

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

*[October 9, 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, 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 is actively participating in meetings regarding Senate Bill (SB) 63, authorizing a revenue measure investing in transportation in the San Francisco Bay Area which is expected to be on the ballot in November 2026. He stressed that the success of the initiative requires the collaborative efforts and support of stakeholders, noting that campaigning will be led by gathering individual signatures.

Chair Wunderman thanked the SF Bay Ferry and Blue & Gold Fleet (Blue & Gold) teams for keeping the ferries running smoothly.

**4. REPORTS OF DIRECTORS**

Vice Chair Moyer reminded everyone that Fleet Week is about honoring the sacrifices of military families who defend the nation and the importance of thanking those who serve.

Vice Chair Moyer emphasized the significance of public transit for international visitors and the importance of future funding to ensure that San Francisco retains its prominence as an international destination city.

Director Dew reported that she was recently in Chula Vista for the California Association of Realtors Fall Business Meetings which was held directly across the street from Marine Group Boat Works (MGBW). She took advantage of the locality and toured the MGBW facilities and saw some of their construction, repair, and maintenance work.

Director Dew said that she is on a committee that discussed and supported a ferry route from Vallejo to Larkspur to help offset Highway 37 traffic. She added that she has been involved in shipbuilding initiatives in Solano County.

**5. REPORTS OF STAFF**

Executive Director Murphy thanked the Directors for continuing to support shipbuilding facilities.

Mr. Murphy invited Director of Operations and Customer Experience Thomas Hall to present the November schedule change affecting the Alameda Seaplane and Harbor Bay routes.

Mr. Murphy said that SF Bay Ferry's final diesel vessel, MV *Zalophus*, arrived and is in operation and invited Director of Project Delivery and Engineering Timothy Hanners to share some information about the vessel.

Mr. Hanners said that SF Bay Ferry partnered with designer One2three Naval Architects (One2three), builder Mavrik Marine Inc. (Mavrik), and construction manager Aurora Marine Design (Aurora). He said that the MV *Karl* and *Zalophus* were equipped with MAN tier 4 plus diesel particulate filter (DPF) engines that were approved in a high-speed vessel that comply with California Air Resources Board (CARB) regulations.

Mr. Hanners thanked Aurora for their dedication and efforts in finding a solution to improve alignment of propulsion and system integration. He introduced Project Engineer and Naval Architect at Aurora Ryan Turzewski to discuss some of the highlights of the vessel.

Mr. Turzewski said that the vessel was prioritized around efficiency with minimum emission, maximum speed, and maximum fuel economy without compromising passenger accommodations. He provided measurable real-world operational data validating the design while balancing speed, comfort, and efficiency. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to be a part of this program.

Mr. Murphy added that MV *Karl* was nominated for vessel of the year by WorkBoat Magazine.

Mr. Murphy invited Senior Transportation Planner Arthi Krubanandh to highlight a few key points on Clipper 2.0 (C2) including open payment and transfer discounts between transit systems.

Mr. Murphy asked Emergency Response and Safety Analyst Cameron Bochman to talk about the last emergency response training exercise that featured the MV *Karl*. Mr. Bochman was joined by Blue & Gold Operations Supervisor Tony Heeter who shared their presentation on the San Francisco International Airport (SFO) full-scale exercise, which simulated an aircraft crash in the San Francisco Bay. They said that the exercise involved more than 200 participants from several partners around the region.

Mr. Bochman said that the exercise provided an opportunity to test emergency procedures, evacuation systems, and coordination under the Vessel Mutual Assistance Plan. Mr. Heeter shared information on the equipment including the inflatable buoyant apparatus (IBA). They expressed the benefits of continual training and participating in these exercises.

Mr. Murphy provided written reports and noted that the Cap-and-Trade program had been reauthorized preserving the Transit and Intercity and Rail Capital Program (TIRCP). He said that SF Bay Ferry has not seen any overt impacts from the federal shutdown so far.

Mr. Murphy invited Director of Planning Michael Gougherty to provide the ridership report. Mr. Gougherty stated that September was approximately 94 percent of September 2019 ridership. He said that the drivers were Labor Day, San Francisco Giants games, and the Golden State Valkyries games. Mr. Gougherty noted some changes in the ridership report this month, which included tracking trips that were approaching the capacity threshold.

Mr. Murphy asked Mr. Hall to present the reliability report. Mr. Hall stated that reliability remains high but that there was a slight dip in on-time performance affected by the Vallejo weekend service. Mr. Hall said that a comprehensive assessment would be done prior to making any service-related adjustments.

Mr. Hall added that SF Bay Ferry had an issue with its ticketing partner for the last weekend of the Giants service, which is a reservation-based system with set capacities and departure and arrival times. He said that the ticketing system allowed the Oakland and Alameda service to and from Oracle Park to be oversold. He said SF Bay Ferry and Blue & Gold took immediate actions to make other accommodations and offer refunds. He said that SF Bay Ferry would be testing the new code deployment ahead of selling ferry tickets for the Golden State Warriors games.

Vice Chair Moyer expressed her appreciation for the items raised during the Fleet Week tabletop exercise for sustaining ferry-based operations in support of disaster response.

The Directors thanked staff for their reports.

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

## **6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Director Dew made a motion to approve the consent calendar:

- a. Authorize Approve Board Meeting Minutes – September 11, 2025
- b. Approve Contract Award to Marine Group Boat Works LLC for Repair and Drydock Services for the MV *Intintoli*

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

Vice Chair Moyer seconded the motion, and the consent calendar carried unanimously.

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

## **7. LONG-TERM RM 3 CAPITAL FUNDING OUTLOOK**

Chair Wunderman said that items 8, 11, 9, and 10 would be presented together as they were related and that the Board would vote on them in the same order.

Mr. Gougherty presented this informational item and shared his presentation stating that the outlook was intended to provide context and background for considering the subsequent Regional Measure (RM) 3 allocations and the award of the universal charging float contract. He summarized the current and anticipated RM 3 capital allocations in the amount of \$115 million, noting that the remaining \$185 million included funds to meet state-of-good-repair needs and capital maintenance costs.

Mr. Gougherty shared three scenarios and the key financial metrics.

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

## **11. APPROVE ACTIONS RELATIVE TO RFP 24-007, UNIVERSAL CHARGING FLOAT PROCUREMENT**

Mr. Hanners and Senior Project Manager Jan Rybka presented this item recommending approving award of contract 24-007 to JT Marine Inc. (JTM) for the procurement of two universal charging floats (UCFs) in an amount of \$47,033,608 and 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.

Mr. Hanners shared his presentation and said that he would explain how the project fits within the alternative compliance plan (ACE) and Rapid Electric Emissions-Free Ferry (REEF) program strategy, Mr. Rybka would speak about the design and procurement, Port of San Francisco (Port) acting Chief Harbor Engineer Matthew Bell would speak about the regulatory process and

collaboration with the Port, and Chief Financial Officer Erin McGrath would address budget and funding recommendations.

Mr. Hanners provided an overview of the REEF phase 1 and 2 implementation and the ACE plan. Mr. Rybka presented the UCF concept design maintaining continuity of operations, permitting, and procurement results. He said that the UCF was designed to 90 percent before going out for bid. He said that the new UCFs would be installed at the Downtown San Francisco Gate G and Alameda Seaplane. The existing floats would be retrofitted for Harbor Bay and Mission Bay, respectively.

Mr. Rybka stated that this project was a best value federal procurement with the evaluation based on 60 percent technical and 40 percent on price.

The Directors asked about preference for local vendors. SF Bay Ferry Attorney Steven Miller of Hanson Bridgett LLP clarified that the evaluation committee is prohibited from introducing a local preference as a condition of receiving federal funds for this project.

Mr. Rybka provided some information about JTM and noted that JTM Controller Irene Toristoja was present representing JTM. Mr. Rybka acknowledged the high cost and said that an independent third-party marine estimator was consulted to reevaluate the price proposals. He said that the cost ended up being even higher due to price volatility, tariff uncertainty, increased costs from suppliers, and the high risk and regulatory uncertainties with new technology. Mr. Rybka acknowledged the help of consultant Ellen Johnck who helped expedite the permitting process for the system.

Mr. Rybka stated that SF Bay Ferry has been working with the Port and introduced Mr. Bell to discuss the partnership and their support for this system. Mr. Bell said that he was the acting Chief Harbor Engineer and the building official for the Port which has the building permit jurisdiction over the Downtown San Francisco ferry terminal. Mr. Rybka noted that reaching agreement on the regulatory structure was a big hurdle and added that the City of Alameda has been supportive of using marine regulatory code and a similar process for the Alameda Seaplane UCF.

Mr. Rybka introduced Ms. McGrath to discuss the budget and funding for the project, which required approval of an RM 3 allocation by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and a budget revision. Ms. McGrath noted that the \$3.5 million was from Measure B and not TRICP for the Alameda Seaplane UCF project. Ms. McGrath said additional allocations could be possible depending on the success of pending awards.

Mr. Hanners explained that funding was available for Harbor Bay and that Harbor Bay was more shovel ready than Oakland.

Vice Chair Moyer thanked Mr. Gougherty for doing the scenario analysis. He said the cost models would be updated to reflect changing circumstances and as new information and funding sources arise.

Chair Wunderman asked Mr. Miller to confirm taking the vote in order of items 8, 11, 9, and 10.

## **8. APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO FISCAL YEAR 2025/26 CAPITAL BUDGET**

Director Dew made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-37 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, Henneberry.

**11. APPROVE ACTIONS RELATIVE TO RFP 24-007, UNIVERSAL CHARGING FLOAT PROCUREMENT**

Vice Chair Moyer made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-40 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, Henneberry.

**9. AUTHORIZE THE SUBMITTAL TO THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF AN ALLOCATION REQUEST FOR \$16,186,500 IN REGIONAL MEASURE 3 CAPITAL FUNDS FOR THE SEAPLANE FERRY TERMINAL FLOAT PROJECT**

Vice Chair Moyer made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-38 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, Henneberry.

**10. AUTHORIZE THE SUBMITTAL TO THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF AN ALLOCATION REQUEST FOR \$10,270,000 IN REGIONAL MEASURE 3 CAPITAL FUNDS FOR THE DOWNTOWN SAN FRANCISCO GATE G UNIVERSAL CHARGING FLOAT PROJECT**

Director Dew made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-39 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, Henneberry.

**12. WINTER 2025-26 FARE PROMOTIONS**

Mr. Hall presented this informational item encouraging ridership during the seasonal downshifts and weekend recreational ridership during the winter by offering a \$20 day pass and \$1 fares for youth riders between November 1, 2025 and January 31, 2026.

The Directors were excited about the promotions and suggested providing family-friendly ideas for using the ferry for special outings with children and offering music on the ferry.

The Directors expressed concern from private operators. Mr. Hall clarified that existing trips were going to be a little more festive.

**13. 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 in memory of South San Francisco Mayor and Councilmember Pedro Gonzalez at 3:32 p.m.

- Board Secretary

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