

San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 1,975TH MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 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 February 27, 2025, convening at 8:48 a.m. in the BART Board Room, 2150 Webster Street, 1st Floor, Oakland, California. The Meeting was a Board Workshop. President Foley presided, April B. A. Quintanilla, District Secretary.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Foley called the Meeting to order at 8:48 a.m.

A. Roll Call.

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

Directors Present via Teleconference: None.

Absent: None.

B. Pledge of Allegiance. Aleta Dupree led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Introduction of Special Guests. President Foley announced that the order of agenda items would be changed, noting that Item 1-C, Introduction of Special Guests, would occur after Item 4, Public Comment on Item 5.

2. CLOSED SESSION

President Foley brought the item before the Board and indicated that the Board would enter into Closed Session under Item 2-A (Public Employee Employment/Appointment) and Item 2-B (Conference with Labor Negotiators) of the Regular Meeting agenda.

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT/APPOINTMENT

Title: Interim Independent Police Auditor

Government Code Section: 54957(b)(1)

B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Designated Representatives: President Foley, Vice President Hernandez, and Director Flores

Title: Interim Independent Police Auditor

Government Code Section 54957.6.

Public Comment

Aleta Dupree addressed the Board.

The Board Meeting recessed at 8:53 a.m.

The Board reconvened in Closed Session at approximately 8:55 a.m.

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

Directors Present via Teleconference: None.

Absent: None.

The Board Meeting recessed at approximately 9:00 a.m.

3. **OPEN SESSION**

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 9:03 a.m.

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

Directors Present via Teleconference: None.

Absent: None.

A. Announcements from Closed Session, if any.

President Foley announced that the Board had concluded its Closed Session and that, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.1, the Board of Directors announces the appointment of Patrick Caceres as Interim Independent Police Auditor, effective March 3, 2025.

B. Compensation and Benefits for Interim Independent Police Auditor.

President Foley brought the item before the Board.

Director Rinn moved that the base salary of Patrick Caceres while serving as Interim Independent Police Auditor shall be at the annual rate of \$195,050.53 and that during this appointment his benefits will continue to be those applicable to non-represented managers, generally.

Director Raburn seconded the motion.

Public Comment

No comments were received.

Action

Upon motion by Director Rinn and second by Director Raburn, the Board authorized, by unanimous roll call vote, the base salary of Patrick Caceres while serving as Interim Independent Police Auditor at the annual rate of \$195,050.53 and the continuation of his benefits during this appointment as those applicable to non-represented managers, generally.

Vote Summary:

Moved / Seconded: Director Rinn / Director Raburn

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 0

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

President Foley expressed gratitude to Patrick Caceres, Interim Independent Police Auditor, for his willingness to step into the role.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEM 5

President Foley explained that there would be two opportunities for public comment, Item 4, Public Comment on Item 5, and Item 6, Public Comment.

President Foley called for Public Comment on Item 5, Workshop.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Christine Arsenault

Aleta Dupree

Adina Levin

1. CALL TO ORDER

C. Introduction of Special Guests.

Item 1-C was presented before Item 5, Workshop.

President Foley introduced and welcomed Karen Philbrick, PhD, Executive Director, Mineta Transportation Institute, San Jose State University. President Foley thanked Dr. Philbrick for her participation in the Workshop and indicated that she would facilitate the Board's discussions.

5. WORKSHOP

President Foley brought the item before the Board.

A. Facing the Fiscal Cliff.

President Foley introduced Robert Powers, General Manager, who provided an overview of BART's financial challenges and fiscal outlook.

Joseph Beach, Chief Financial Officer; Michael Eiseman, Director of Financial Planning; Rodd Lee, Assistant General Manager, External Affairs; Alix Bockelman, Chief Deputy Executive Director, Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC); and Rebecca Long, Director of Legislation and Public Affairs, MTC, presented the item.

Discussion

Dr. Philbrick facilitated a discussion among the Board Members.

Action

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

The Board Meeting recessed at 11:02 a.m.

The Board Meeting reconvened at 11:09 a.m.

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

Directors Present via Teleconference: None.

Absent: None. Directors Flores and Rinn entered the Meeting later.

B. Improving the Customer Experience.

President Foley brought the item before the Board.

Michael Jones, Deputy General Manager, provided an overview of the item.

Director Flores entered the Meeting in Oakland.

Director Rinn entered the Meeting in Oakland.

Maureen Wetter, Principal Research Analyst; Shane Edwards, Assistant General Manager, Operations; Kevin Franklin, Chief of Police; and Alicia Trost, Chief Communications Officer, presented the item.

Discussion

Dr. Philbrick facilitated a discussion among the Board Members.

Action

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

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

The Board Meeting reconvened at 12:27 p.m.

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

Directors Present via Teleconference: None.

Absent: None.

C. Board Team-Building Exercise and Public Communication, Education, and Engagement Plan.

President Foley brought the item before the Board.

Dr. Philbrick facilitated a team-building exercise, “Two Truths and Lie,” among the Board Members.

Alicia Trost, Chief Communications Officer, presented the item.

Discussion

Dr. Philbrick facilitated a discussion among the Board Members.

Action

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

The Board Meeting recessed at 1:31 p.m.

Vice President Hernandez exited the Meeting.

The Board Meeting reconvened at 1:48 p.m.

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

Directors Present via Teleconference: None.

Absent: Vice President Hernandez.

D. Capital Program Overview.

President Foley brought the item before the Board.

Sylvia Lamb, Assistant General Manager, Infrastructure Delivery; Priya Mathur, Director of Funding Strategy; and Myat San, Chief Infrastructure Delivery Officer, presented the item.

Discussion

Dr. Philbrick facilitated a discussion among the Board Members.

Action

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

The Board Meeting recessed at 2:37 p.m.

The Board Meeting reconvened at 2:49 p.m.

Directors Present in Oakland:	Directors Ames, Flores, Ghosh, Li, Raburn, Rinn, Wright, and Foley.
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Directors Present via Teleconference:	None.
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Absent:	None. Vice President Hernandez entered the Meeting later.
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E. Board Members' Priorities for 2025.

President Foley brought the item before the Board.

Dr. Philbrick highlighted the session's goal of gauging whether the staff-driven priorities, which include addressing the fiscal challenges, enhancing customer experience, boosting public education and communication, and continuing capital investments, align with the Board Members' priorities.

Discussion

Dr. Philbrick facilitated a discussion among the Board Members.

Vice President Hernandez entered the Meeting in Oakland.

Action

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

F. In Memoriam. President Foley called for In Memoriam requests and no requests were received.

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.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Aleta Dupree
Laura Hill
Adina Levin

President Foley thanked the General Manager's Office and the District Secretary's Office for their work to prepare for and facilitate the Workshop.

President Foley also thanked the Media and IT staff for their work and support related to the Workshop.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

April B. A. Quintanilla
District Secretary