving Measures:
 - Since August 2024, BART and VTA staff have worked jointly on cost-saving strategies.
 - Level I (concluded December 2024) focused on:
 - Design criteria assessments
 - Variance reviews: Converting the 28th Street/Little Portugal station's structured parking to surface parking
 - Refining station designs→Yielded approximately \$350 million in savings

- Level II (concluded March 2025) examined:
 - Concurrent tunneling strategies from Newhall Yard and Santa Clara station
 - Tunnel interior reconfiguration
 - Muck off-haul options
 - Combined with Level I, total savings exceed \$400 million
- San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan noted that with \$100 million in potential new revenue and \$400 million in cost savings, only \$200 million remains to close the funding gap.
- Next Steps: A Level III cost-saving evaluation is underway, led by a Tunnel Task Force.

Public Comment

Aleta Dupree and Barney Smits addressed the Board.

Action

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

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

President Foley brought the following Consent Calendar items before the Board, and invited a motion for approval.

- A. Approval of Minutes of the Meetings of April 24, 2025.
- B. Amendment to Agreement No. 6M1112 with Glynn, Finley, Mortl, Hanlon & Friedenberg, LLP for Increase in Funding for Legal Services.
- C. Resolution Authorizing Investment of Monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund.
- D. Resolution Supporting BART's Next Generation Fare Gates Project in San Mateo County and Authorizing Submittal of an Application for the San Mateo County Transportation Authority's 2025 Cycle 1 Measure W Regional Transit Connections Program Call for Projects.
- E. Change Order to Agreement No. 6M2067, Brokerage Services for an Owner-Controlled Insurance Program (OCIP), with AON Risk Insurance Services West, Inc. to Extend the Term of the Agreement....

Director Raburn moved approval of the consent calendar.

Vice President Hernandez seconded the motion.

Public Comment

There were no public comments on this item.

Discussion

The item was discussed with the following highlights:

Director Ghosh requested a correction in the meeting report-outs where the pronouns listed under her name incorrectly read “his/him” instead of “she/her.”

Action

Upon motion by Director Raburn to approve the Consent Calendar, and seconded by Vice President Hernandez, the Board took the following action by unanimous vote:

Vote Summary:

Moved / Seconded: Director Raburn/Vice President Hernandez.

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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

A. The Minutes of the Meetings of April 24, 2025, were approved. (*Vote: 9-0*)

B. The General Counsel or her designee was authorized to amend Agreement No. 6M1112 with Glynn, Finley, Mortl, Hanlon & Friedenberg, LLP to increase the not-to-exceed amount to \$364,000 for representation in an appeal before the CalOSHA Appeals Board. (*Vote: 9-0*)

C. The BART Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 5613, "Authorizing Investment of Monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund." (*Vote: 9-0*)

D. The Board approved Resolution No. 5614, “In the Matter of Supporting BART’S Next Generation Fare Gates Project in San Mateo County and Authorizing Submittal of an Application for the San Mateo County Transportation Authority's 2025 Cycle 1 Measure W Regional Transit Connections Program Call for Projects.” (*Vote: 9-0*)

E. The General Manager was authorized to execute a Change Order to Agreement No. 6M2067 with AON Risk Insurance Services West, Inc., to extend the term of the Agreement to December 31, 2025. (*Vote: 9-0*)

Voting: The vote was conducted electronically.

President Foley acknowledged the successful use of electronic voting and transitioned to the next agenda item.

5. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

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

General Manager Bob Powers provided an update on several key items:

Ridership Trends

- BART has experienced a surge in ridership, with five of the top ten post-pandemic ridership days occurring in the last two weeks, which he attributed to strategic decisions made over the past 24–30 months.
- April 2025 ridership was:

- 3.1% above budget
- 12.1% higher than April 2024
- Saturday ridership up 22% year-over-year

Employee Town Hall

- Held May 7, 2025 with approximately 700 attendees (200 in person, 500 virtual.)
- Covered the FY 2027 budget update, capital program updates (presented with Assistant GM, Infrastructure Delivery), and a segment on marketing strategies to boost ridership.
- Recognized three employees for exceptional service and lifesaving actions.
- General Manager Powers described the event as uplifting and energizing for BART staff.

All Aboard Bay Area Transit Day

- On Tuesday, May 6, BART participated in a joint press event with MTC and other regional transit agencies at the San Francisco Ferry Terminal.
- Promoted public transit use to coincide with the beginning of smog season.
- General Manager Powers highlighted BART’s recent improvements under the theme of the “New BART,” encouraging the public to rediscover the system.

FIFA World Cup 2026 Briefing

- General Manager Powers was invited to Washington, D.C. to brief the Congressional 2026 FIFA World Cup Caucus.
- Emphasized the importance of public transit during the tournament, which will include six games over six weekends in the Bay Area.
 - A national funding request of \$400 million was made to support transit safety, security, and operations during the event. Of this, \$18 million is allocated for BART.
- General Manager Powers described the briefing as well-attended and was positively received.

Grant Award

- BART received a \$6 million grant through MTC’s OBAG 3 Carbon Reduction Program to support EV charging infrastructure at Concord and Antioch stations.

President Foley thanked the General Manager for his report.

Public Comment

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

Discussion

The item was discussed with the following highlights:

Director Li addressed a public commenter regarding a remark Director Li had made at a VTA/BART Working Committee meeting. She noted for the record that she felt it was a mischaracterization and that she had never stated any aspect of the project was “the greatest danger” as stated by the public commenter.

Director Ames provided remarks regarding the recent joint meeting between BART and VTA staff and leadership, held in San Jose the prior Friday. Director Ames referenced the March 2025 VTA oversight

meeting, during which VTA Commissioners acknowledged a need for greater transparency and a deeper review of potential project cost reductions.

President Foley shared his appreciation for the recent Employee Town Hall, which he attended virtually:

- He described it as a fantastic event, highlighting the value of open dialogue between front-line staff and executive leadership.
- President Foley emphasized the importance of maintaining direct communication throughout the next 18 months, particularly during a period of transition and strategic planning.
- He commended General Manager Powers and the executive team for their transparency and responsiveness and encouraged continuation of such events.

Director Li inquired about the frequency of Employee Town Hall events, and noted that, in alignment with President Foley's earlier point, the pace of developments in the coming months may require more frequent communications.

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.

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

7. ADMINISTRATION ITEMS

Janice Li, Chairperson

A. Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Presentations.

A.i. Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Budget Overview.

Chairperson, Janice Li brought the item before the Board.

Pamela Herhold, Assistant General Manager for Performance and Budget; Anais Malinge, Manager of Financial Planning; Suresh Devarajan, Group Manager of Capital Projects; and Aileen Hernandez, Manager of Grants and Funding Advocacy, presented the item.

Public Comment

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

Discussion

The item was discussed with the following highlights:

Director Raburn highlighted the growth and strategic impact of BART having an adequate number of railcars in its fleet. Director Raburn also recalled the 2012 fleet contract, noting that BART then lacked sufficient cars, often running three-car trains, which caused overcrowding. He also applauded the capital program coming in 19% under budget.

Director Ames expressed concerns and raised questions about the train control and communications project, focusing on budget clarity, spending accuracy, and transparency in capital project reporting. Director Ames concluded by reaffirming the disconnect she sees between budget presentation formats (e.g., EDDs vs. capital reports), using the \$20 million FY 2026 figure as an example of a need for greater clarity. She seeks to connect the funding dots between large project budgets and individual components of those projects.

Director Wright offered several observations focused on budget interpretation, transparency, and performance integration. He sought clarification about what happens to the funding for under budget capital projects, which may reflect cost savings, but could also carry over to the next fiscal year. He asked if performance measures could be integrated into the budget. He felt that the way BART was leveraging bond funding, and compared to peer agencies, was an important part of how more broadly BART was controlling its costs.

Director Ghosh expressed appreciation and reflections on the presentation, with a focus on grants, staffing, and capital investment strategy. Director Ghosh also inquired about the distinction between BART labor and non-BART (external) labor in capital project budgets. She praised the capital system reinvestment program. She seeks clarification in general about how the grants come in, what projects they go to and what happens with the Full Time Employees that staff them, to understand the health of the capital program.

Director Li offered concluding reflections, acknowledged that each tool (EDD, budget, CIP) has a specific purpose and that collectively, they support transparency, and suggested that waiting until October 2026 for the next CIP update may be too late, given that funding decisions made today will shape BART's FY 2028–2029 capital capacity. Director Li also urged Staff to engage the Board sooner in conversations about the long-term financial future, especially as federal and state grant environments evolve.

Action

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

A.ii. Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget Scenarios.

Chairperson, Janice Li brought the item before the Board.

Pamela Herhold, Assistant General Manager for Performance and Budget, and Michael Eiseman, Director of Financial Planning, presented the item.

Public Comment

Aleta Dupree and Glen Overton addressed the Board.

Discussion

The item was discussed with the following highlights:

Chairperson Li provided context, emphasized that the Board must approve the FY 2026 budget before the end of the current fiscal year in June. She asked for staff expectations about approving a one year or two year budget and urged the Board to engage in that debate now rather than waiting until the June approval deadline, when time and flexibility will be limited.

Director Ames expressed concerns about BART's headcount growth, pointed to Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) data and asked why the vacancy rate was not included in the preliminary budget memo.

Director Rinn supported Staff's proposal to present a one-year FY 2026 budget for adoption in June, citing the ongoing uncertainty surrounding FY 2027 and encouraged continued discussion and refinement of FY 2027 planning as more information becomes available over time.

Director Flores stressed the risks associated with reducing service, and noted that shuttering or underutilizing infrastructure (e.g., tracks or stations) still incurs maintenance and capital costs that may not be reflected in cost-saving projections. Director Flores concluded by expressing a preference for simplicity and flexibility through a one-year approach, while remaining open to further discussion.

President Foley acknowledged the importance of having the planning conversation now, in advance of formal budget decisions; expressed support for returning to a single-year budget for FY 2026 only, and cited ongoing uncertainty at the federal and state levels, and the upcoming election cycle as justification for this cautious approach.

Director Wright offered a personal endorsement of the policy direction set during and after the pandemic: control costs, grow revenue sources under BART's control and continue investing in high-quality service. In general, he supports a 2-year budget, but supports a 1-year budget under the current conditions. Director Wright also stated support for continuing on this strategic path, considering it the right approach in light of financial challenges. He also brought up the need to discuss how to address the scenario if a ballot measure passes, but still doesn't completely make up the funding shortfall.

Vice President Hernandez expressed support for adopting a one-year FY 2026 budget and revisiting FY 2027 at a later date, and urged BART leadership to continue pursuing creative, forward-looking solutions, especially given the anticipated shortfall even if a regional funding measure passes.

Director Raburn supported the proposal to proceed with a one-year FY 2026 budget, expressed concern over the severity of proposed operating cuts in the FY 2027 scenarios, and noted the \$13 million in cuts projected every six months would be difficult to absorb, especially after a \$35 million reduction already implemented this year.

Director Ghosh highlighted slide 12 as a sobering but clear visualization of the "death spiral" BART could face without new funding, especially in terms of rider impacts, and reaffirmed support for the one-year FY 2026 budget, citing the appropriateness of a measured, adaptive pace.

Chairperson Li wrapped up the segment, affirmed the past Board's decisions to maintain service and to invest in initiatives that have improved public opinion of BART—including faregate upgrades, station bathrooms, and a more visible police presence, and concluded with support for Staff's direction and endorsed bringing back a single-year FY 2026 budget for Board approval in June.

Action

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

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: California Senate Bill 63 (Wiener and Arreguín).

Chairperson, Director Raburn brought the item before the Board.

Val Menotti, Assistant General Manager for Planning and Development, introduced Rodd Lee, Assistant General Manager of External Affairs, and Amanda Cruz, Director of Government and Community Relations, who presented the item.

Public Comment

Aleta Dupree addressed the Board.

Discussion

The item was discussed, with the following highlights:

President Foley proposed that BART pursue an amendment to SB 63 to explicitly address the first/last-mile transit connections provided by small, local bus operators and suggested that language be added to the bill to dedicate “return-to-source” funds for these smaller operators, especially as BART transitions away from subsidizing them through its own budget.

Director Raburn supported President Foley’s suggestion and asked Staff whether such return-to-source funding for first/last-mile services might be covered under the bill’s proposed 10% “Transformative Transit Action Plan” allocation.

Director Ames asked about the two-thirds vote requirement for a sales tax and whether alternative strategies—like a citizens’ initiative with a 50% threshold or another mechanism for revenue—are being considered.

Vice President Hernandez acknowledged that Staff has repeatedly indicated that polling efforts have been exhausted at this time, and emphasized trust that additional polling may be revisited next year. She wanted to be clear about the BART is united about the approach going forward as to how funds from a successful measure would be distributed through participating counties to bus operators.

Director Ghosh encouraged more frequent updates as the bill progresses and voiced appreciation for the opportunity to continue advocacy, reiterating support for SB 63 while cautioning against overpromising outcomes and advocating for alignment between goals and funding reality.

Director Wright offered clarifying points on the Citizens' Initiative and Legislative Process and confirmed that a citizens' initiative can be a sales tax measure — the two are not mutually exclusive. He also clarified that a citizens' initiative is independent of BART, and that BART supports SB 63 as written.

President Foley reiterated his earlier comments regarding proposed clarifications to the bill, and asserted that offering feedback at this stage is not too late, and is not looking to change direction, but to offer clarity for small bus agencies.

General Manager Powers addressed how BART is consistent in its approach, and there are opportunities for small bus operators in two aspects of the bill: through a return to source, where funding goes to counties, and a provision for up to 10% for action items, while also advocating for BART's fair share.

In concluding remarks, Director Raburn expressed appreciation for Caltrain's recent support of SB 63 (as of May 1, 2025) and emphasized the importance of securing San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties' participation in the measure, stating that the region has thoroughly debated its options, and it is now time to move forward with the sales tax legislation as crafted.

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.

Director Flores reported on attending an April 29th meeting with the Oakland-Chinatown Improvement Council, alongside the Government and Community Relations team:

- Discussed BART's regional role and its importance to Chinatown's economic vitality.
- Community members expressed interest in deeper engagement with BART, especially around public safety and hosting events to attract visitors to the area.

Director Flores also highlighted participation in the May the 4th community event with President Foley and BART Staff:

- Described it as a family-friendly event with strong public turnout, including many children and families.
- Noted involvement in the BART trivia contest (though their team did not win) and appreciated the chance to participate in public outreach and community engagement efforts with staff and others.

Director Flores additionally joined the Government and Community Relations team on May 6 to pass out stickers in the system.

Director Wright provided a multi-part report on recent public engagement and advocacy efforts:

May 7 – Transportation Knowledge Network Presentation

- Co-presented with Director Li to a new coalition of civic and business leaders convened by SPUR.

- Discussed the urgency of BART's funding crisis and highlighted BART's actions to control costs while enhancing service quality.

May 1–4 – Washington, D.C.

- Participated in the Young Elected Officials Network Convening, hosted by People for the American Way.
- Engaged with elected leaders from across the country, exchanging ideas.

May 1 – Town Hall on 16th Street Plazas (Mission District)

- Co-hosted with Supervisor Jackie Fielder.
- Focused on conditions in and around 16th Street Plazas, with participation from BART Police Department, Government and Community Relations, and San Francisco Public Works, Emergency Management and the San Francisco Police Department
- Reported progress including repaired or replaced broken lighting and upgraded faregates, daily power-washing of the Plazas, deployment of a dedicated 16-hour daily cleaning crew, increased BART PD presence, including Crisis Intervention Specialists and Ambassadors.
- Announced a commitment for a Plaza renovation project, with public outreach launching this summer.
- Emphasized need for capital funding and committed to pursuing it alongside community partners.
- Concluded with gratitude to local vendors, residents, and business owners for their advocacy and BART Staff and leadership for their collaboration on improving the 16th Street area.

Director Ghosh reported on the following activities:

- Extended well wishes for “Bike to Wherever Month”, highlighting participation in the kickoff event at Downtown Berkeley BART Plaza:
 - Noted strong turnout and community engagement.
 - Highlighted the popularity of a free bike tune-up station, suggesting BART consider providing bike tune-ups at more stations due to high demand.
 - Praised BART's presence at the event and thanked BART Bike Advisory Task Force members Jon Spangler and Morris Gevirtz for their participation and leadership.
- Engaged with Richmond Councilmember Sue Wilson during a briefing on BART's regional role.
- Reported that the City of Berkeley passed a resolution in support of advocating for regional transportation funding for agencies including BART, adopted unanimously on consent. She thanked Berkeley City Councilmember Lunaparra for her leadership.
- Announced that the North Berkeley BART Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) project received an ASLA Merit Award for Analysis and Planning:
 - Celebrated the recognition from the American Society of Landscape Architects, noting its significance in promoting both high-density planning and green infrastructure.
- Concluded with a positive public comment from a rider:
 - The individual expressed appreciation for BART as an environmentally conscious antidote to air travel.
 - Shared that their experience on BART was smooth, timely, and unexpectedly well-patronized at 10 p.m., describing it as “empowering” and expressing gratitude to BART.

Director Raburn

- April 24 – Attended the TransForm event honoring newly elected Directors Ghosh and Flores. Noted reconnecting with long-standing colleagues and allies in transportation.
- April 26 – Participated in the Cherryland Park Easter Egg Hunt:
 - Hosted a BART outreach table using a capsule prize machine, which was very popular with children and families over the four-hour event.

- Lake Merritt Station Accessibility Concern:
 - While visiting the station during faregate construction, observed a visually impaired rider unable to find a proper exit.
 - Worked directly with the rider and station agents to identify a workaround.
 - Commended BART staff for quickly implementing a new accessible path of travel the next day.
 - Recognized BART Accessibility Task Force (BATF) and staff for inspecting and validating the updated access route.
- Cypress Mandela Pre-Apprenticeship Graduation:
 - Attended ceremony near Coliseum Station for 50 pre-apprenticeship graduates entering the skilled trades pipeline.
- Samuel Merritt University Tower Hardhat Tour:
 - Visited the ten-story facility, opening in January 2026.
- May 2 – Attended the Joint BART-VTA Committee meeting in San José.
- May 6 – Participated in the “All Aboard Bay Area Transit” event:
 - Distributed stickers to passengers aboard trains alongside BART staff.
 - Highlighted enthusiasm from riders upon seeing Green Line trains expanded from 6 to 8 cars, with many urging that more trains be similarly extended.

Director Li

- Attended the Equality California San Francisco Awards alongside colleagues, and staff.
- May 1 – May Day Rally:
 - Reflected on the five-year anniversary of the death of her close friend, Courtney Brousseau, who was a prominent BART supporter. She commemorated his memory at Dolores Park and expressed pride that BART now has a 100% Fleet of the Future train system.
- BART-VTA Board Meeting: Participated in the joint session focused on project coordination and updates.
- “All Aboard Bay Area Transit” PM Outreach at Montgomery Station:
 - Participated in the event with BART Staff Team.
 - Praised the performance and responsiveness of the station agent who helped numerous passengers with Clipper card issues and navigation questions.
- May 7 – SPUR Transportation Knowledge Network Meeting:
 - Co-presented with Director Wright and BART Staff.
 - Engaged with a group of built environment professionals, major employers (including Salesforce), and consultants interested in regional transportation policy.
 - Discussion focused on the transit fiscal cliff and funding crisis.
 - Applauded SPUR’s leadership in convening and educating stakeholders around transportation challenges.

Director Ames

- April 26 – Hayward Education City Symposium:
 - Attended event featuring representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, Hayward Unified School District, Cal State University East Bay, and Chabot College.
 - Discussions focused on strategies for workforce housing for educators and expanding college access for youth.
- May 2 – Joint VTA-BART Meeting in San Jose: Participated in regional coordination discussions.
- Alameda Creek Watershed Conservation Initiative:

- Collaborated with Alameda County, City of Fremont, and regional stakeholders to develop a Priority Conservation Area (PCA) nomination covering the Alameda Creek Watershed (600 square miles).
- Successfully secured nomination for East County, including Sunol; nomination was submitted by Alameda County on May 2.
- Initiative aims to support trail development, creek restoration, and tree planting, making the area eligible for future grant funding.
- May 6 – Fremont City Council meeting
 - Attended meeting on the Active Transportation Plan.
 - Thanked Bradley Dunn, Val Menotti and Tim Chan for providing supporting materials and advancing the planning process.

President Foley concluded the segment with a report on the following updates:

- May 4 – Systemwide Outreach and Public Event:
 - Participated in BART’s May the 4th event; thanked BART Staff, and the event volunteers (including a costumed “stormtrooper”) for organizing a successful and engaging community outreach experience.
 - Praised the cleaning crew encountered on a train near Pittsburg for their professionalism and positive attitude. Extended appreciation to Lance and his cleaning team for their excellent work and team spirit.
- April 28 – North Concord Faregate Outreach:
 - Attended public engagement session at North Concord Station with BART staff.
 - Reported positive public interaction and successful outreach on faregate improvements.
- May 6: Attended the Pleasant Hill BART Leasing Authority meeting with Director Rinn.
- General Acknowledgements:
 - Welcomed back Pope Leo XIV.
 - Wished a Happy Mother’s Day to all, especially his mother Marge.

11. **CLOSED SESSION**

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Name of Case: Tewodros Haile v. BART

Case No.: 24CV077492

Government Code Section: 54956.9(d)(1)

B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT/APPOINTMENT

Title: District Secretary

Government Code Section: 54957(b)(1)

President Foley brought the item before the Board and indicated that the Board would enter Closed Session under Item 11-A, (Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation) and 11-B, (Public Employee

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

Public Comment

Aleta Dupree addressed the Board.

The Regular Board Meeting recessed at 4:32 p.m.

The Board reconvened in Closed Session at approximately 4:33 p.m.

Directors Present in Oakland:	Vice President Hernandez, Directors Li, Raburn, Rinn, Wright, Ames, Flores, Ghosh, and President Foley.
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Directors Present via Teleconference:	None.
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Absent:	None.
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The Board Meeting Closed Session recessed at 5:20 p.m.

12. OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened in Open Session at about: 5:21 p.m.

Directors Present in Oakland:	Vice President Hernandez, Directors Li, Raburn, Rinn, Wright, Ames, Flores, Ghosh, and President Foley
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Directors Present via Teleconference:	None.
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Absent:	None.
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A. Announcements from Closed Session, if any.

President Foley resumed the meeting and announced that there were no updates or announcements following the closed session.

Before adjourning, President Foley expressed appreciation to those who supported the logistics and technical operations of the meeting, especially in light of a power outage earlier in the day:

- Media and Communications Staff: Cheryl Stalter, Steve Connell, and Anna Duckworth.
- Information Technology Staff: Travis Engstrom, Faoud Karim, Tom McDonnell, Scott Hanson, Dave Devanna, Alfonzo Rigel, Jeremy Amado, Arjimy Quinsay, and Igraam Nabi.
- Acknowledgement was also given to Interim District Secretary Bob Franklin for his service during the meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

President Foley adjourned the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

Louis Ósémwegie
Assistant District Secretary