

San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES OF THE 1,943RD MEETING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023

Members of the Board of Directors
Janice Li, President (District 8)
Mark Foley, Vice President (District 2)
Debora Allen (District 1)
Rebecca Saltzman (District 3)
Robert Raburn (District 4)
John McPartland (District 5)
Elizabeth Ames (District 6)
Lateefah Simon (District 7)
Bevan Dufty (District 9)

Adopted: February 8, 2024

MEETING DESCRIPTION

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors was held on October 26, 2023, convening at 10:05 a.m. via simultaneous teleconference in the BART Board Room, 2150 Webster Street, 1st Floor, Oakland, California and at the Connectivity Center - Lobby Level, Hilton Washington DC National Mall The Wharf, 480 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, District of Columbia 20024. The Meeting was a Budget Workshop. President Li presided, April B. A. Quintanilla, District Secretary.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Li called the Meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

A. Roll Call.

Directors Present in Oakland: Directors Allen, Ames, Dufty, Raburn, Saltzman, and Li.

Director Present via Teleconference: Vice President Foley.

Absent: Directors McPartland and Simon.

B. Pledge of Allegiance. Director Dufty led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Introduction of Special Guests.

Director Dufty introduced and acknowledged a new member of the Government and Community Relations team, Mark Nagales, Senior Government and Community Relations Representative, and Emily Bacque Da Silva, Partner at The Picard Group. Emily addressed the Board to review the recent Congressional delegation meetings.

Director Saltzman expressed gratitude to staff for scheduling numerous meetings over a short period of time.

Vice President Foley indicated that he found the meetings important, and that BART benefited from speaking with elected officials to bring transit-related issues to their attention.

Robert Powers, General Manager, indicated that the meetings were informative and constructive and thanked the four Board Members that were able to attend.

President Li suggested that these meetings should occur on a regular basis.

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

A. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of May 25, 2023.

Director Saltzman moved that the Minutes of the Meeting of May 25, 2023, be approved.

Director Dufty seconded the motion.

Public Comment

No comments were received.

Action

Upon motion by Director Saltzman and second by Director Dufty, the Minutes of the Meeting of May 25, 2023, were approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Vote Summary:

Moved / Seconded: Director Saltzman / Director Dufty

Aye: Directors Allen, Ames, Dufty, Foley, Raburn, Saltzman, and Li.

No: 0.

Abstain: 0.

Absent: Directors McPartland and Simon.

Result: 7-0, motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Li called for general 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.

Glen Kircher and Anthony Sanders addressed the Board.

4. BUDGET WORKSHOP

President Li gave opening remarks regarding the Budget Workshop, including an expression of gratitude to staff for their efforts to facilitate and prepare for the Workshop and to the members of the public for their engagement in the Workshop. President Li indicated that BART has received support at the federal and state levels to stabilize the budget post-Pandemic, but there are financial shortfalls in the near future.

General Manager Powers gave an overview of the Workshop; commented on the Workshop's focus on BART's financial outlook and the customer experience as the bases of the fiscal cliff; and thanked staff for their efforts to coordinate and prepare for the Workshop.

A. Financial Context.

President Li brought the item before the Board.

Pamela Herhold, Assistant General Manager, Performance and Budget; Christopher Simi, Director of Budgets; and Amanda Cruz, Director of Government and Community Relations, presented the item.

Discussion

The presentation was discussed.

Public Comment

Jerry Grace addressed the Board.

Action

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

The Board Meeting recessed at 12:15 p.m.

The Board Meeting reconvened at 12:25 p.m.

Directors Present in Oakland: Directors Allen, Ames, Dufty, Saltzman, and Li.

Director Present via Teleconference: Vice President Foley.

Absent: Directors McPartland and Simon. Director Raburn entered the Meeting later.

B. Strategies to Reduce the Deficit.

President Li brought the item before the Board.

Director Raburn entered the Meeting in Oakland.

Assistant General Manager Herhold and Budget Director Simi presented the item.

Public Comment

Sebastian Petty addressed the Board.

Discussion

The presentation was discussed.

Director Saltzman exited the Meeting.

Discussion

Discussion of the presentation continued.

Public Comment

President Li re-opened Public Comment on Item 4-B.

Director Allen exited the Meeting.

The Brown Act portion of the Meeting ended, due to lack of quorum.

The following individuals the Board:

John Arantes
Ian Griffiths
Joe Kunzler

Action

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

C. In Memoriam.

President Li brought the item before the Board.

President Li requested that the Meeting be adjourned in honor of the innocent lives lost in the mass shooting in the state of Maine on October 25th and the innocent Israeli and Palestinian civilians who have been killed.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Meeting adjourned at 2:14 p.m. in honor of the innocent lives lost in the mass shooting in the state of Maine on October 25th and the innocent Israeli and Palestinian civilians who have been killed.

April B. A. Quintanilla
District Secretary