

**SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA WATER EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**  
**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

*[June 10, 2025]*

The Board of Directors of the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority met in regular session at Hanson Bridgett LLP at 425 Market Street, 26th Floor, San Francisco, CA and via videoconference.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair James Wunderman called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair James Wunderman, Vice Chair Monique Moyer, and Director Pippin Dew were in attendance.

Chair Wunderman led the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed directors, staff, and meeting guests and noted that the meeting was being conducted in person and by videoconference and was being recorded. He advised guests about offering public comment and how guests could sign up to speak throughout the meeting.

**3. REPORT OF BOARD CHAIR**

Chair Wunderman said that he was pleased with the reliability and ridership reports and thanked the Board and staff.

**4. REPORTS OF DIRECTORS**

Vice Chair Moyer thanked everyone for a tremendous year and stated that she was happy to see expenditures below budget for year to date. She added that she appreciated the emergency response exercise activities.

Director Dew reported that the City of Vallejo City Council had an agenda item proposing a sanctioned encampment across the street from the Vallejo Ferry Terminal on a site that is part of Vallejo's 2013 Economic Development Strategic Plan. She said that several stakeholders and businesses submitted letters and spoke in opposition to the proposed site and said that staff recommended issuing a Request for Proposal with local religious institutions to explore other options.

Chair Wunderman thanked Director Dew for her leadership on the encampment issue, noting that it was important to preserve the viability of the area around the waterfront and the terminal.

**5. REPORTS OF STAFF**

Executive Director Seamus Murphy thanked Director Dew for representing SF Bay Ferry at the Vallejo City Council meeting.

Mr. Murphy reported that ridership had returned to 100 percent pre-pandemic levels and was happy to share that SF Bay Ferry was fully staffed since the reorganization of SF Bay Ferry.

Mr. Murphy introduced and welcomed new staff members. Prior to joining Senior Project Manager Jan Rybka's team, Project Engineer Nicholas Parker was an active-duty officer with the U.S.

Coast Guard managing 100-person team that supported multiple projects and taught undergraduate naval architecture programs at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

Project Planners Brian Gerrity and Hank Phan work with Capital Planning Manager Chad Mason's team. Mr. Gerrity led coastal environmental dredging projects for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and has a degree in coastal and marine management. Mr. Phan was most recently with the Public Works Department with the City of Oakland and has worked on the planning and design of multimodal corridor safety projects.

Mr. Murphy noted that Transportation Intern Lensaa Temesgen would be presenting her capstone project later in the agenda and finishing her intern role with SF Bay Ferry and introduced Transportation Intern Alisa Horiike who is in the master's program for city planning with an emphasis on transportation planning at University of California, Berkeley (UC Berkeley). Ms. Horiike worked as a field representative for Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan and as an intern for the California Air Resources Board.

Mr. Murphy thanked Principal HR Consultant Deborah Gutman of CPS HR Consulting for the successful recruitment effort.

Mr. Murphy invited Transportation Planner Gabriel Chan to present the ridership report. Mr. Chan reported that ridership was up mainly due to strong weekend numbers and Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday commute.

Chair Wunderman stated that he was pleased with all the efforts and steps taken to increase and encourage ridership and credited staff for the ingenuity of the accomplishments as a result of the Pandemic Recovery Program.

Mr. Murphy pointed out that with the worsened fiscal outlook, the May Revision proposed to reduce the planned investment in the Transit Intercity Rail and Capital Program (TIRCP). If signed by the Governor, the updated budget preserves the TIRCP grants.

Mr. Murphy provided written reports and offered to answer questions.

## **6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Vice Chair Moyer made a motion to approve the consent calendar:

- a. Approve Board Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2025
- b. Approve Revised FY 2025-2027 Title VI Program
- c. Approve Contract Award to Argos Construction for North Bay Office Remodel
- d. Approve Sole Source Contract Award to Pacific Power Group, LLC for Main Engine and Gear Preventative Maintenance and Repair Services

Chair Wunderman called for public comments, and there were none.

Director Dew seconded the motion, and the consent calendar carried unanimously.

Yeas: Dew, Moyer, Wunderman. Nays: None. Absent: Alba, DeBono.

## **7. AB 2561 VACANCY RATE REPORTING: ANNUAL INFORMATIONAL REPORT**

Chief Financial Officer Erin McGrath presented this item recommending that the Board hold a public hearing in accordance with Assembly Bill 2561 which requires public agencies to report on job vacancies and recruitment efforts at least once per fiscal year.

Chair Wunderman opened the public hearing to receive comments.

With no public comments, Chair Wunderman closed the public hearing.

**8. APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD TO AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC. FOR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLANNING SUPPORT SERVICES**

Emergency Response and Safety Analyst Cameron Bochman presented this item recommending approving contract award to AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (AECOM) for Emergency Operations Planning Support Services.

Mr. Bochman said that the scope of work included a comprehensive evaluation and update to the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and Emergency Response Plan (ERP), designing and facilitating the annual functional emergency operation center (EOC) exercises, and developing SF Bay Ferry's business continuity plan (BCP).

Mr. Bochman summarized the selection process noting that project understanding, qualifications, and experience were the most important factors. He added that AECOM has provided emergency planning services and functional exercises for many Bay Area agencies.

Mr. Bochman offered to answer any questions and invited AECOM Associate Vice President Jordan Karp to say a few words.

The Directors expressed concern about integrating and aligning the BCP, EOP, and ERP with other cities and agencies in the region and putting emergency contracting and authorities in place.

Vice Chair Moyer made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-19 approving this item.

Chair Wunderman called for public comments, and there were none.

Director Dew seconded the motion, and the item passed unanimously.

Yeas: Dew, Moyer, Wunderman. Nays: None. Absent: Alba, DelBono.

**9. APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD TO MANSFIELD OIL COMPANY FOR PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF R99 FUEL FOR SF BAY FERRY OPERATIONS**

Senior Project Manager Jeffery Powell presented this item recommending the following:

1. Approve contract award to Mansfield Oil Company of Gainesville, GA (Mansfield) for the purchase and delivery of R99 fuel for a five-year term; and
2. Authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with Mansfield and take other necessary and related actions consistent with this Board action.

Mr. Powell stated that the best value approach was used with price accounting for 80 percent of the score and provided information about how the fuel price is determined.

Mr. Powell stated that the price of the fuel is volatile and could be impacted by the closing of nearby refineries and the availability of fuel in the future.

Director Dew made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-20 approving this item.

Chair Wunderman called for public comments, and there were none.

Vice Chair Moyer seconded the motion, and the item passed unanimously.

Yeas: Dew, Moyer, Wunderman. Nays: None. Absent: Alba, DelBono.

**10. APPROVE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2025/26 BUDGET AND SALARY SCHEDULE AND RELATED RESOLUTIONS**

Ms. McGrath presented this item recommending approval of the fiscal year (FY) 2025/26 budget and salary schedule and adoption of the following:

1. Resolution 2025-21 approving adoption of the FY 2025/26 budget and salary schedule, and delegating investment authority to the Chief Financial Officer;
2. Resolution 2025-22 authorizing the request of up to the following amounts of Bridge Toll funding: \$5,202,000 in Regional Measure (RM) 1, \$15,800,000 in Regional Measure 2, and \$41,215,000 in Regional Measure 3 funds from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC);
3. Resolution 2025-23 approving the North Bay Fuel Farm Upgrades as an eligible project for California State of Good Repair (SGR) funding and authorizing other actions necessary to receive funds from the FY 2025/26 SGR Program; and
4. Resolution 2025-24 authorizing the execution of documents related to the drawdown of State Transit Assistance (STA) revenue-based funds.

Ms. McGrath stated that no substantial changes were made to the budget from last month except for the 12-month cost-of-living adjustment (COLA).

Ms. McGrath commented on the fuel issue and said that she would provide updates.

Chair Wunderman said that the Bay Area Council recognized that fuel was a risk for the heavily dependent region and would be asking for some support to minimize the impacts related to fuel prices.

Mr. Murphy explained that Senate Bill (SB) 63, the Connect Bay Area Act, is the strategy for funding but that other funding options including an independent measure would be considered to support and maintain service.

Director Dew made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-21, 2025-22, 2025-23, and 2025-24 approving this item.

Chair Wunderman called for public comments, and there were none.

Vice Chair Moyer seconded the motion, and the item passed unanimously.

Yeas: Dew, Moyer, Wunderman. Nays: None. Absent: Alba, DelBono.

**11. GREEN MARINE PROGRAM UPDATE** Director of Planning Michael Gougherty presented this informational item on the Green Marine Program on behalf of Senior Planner Arthi Krubanandh who was in New Orleans accepting the Green Marine certification.

Mr. Gougherty reminded the Board that the Green Marine Program was a voluntary and self-reporting certification program geared toward encouraging best environmental and sustainability practices for water transit-oriented industries.

Mr. Gougherty said that the report was submitted to a third party for verification and was happy to report that the results were certified and accepted. He commented that the verifier remarked on the excellent conditions of the vessels and thanked Blue & Gold Fleet (Blue & Gold) maintenance and engineering and SF Bay Ferry staff for their work and support in those efforts.

Mr. Gougherty added that the program is structured around continuous improvement. The Directors expressed appreciation for the work and setting environmental standards.

Chair Wunderman called for public comments, and there were none.

**12. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING INTERNSHIP CAPSTONE PROJECT**

Mr. Gougherty introduced this informational item and Ms. Temesgen. He noted that Ms. Temesgen completed her undergraduate degree in environmental science with a minor in city planning at UC Berkeley and would be pursuing a master's degree in city planning at University of California, Los Angeles, UCLA.

Mr. Gougherty stated that Ms. Temesgen's capstone project would focus on waste management, which is a focus area in the Green Marine Program. He provided an explanation of the capstone project.

Ms. Temesgen explained how she selected the topic and shared her presentation on waste management at the Ron Cowan Central Bay Operations and Maintenance Facility, stating that effective waste management is crucial for environmental conservation and for helping preserve resources while minimizing ecological impact.

Ms. Temesgen said that her recommendations would support SF Bay Ferry and Blue & Gold's progression towards higher tier Green Marine performance indicators and stronger sustainability outcomes. She concluded her presentation and thanked Blue & Gold staff and SF Bay Ferry staff for their support.

The Directors thanked Ms. Temesgen for her presentation, supported her recommendations, and wished her the best.

Chair Wunderman called for public comments, and there were none.

**13. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Chair Wunderman called for public comments for non-agenda items, and there were none.

**14. RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION**

- a. Public Employee Performance Evaluation; Conference with Labor Negotiator  
Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54957(b)(1) and 54957.6  
Title: Executive Director  
Agency Designated Representative: James Wunderman

Chair Wunderman recessed the meeting at 2:14 p.m., and the Directors met in closed session.

**15. REPORT OF ACTIVITY IN CLOSED SESSION**

Upon returning to open session at 3:07 p.m., Chair Wunderman reported the Board had concluded its annual performance review of Mr. Murphy. He said that positive reviews had been received by all Board members and were pleased with his performance.

Chair Wunderman made a motion to increase Mr. Murphy's compensation by 3.5 percent to a new annual amount of \$350,286 with a minor adjustment to the travel allowance that is part of the agreement.

The Directors thanked Mr. Murphy for his leadership, accomplishments, and dedication.

Chair Wunderman called for public comments, and there were none.

Vice Chair Moyer seconded the motion, and the item passed unanimously.

Yeas: Dew, Moyer, Wunderman. Nays: None. Absent: Alba, DelBono.

With all business concluded, Chair Wunderman adjourned the meeting at 3:11 p.m.

- Board Secretary

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