

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

[September 11, 2025]

The Board of Directors of the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority met in regular session at the Bay Area Metro Center at 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA and via videoconference.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair James Wunderman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair James Wunderman, Vice Chair Monique Moyer, Director Jessica Alba (remote), Director Michael Henneberry, and Director Pippin Dew were in attendance. In compliance with the Brown Act, Director Alba explained that she was joining the meeting remotely due to health issues and that no one over the age of 18 was in the room with her.

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 discussed the completion of the legislative session and the potential impacts to SF Bay Ferry programs and projects. He emphasized staying informed and working together strategically to protect interests.

Before opening the meeting to the reports of Directors, Chair Wunderman decided to take early public comment for non-agendized items.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Executive Director Seamus Murphy introduced Interferry staff CEO Mike Corrigan, Director of Conferences and Finance Shari Coorigan, Board Chairman Tim Mooney, and the Interferry organization stating that the Bay Area maritime community joined efforts proposing to host Interferry 2028 in San Francisco.

Mr. Murphy welcomed Mr. Corrigan who talked about Interferry's dedication to promoting sustainability, safety, and collaboration within the ferry industry and noting Interferry's status with the International Maritime Organization as the sole organization to speak on behalf of the ferry industry.

Chair Wunderman thanked Mr. Corrigan and expressed optimism that San Francisco be considered for hosting Interferry 2028 and said that he and San Francisco Travel (SF Travel) would offer their assistance to help bring the conference to San Francisco and help make the conference a success.

4. REPORTS OF DIRECTORS

The Directors thanked the Bay Area Metro Center (BAMC) for hosting the SF Bay Ferry meeting in its beautiful space and the Interferry organization for their efforts on behalf of the ferry industry.

Director Dew said that she would be touring the Marine Group Boat Works (MGBW) shipyard while she was in Chula Vista for the California Association of Realtors conference.

The Directors shared their comments on the future development of shipbuilding in the Bay Area.

5. REPORTS OF STAFF

Mr. Murphy invited Director of Planning Michael Gougherty and Director of Operations and Customer Experience Thomas Hall explain the public outreach process for exploring options for restructuring the South San Francisco ferry service.

Mr. Hall said that SF Bay Ferry was heavily reliant on the Oyster Point employers for survey responses and for outreach but would do additional direct outreach to ferry riders on all routes. He added that staff would be available to talk with employees of those companies that were further from the South San Francisco ferry terminal.

Mr. Murphy invited Mr. Gougherty to provide an update on the pilot service program. He thanked Directors Dew and Henneberry for their feedback and support on the program.

Mr. Gougherty shared his presentation and explained the goals of the program, which are to test new technologies that face constraints using the current operating model and test real market demand for services moving beyond regional transportation demand models.

Mr. Gougherty presented an overview of projects that were in the implementation phase and a preview of the efforts underway for the next round of pilot projects.

The Directors thanked Mr. Gougherty for the encouraging report and asked about how potential projects were identified and suggested working with the cities and the development communities around the bay.

Chair Wunderman asked for a meeting with San Francisco International Airport (SFO) and San Mateo County to determine whether southern peninsula service was feasible.

Mr. Murphy invited Government and Regulatory Affairs Manager Lauren Gularte to provide a legislative update on California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemptions, transit-oriented development projects, and the regional revenue measure and impacts to the ferry program. She added that SF Bay Ferry would be meeting with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to discuss battery electric technology to promote the financial sustainability of ferry service.

Mr. Murphy said that there was a medical emergency that resulted in a fatality despite prompt notification and response by crews and first responders. He expressed sympathy and thoughts to the family, crew, and all impacted.

Chair Wunderman acknowledged the unfortunate incident and all impacted.

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

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

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- a. Approve Board Meeting Minutes – August 14, 2025
- b. Authorize the Submittal of a Revised Allocation Request to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for FY 2025/26 Regional Measure 1 (RM1) Bridge Toll Funding

- c. Approve Sole Source Contract Award to Pacific Power Group, LLC for the MV Mare Island and Intintoli MCU Upgrades
- d. Approve Sole Source Contract Award to Lescure Company Inc. for the North Bay Fuel Facilities Upgrade

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

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

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

7. AUTHORIZE THE SUBMITTAL TO THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF AN ALLOCATION REQUEST FOR \$8,886,000 IN REGIONAL MEASURE 3 CAPITAL FUNDS FOR THE HYDRUS CLASS CONVERSION TO BATTERY-ELECTRIC FERRIES PROJECT

Grants Manager Jennifer Raupach presented this item recommending authorizing the Executive Director, or his designee, to execute and submit an allocation request and related assurances to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for Regional Measure 3 (RM3) funds in the amount of \$8,886,000 to support the *Hydrus* Class Conversion to Battery-Electric Ferries Project.

Ms. Raupach noted that the correct total funding for the project was \$23.5 million. She invited Director of Project Delivery and Engineering Timothy Hanners to provide a brief update and timeline on the *Hydrus* class conversion.

Mr. Hanners said that the *Hydrus* class conversion was the first retrofit project for the SF Bay Ferry fleet to ensure compliance with California Air Resources Board (CARB) mandates to significantly reduce emissions.

Mr. Hanners explained the engines from the converted vessels would be held as spares and eventually sold once the conversion on the four vessels was complete.

Director Henneberry made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-33 approving this item.

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

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

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

8. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH SAN MATEO COUNTY HARBOR DISTRICT FOR 2026 SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO DREDGING EVENT

Capital Planning Manager Chad Mason presented this item authorizing the Executive Director to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the San Mateo County Harbor District (SMCHD) for the 2026 South San Francisco dredging event.

Mr. Mason explained that coordinating dredging efforts promoted efficiency and less disruption to the recreational boaters and the ferry service.

Vice Chair Moyer expressed her appreciation for coordination efforts relating to environmental concerns and addressing indemnification in the MOU.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Genentech Senior Transportation Program Manager Andre Huff asked about accessing the Oyster Point Marina during dredging.

Mr. Mason said dredging would disrupt ferry service but not access to the Marina.

Director Dew made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-34 approving this item.

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

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

9. APPROVE ACTIONS RELATIVE TO RFQ 25-003 TREASURE ISLAND ELECTRIFICATION CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS PROCUREMENT

Project Manager Minh Tran presented this item recommending approving the following actions related to RFQ 25-003 Treasure Island Electrification Construction Materials Procurement:

1. Approve contract award to Wesco Distribution, Inc. for the procurement of electrification construction materials in the amount of \$339,298.54.
2. Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and enter into an agreement and take any other related actions as may be necessary to support this work.

Director Dew voiced concerns about potential delays related to infrastructure. Mr. Tran said that coordination with the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (PUC) was being closely managed to ensure an efficient process.

Chair Wunderman expressed his excitement about the Treasure Island project.

Director Alba made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-35 approving this item.

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

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

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

10. SEA CHANGE HYDROGEN FERRY DEMONSTRATION PROJECT EVALUATION REPORT

Transportation Planner Gabriel Chan presented this item recommending receiving the Sea Change Hydrogen Ferry Demonstration Project Evaluation Report.

Mr. Chan shared his presentation on the overview of the three phases of pilot projects and discussed some of the successes and challenges.

Mr. Murphy added that the project was a collaborative effort and that the vessel was meant for learning and a chance to test new technology.

Chair Wunderman said he was supportive of different technologies and that hydrogen could potentially overcome limitations of batteries.

Mr. Hall added that the vessel was put into a service based upon the characteristics of the vessel in both capacity and speed. He noted that the crew is the only crew in the world that can operate the hydrogen vessel.

Director Henneberry made a motion to receive the report.

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

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

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

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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

With all business concluded, Chair Wunderman adjourned the meeting at 2:41 p.m.

- Board Secretary

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