

San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 2,005th MEETING THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 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)

Minutes of the June 25, 2026 BART Board Meeting

MEETING DESCRIPTION

A Regular Meeting of the BART Board of Directors was held on June 25, 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 9:02 a.m.

A. Roll Call.

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

Absent: Vice President Wright.

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

C. Introduction of Special Guests: none.

2. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Matt Rinn, Chairperson, gave the following report of Audit Committee Meeting of June 18, 2026:

The Chief Financial Officer made a brief report on the upcoming financial-related work and FY26 financial performance to date.

The CFO also announced that BART received the Triple Crown Award from the Government Finance Officers Association for various financial reports.

There were 3 presentation items on the agenda:

1. The OIG presented a Status Update on 13 recommendations that have been open for more than 2 years. Management provided a response memo to the Audit Committee.
2. The OIG presented its Summary of 5 recent investigations.
3. Performance & Audit presented an update of the Performance & Innovation and Internal Audit divisions including an overview of each division, budget and staffing, and FY26 accomplishments.

Public Comment

There were no public comments on this item.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

President Hernandez brought the following items forward for consideration

A. Approval of the Minutes for the May 28, 2026

Approval of the Minutes for the May 28, 2026 BART Board meeting. Board requested to approve.

B. Approval of the Minutes for the June 11, 2026

Approval of the Minutes for the June 11, 2026 BART Board meeting. Board requested to approve.

C. Appointment of BART Police Civilian Review Board Members.

That the Board of Directors ratifies the reappointment of the following members for 2-year terms, beginning on July 1, 2026, and expiring on June 30, 2028: • Torin Fisher, District 1 • Eliana Machefsky, District 3 • Jennifer Rakowski, District 7 • George Perezvelez, District 9; and ratifies the appointment of the following member for a term ending June 30, 2027: • Elijah Mercer, District 8.

D. Agreement through Dell Technologies for Microsoft Azure VMware Solution (AVS) Disaster Recovery Service Subscription.

The General Manager, or his designee, is authorized to purchase a Microsoft Azure VMware Solution (AVS) Disaster Recovery Services Subscription, through Dell Marketing, L.P. for a three-year term, in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,338,999.

E. Agreement through Dell Technologies for Microsoft Enterprise Software Licenses.

The General Manager, or his designee, is authorized to enter into a Microsoft Enterprise License Agreement using the pricing of the County of Riverside's competitively awarded agreement, through reseller Dell Marketing, L.P. for a three-year term, in an amount not-to exceed \$4,562,800.

F. Execute an Extension to Agreement No. 6M3666 with Modern Railway Systems, Inc., for Proprietary Software and Maintenance Support Services.

The General Manager, or his designee, is authorized to execute an extension to Agreement No. 6M3666 with Modern Railway Systems, Inc., for proprietary software and maintenance support services for an additional year, and add four (4) additional single-year options to prolong services at a cost of \$550,000.00, for a total amount not-to-exceed \$823,817.27.

G. Authorization to Execute Single Source Contract with NSH USA Corporation for Equipment to Service/Replace the Hydraulic Power Units and all the Hydraulic Lines for the Existing BART Owned and Operated NSH USA Corporation Wheel Truing Machines at the Richmond Yard, Daly City Yard and Hayward Yard.

Pursuant to California Public Contract Code Section 20227, the Board of Directors finds by two-thirds vote that NSH USA Corporation is the single source supplier for the purchase of equipment to service and update the Hydraulic Power Units and all the hydraulic lines for the District's wheel truing machines at the Richmond Yard, Daly City Yard and Hayward Yard. The General Manager is authorized to negotiate and execute a single source Contract with NSH USA Corporation for an amount not to exceed \$750,812. Single Source Procurement Contract for Wheel Truing Machine Hydraulic Upgrades at ORY, OHY and ODY (cont.) Two thirds vote required.

H. Authorization to Extend Agreement No. 6M6148 with Paratransit, Inc. for the East Bay Paratransit Consortium Program Coordinator's Office.

The General Manager, acting jointly with AC Transit, is authorized to execute one or more amendment(s) to extend Agreement No. 6M6148 (AC Transit Agreement No. 2023-1573), Authorization to extend Agreement No. 6M6148 for the East Bay Paratransit Consortium (EBPC) Paratransit Coordinator's Office (PCO) (cont.) for the East Bay Paratransit Consortium (EBPC) Paratransit Coordinator's Office (PCO) services, for up to six additional months for an amount not to exceed \$149,556 with BART and AC Transit each responsible for 50% of the costs (up to \$74,778 each).

Public Comment

Aleta Dupree addressed the Board on Items C and H.

Discussion

Director Li provided an overview on Item C, documented the background and work history of Elijah Mercer for the BART Police Civilian Review Board, and showed her support for Elijah.

Vote Summary for the Consent Calendar:

Motions: Moved by Director Foley/ Seconded by Director Rinn
Aye: Directors Ames, Flores, Foley, Ghosh, Li, Raburn, and Rinn, and President Hernandez.
No: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: Vice President Wright
Result: 8-0-0, motion carried by roll call vote.

4. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

President Hernandez turned the item over to Bob Powers, BART General Manager, who provided the following report:

Ridership in June to date is 15% above budget. Mid-week ridership is averaging 220,000+ for the month. He thanked Director Rinn for mentioning BART's Triple Crown Award from the Government Finance Officers Association for various financial reports.

BART launched its BART Connects campaign, highlighting riders' connections to BART.

The BART Pride event was last Tuesday, and featured Vice President Wright, Dennis Markham, and Marshalette Ramsey. The BART Mobile will be at the Pride Event in San Francisco on Sunday.

Assemblymember Buffy Wicks and El Cerrito Pro Tem Mayor Rebecca Saltzman toured the El Cerrito Plaza TOD project.

Tuesday, July 7, Congressman Garamendi will present BART with a check for \$500,000 for station LED lighting at various BART stations. On Friday, July 10, Congressman Lateefah Simon will present BART with \$850,000 for additional station lighting upgrades.

He lastly recognized Chief Franklin for beginning his 31st year of work at BART.

Public Comment

Aleta Dupree addressed the Board on this item.

Discussion

Director Li asked if staff will be right-sizing train lengths, given growing ridership. Staff will provide an update on its response soon.

Director Raburn asked about station glow-ups. Staff provided a brief update on the initiative, which deep cleans stations and upgrades lighting, among other things.

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

President Hernandez turned the items over to Robert Raburn, Chairperson.

A. State Legislation for Consideration. For action

MOTION: The Board supports California Senate Bill (SB) 830.

Before the Presentation, Director Flores recused himself from the presentation, discussion and vote.

Amanda Cruz, Director of Government and Community Relations, presented the item.

Public Comment

There were no public comments on this item

Vote Summary:

Motions: Moved by Director Ghosh/ Seconded by Director Rinn.

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

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Vice President Wright

Result: 7-0-0, motion carried by roll call vote. Director Flores did not vote, as he recused himself.

B. Calendar Year 2025 Annual Sustainability Report.

Boris Lipkin, Assistant General Manager, Planning and Development; and Lauren Reiser, Principal Energy Analyst; gave the presentation.

Public Comment

Aleta Dupree addressed the Board on this item.

Discussion

Director Ghosh thanked staff for their work. She highlighted the benefits of BART, which provides sustainable transportation in general, and of Transit Oriented Developments, which allows people to get to BART without driving. She was glad that these effort detailed in the presentation are a part of BART policy. Looking forward, if the sales tax measure passes in November, she hopes electrical sources can pursue the goal of being renewable and Greenhouse Gas emission-free.

Director Raburn noted the 54% increase in electricity sources with GHG emissions serves as a wake-up call for BART. He detailed BART’s renewable energy history, as well as the increased competition statewide for renewable sources of electricity. Financial instability has been the source of a tradeoff between cost savings and GHG emissions.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

James Patrick and Aleta Dupree addressed the Board on this item.

7. BOARD MATTERS

A. Appointment of Transit Security Advisory Committee Members. Board requested to ratify. Mag Tatum, Senior Board Analyst with the District Secretary’s Office, led the item.

There are four applicants for the Transit Security Advisory Committee (3) three At-Large seats. There also is 1 alternate seat available.

- Omar Farmer
- Ayaka Habu
- Khaboshi Imbukwa
- Siddhant Marar

Public Comment

Ayaka Habu and Khaboshi Imbukwa addressed the Board as candidates, and Aleta Dupree also addressed the Board.

MOTION: The Board of Directors appoints Omar Farmer to the Transit Security Advisory Committee for the at-large seat for a term of two (2) years, beginning on July 1, 2026, and expiring on June 30, 2028 and Ayaka Habu and Khaboshi Imbukwa for the at-large seats for the term ending June 30, 2027.

Vote Summary:

Motions: Moved by Director Raburn/ Seconded by Director Li.
Aye: Directors Ames, Flores, Foley, Ghosh, Li, Raburn, and Rinn, and President Hernandez.
No: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: Vice President Wright



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

B. Board Member Reports. No reports were given at the meeting, but Director Raburn provided the following written report of his activities:

June 13, 2026: Eden Area League of Women Voters, Cherryland Recreation Center

June, 17, 2026: CCJPA Board Meeting, BART Headquarters

June, 19, 2026: Juneteenth Celebration at Prescott Market and Raimondi Park

June, 24, 2026: Oakland Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting, Children's Fairyland

C. Roll Call for Introductions. There were no items presented.

D. In Memoriam. None.

9. **CLOSED SESSION**

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION.

Name of Case: William King, Decedent; Margaret King, as an Individual and as Successor in Interest to William King, Decedent vs. San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District.

Case Number: Alameda County Superior Court Case no. 23CV049189 Government Code Section: 54956.9(d)(1)

Public Comment

There were no public comments on the item.

The Board entered into closed session under item 9A of the agenda at 10:16am

10. **OPEN SESSION**

A. Announcements from Closed Session, if any.

The Board returned from Closed Session at 10:36am. There were no announcements to make.

Public Comment

There were no public comments on the item.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

President Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 10:36am.

Bob Franklin
District Secretary