

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

[December 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

Vice Chair Moyer called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Directors Present in San Francisco: Vice Chair Moyer
Director Jessica Alba
Director Pippin Dew
Director Michael Henneberry
Directors Present Remotely: None
Absent: Chair James Wunderman

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

3. REPORT OF BOARD CHAIR

Vice Chair Moyer stated that she would be chairing the meeting on behalf of Chair Wunderman who had a conflict but sent his regards.

Vice Chair Moyer said that she attended the christening ceremony for MV *Zalophus*, the 19th vessel of the fleet noting that 20th vessel would be transitioning away from diesel. She stated that she was proud of the crew for their welcoming and efficient hospitality.

4. REPORTS OF DIRECTORS

Director Alba said that she saw a post on LinkedIn with photos from Chair Wunderman and Executive Director Seamus Murphy's trip to All American Marine (AAM) to inspect the new electric ferry and reflected on SF Bay Ferry's fast progress to electrification. She expressed pride and fulfillment in her role and commended the team's swift advancements and contributions.

Director Dew shared that the request for proposal for the City of Vallejo's update to their waterfront had been released and may have already closed. She asked staff to engage in conversations with Vallejo staff ensuring transit-oriented development is incorporated.

Vice Chair Moyer congratulated Director Dew on completing the Sacramento marathon.

5. REPORTS OF STAFF

Mr. Murphy remarked that SF Bay Ferry's annual ornament featured the MV *Mare Island* and Vallejo landmarks. He said that SF Bay Ferry participated in the annual Lighted Yacht Parade and reported that an incident causing potential property damage was under investigation.

Mr. Murphy added that the trip to AAM was to put the first weld on the keel of the country's first high-speed battery electric ferry and emphasized the importance of advancing Bay Area shipbuilding opportunities on behalf of Chair Wunderman.

Mr. Murphy thanked the team for their efforts in advancing the program quickly.

Mr. Murphy highlighted two grants. He said that the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program will support a larger initiative to enhance affordable housing and electrification infrastructure for electric ferries in the Seaplane Lagoon area. He said that another award from the same program will be available to operate the Treasure Island ferry service bolstered by developer fees.

Mr. Murphy provided written reports and invited Transportation Planner Gabriel Chan to provide the ridership report.

Mr. Chan reported strong ridership numbers driven by commute, Thanksgiving week, holiday events, and the launch of the popular \$1 youth ticket and \$20 day pass.

Mr. Murphy noted that an update on the regional transit survey results was included in the packet and offered to answer questions.

The Directors thanked staff for their reports.

Mr. Murphy said that reports he has received through email indicate that Clipper 2.0 is functioning as expected with a successful rollout in response to Vice Chair Moyer.

Vice Chair Moyer called for public comments, and there were none.

Director Dew commented on a survey from the City of Vallejo and asked for more information. Mr. Murphy said that the survey was related to the accessibility study and that a report will be provided after the results have been submitted.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Alba made a motion to approve the consent calendar:

- a. Approve Board Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2025

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

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

7. RECEIVE THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

Chief Executive Officer Erin McGrath presented this item recommending receiving the independent auditor/s reports for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

Ms. McGrath explained that delays by the federal government in releasing audit guidelines for the single audit, which represents work on the federal money that is spent, will be finalized within the next two months.

Ms. McGrath reminded the Board that the reports were prepared by SF Bay Ferry's independent auditor, Maze & Associates (Maze), as in prior years. She clarified that the reports were different than the cash basis reports that were included in the monthly packet which do not consider liabilities related to contracts and pensions.

Ms. McGrath thanked her accounting team and invited Maze CEO Vikki Rodriguez to offer comments. Ms. Rodriguez confirmed that the audit did not detect any material weaknesses or deficiencies and that Maze had issued an “unmodified opinion.” She thanked the accounting team for being prepared and responsive.

Ms. Rodriguez said that she found transit finance and auditing to be more complex in comparison to other governmental agencies in response to Vice Chair Moyer.

Vice Chair Moyer thanked the team for their efforts ensuring adherence to governance compliance, highlighting the miles traveled, and for presenting the report in a readable format.

The Directors commended staff for fully funding the SF Bay Ferry pension, noting that it was an asset. Ms. McGrath acknowledged the previous administration for establishing trust funds for the purpose of funding pension liabilities.

Vice Chair Moyer remarked that Regional Measure (RM) 3 and other grant funding were crucial to the success of the service and expressed her gratitude to the Bay Area community for their generosity and support.

Director Dew made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-43 approving this item.

Vice Chair Moyer called for public comments, and there were none.

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

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

8. APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD TO TRITIUM POWER SOLUTIONS INC. FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF TWO FLOAT-MOUNTED CHARGING SYSTEMS

Senior Project Manager Jan Rybka presented this item approving contract award to Tritium Power Solutions Inc. (Tritium) for the procurement of two float-mounted charging systems.

Mr. Rybka clarified that the smaller float-mounted charging systems are intended for Mission Bay and Treasure Island supporting the 150-passenger vessels being built at AAM and that the universal charging float for which the Board had previously awarded a contract is for the 400-passenger vessels.

Mr. Rybka shared his presentation on the scope of the contract, the results of the proposals, and information about Tritium. He explained that the procurement is intended to provide the system as owner-furnished equipment on a future install contract and addressed the substantial savings through Tritium noting the pricing was based on existing system components, avoiding a more expensive, custom-built solution.

Mr. Rybka invited Tritium Director of Sales, North America Griffin Hewitt to say a few words about Tritium.

Mr. Rybka thanked Mr. Hewitt and Aurora Marine Design, which helped design the technical specification for this procurement and research a viable solution beyond what was previously identified.

Director Dew shared her concern about damage to the charging dispenser cables. Mr. Rybka confirmed that the dispensers would be mounted at the end of the float behind locked doors and that Tritium was exploring additional protective measures.

The Directors expressed interest in virtual monitoring and their appreciation for finding a more affordable solution which included a 10-year lifetime guarantee and critical spares. They thanked staff for the thorough presentation and for providing detailed information about the cost savings and Tritium's experience.

Director Henneberry made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-44 approving this item.

Vice Chair Moyer called for public comments, and there were none.

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

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

9. SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO SERVICE STUDY UPDATE

Transportation Planners Dorry Funaki and Gabriel Chan presented this informational item on the South San Francisco service study update.

Ms. Funaki introduced the item by providing some context to the study. She said that SF Bay Ferry staff initiated the study in July 2025 to identify a preferred service and funding plan that ensures the financial feasibility of ferry service to South San Francisco. She noted that the South San Francisco ferry service has had the lowest ridership out of all SF Bay ferry routes since 2019, accounting for 4 percent of system ridership.

Ms. Funaki shared their presentation on the timeline, public outreach efforts, and preferred service concept.

Mr. Chan provided details about the South San Francisco study survey and shared proposed route and operation change options including schedule modifications that will be used to consider the preferred concept for a one-year trial.

Director Alba asked about the ridership goal. Mr. Chan clarified that the goal was to achieve a higher farebox recovery on par with the rest of the system and that any subsidies would be counted towards the farebox recovery.

The Directors asked for clarification on what would determine success and thanked staff for their report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Member of the public and former South San Francisco rider Isabelle Hodge expressed her appreciation of the team's outreach efforts and spoke in support of the South San Francisco service.

Vice Chair Moyer thanked Ms. Hodge for sharing her comments.

10. 2050 BUSINESS PLAN UPDATE

Director of Planning Michael Gougherty presented this informational item on the 2050 Business Plan update.

Mr. Gougherty shared his presentation on the overview of the 2050 Service Vision & Business Plan components and its supportive policies. He said that the business plan would be presented in two volumes: the first volume focusing on the 2050 service vision with specific objectives and policies and the second volume detailing operational and capital program costs over the next decade.

Mr. Gougherty reviewed the capital plan scenarios and identified a preferred concept which prioritizes long-term rehabilitation and replacement needs following discussions with the Board subcommittee.

Mr. Gougherty acknowledged the challenges in achieving the ambitious 2050 vision, noting the need for investing in existing services, expansion to meet demand, and enhancing electrification of the system.

Mr. Gougherty said that a draft of the business plan would be presented with final approval within the next several months.

The Directors acknowledged the necessity of responsible planning and optimizing and leveraging funds. They expressed their appreciation of the discussion and setting clear expectations while reaffirming their fiduciary duty to deliver the current level of service. They noted their enviable position of discussing long-term planning while peers are focusing on surviving the current fiscal year.

Vice Chair Moyer called for public comments, and there were none.

The Directors thanked Mr. Gougherty for his work and looked forward to continuing the dialogue.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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

With all business concluded, Vice Chair Moyer adjourned the meeting at 2:48 p.m.

- Board Secretary

END