

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

*[January 8, 2026]*

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

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

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

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

**3. REPORT OF BOARD CHAIR**

Chair Wunderman thanked Vice Chair Moyer for running last month's meeting and remarked on SF Bay Ferry's progress and leadership toward creating a zero-emission ferry system. He shared that he had begun a new position with California Forever, focusing on building affordable homes and reindustrializing regions that have lost industrial capacity.

Chair Wunderman expressed concern about recent business closures in Solano County and emphasized the importance of restoring shipbuilding in the region. He referenced the merger between California State University Maritime Academy (Cal Maritime) and California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (Cal Poly) as a step to address financial challenges.

Chair Wunderman said identifying funding opportunities was necessary to maintain momentum for ferry service expansion.

**4. REPORTS OF DIRECTORS**

Vice Chair Moyer recognized the challenges of the first half of the decade and voiced confidence in managing the growing fiscal, labor, and environmental challenges ahead.

The Directors reflected on the closing of Mare Island Dry Dock, LLC, the loss of industrial jobs, and highlighted the importance of supporting initiatives for shipbuilding in the Bay Area. They said that they looked forward to 2026 and working together.

## **5. REPORTS OF STAFF**

Executive Director Seamus Murphy said that the Executive Director's report was very brief, but that work is ongoing to advance the vision articulated in Chair Wunderman's remarks.

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

Mr. Chan said that the written report was prepared before all data was available, but his verbal report included updated figures. He stated that December ridership reached nearly 214,000, representing approximately 100 percent pre-pandemic December ridership. For 2025, SF Bay Ferry carried over 3 million passengers, the first time since 2019, marking an 18 percent year-over-year increase driven by strong commute numbers, favorable weather, and promotional programs.

Director of Operations and Customer Experience Thomas Hall provided an update on Clipper 2.0 and the new open payment system. He expressed enthusiasm for low and no cost transfers once Clipper migration had been completed.

Mr. Hall noted that the reliability report contained nothing of significance but flagged that the Oakland Alameda Water Shuttle had its first extended downtime for a required dry dock inspection and repairs and had returned to service that morning.

## **6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Director Dew made a motion to approve the consent calendar:

- a. Approve Board Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2025
- b. Approve Contract Award to Bay Ship & Yacht Co. for MV *Lyra* Repairs and Drydock Services

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

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

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

## **7. APPROVE ACTIONS RELATIVE TO RFQ 25-056 SEAPLANE LAGOON ELECTRIFICATION MATERIALS PROCUREMENT**

Project Manager Minh Tran presented this item recommending approval of a contract award to Wesco Distribution in the amount of \$395,087 for electrification materials for the Alameda Seaplane Ferry Terminal.

Mr. Tran explained that this procurement is for the purchase of long lead time electrical equipment for part of Phase 2 of SF Bay Ferry's Rapid Electric Emission-Free Ferry (REEF) program that would make Alameda Seaplane the first East Bay terminal to be electrified.

Mr. Tran said that this procurement utilizes the Omnia government cooperative agreement with Wesco Distribution, which was developed from a competitive bid process and that this procurement is fully funded by Alameda Measure BB funds.

Mr. Tran confirmed that the agreement would contain indemnity and performance provisions using SF Bay Ferry's standard contract, noting that extended warranty and commissioning services were included as part of this procurement.

Vice Chair Moyer made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-02 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, Henneberry, Moyer, Wunderman. Nays: None. Absent: Alba.

**8. APPROVE AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH BLUE & GOLD FLEET FOR 6-MONTH EXTENSION**

Mr. Hall presented this item recommending extending the current operations and maintenance agreement with Blue & Gold Fleet for six months through June 30, 2027.

Mr. Hall said that the extension would align the new operating agreement with the start of a fiscal year, simplify the budgeting process, ensure adequate time for RFP proposers, and provide a six-month mobilization period once a new agreement is awarded. He added that Blue & Gold had agreed to the extension with no changes to the existing terms.

Director Henneberry made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-03 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, Henneberry, Moyer, Wunderman. Nays: None. Absent: Alba.

**9. SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO SERVICE STUDY**

Director of Planning Michael Gougherty presented this informational item on the South San Francisco Service Study.

Mr. Gougherty shared his presentation and explained that the study considered two potential route change options and several operational changes. After extensive public outreach and stakeholder engagement, the preferred approach is to maintain the current service configuration but operate a modified schedule for a one-year trial period beginning March 2026.

Mr. Gougherty explained four goals for the trial period: 1) increase ridership and service productivity; 2) increase awareness of the service; 3) achieve financial sustainability; and 4) maintain customer satisfaction.

Mr. Gougherty invited Mr. Hall to speak about the efforts involved with a schedule modification with the goal of maximizing the service with little schedule tweaks.

Director Henneberry left the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

Mr. Hall confirmed that discussions with University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) have been limited to Mission Bay and have not included South San Francisco in response to Vice Chair Moyer.

Mr. Gougherty stated that the primary objective of the entire initiative was to achieve financial feasibility.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Alameda Resident Daily Commuter and Genentech employee Haoran Liu stressed the importance of maintaining a direct East Bay connection.

Richmond Resident and Genentech employee Alecia Dent expressed openness to a connector service from San Francisco to South San Francisco.

Ten-year rider and Genentech employee Virginia Nido supported the proposed schedule and adjustments.

Oyster Point Mobility Representative and Genentech Senior Director of Transportation Lauren Bennett emphasized that ferry service from Oakland and Alameda is a critical component of the commute network. Ms. Bennett affirmed a long-term partnership with WETA and a commitment to supporting the route's financial health and viability.

Chair Wunderman thanked everyone for sharing their comments; stressing his goal was to increase service.

The Directors acknowledged the challenging situation and thanked the South San Francisco Community for their engagement.

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

Vice Chair Moyer called for public comments for non-agenda items.

Josué Henriquez addressed the Board.

With all business concluded, Chair Wunderman adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

- Board Secretary

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