

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

(December 7, 2017)

The Board of Directors of the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority met in regular session at the WETA office on Pier 9 in San Francisco, CA.

1. CALL TO ORDER – BOARD CHAIR

Chair Jody Breckenridge called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Breckenridge, Director Jeffrey DelBono, Director Timothy Donovan and Director Anthony Intintoli were in attendance.

3. REPORT OF BOARD CHAIR

Chair Breckenridge requested a moment of silence from attendees to remember victims of the attack on Pearl Harbor 76 years ago. She noted that 1,178 people had been wounded and 2,403 had died in the attack. She also reminded attendees that firefighters were currently battling the raging fires in southern California. She wished everyone a relaxing and safe holiday season, urging them to make time for their loved ones and to practice gratitude for every good fortune.

Chair Breckenridge also recommended that Directors and staff have a look at the numerous recent news articles about the advent of new public ferry operations in New York and other areas of the country with the objective of remaining informed about ferry service outside of the San Francisco Bay Area.

4. REPORTS OF DIRECTORS

There were no reports from Directors.

5. REPORTS OF STAFF

Executive Director Nina Rannells shared her written report with Directors and welcomed questions.

6. ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR BOARD MEMBER TIM DONOVAN

Ms. Rannells presented this item to adopt a Resolution of Appreciation for departing Director Donovan who, she explained, had served on the WETA Board for nearly six years. Chair Breckenridge read the resolution and thanked Director Donovan for his service and most especially for his efforts on the WETA Strategic Plan. Director Intintoli presented Director Donovan with a plaque thanking him for his many years of service to WETA. Director Donovan thanked Directors and staff, and noted that the agency had made great strides in the time he had served on the Board, most notably with the creation and adoption of the WETA Strategic Plan. He said that serving on the WETA Board had provided him with a wonderful opportunity to participate in San Francisco's waterfront history, and he said that he was especially proud of the work the Board and staff had done in the area of emergency response. Director Donovan added that he felt like the Bay Area has a much better chance of effectively responding to a disaster today than it did when he first joined the WETA Board. He extended a special thanks to his fellow Directors, and he said that he was grateful and appreciative of the work they were doing to secure funding for WETA's vital services. He also wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Director Intintoli made a motion to approve the resolution.

Director DelBono seconded the motion and the item carried.

Yeas: Breckenridge, DelBono, Intintoli. Nays: None. Abstain: Donovan. Absent: Wunderman.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Representing Masters, Mates & Pilots, Veronica Sanchez expressed her gratitude to Director Donovan and thanked him especially for his enduring support of the crews who work on WETA's vessels and of labor generally in the Bay Area. . She said that with Director Donovan's support of a prevailing wage in the region, employees can afford to stay in the Bay Area, purchase homes and raise their families here. Ms. Sanchez said she thanked Director Donovan on behalf of labor for his many years of service to WETA.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

With an objective of assuring to the best of Directors' ability that the Board will have a quorum at as many 2018 meetings as possible, Chair Breckenridge suggested that the 2018 Board meeting schedule item vote include only the January 2018 meeting date at this time, with the understanding that the balance of the 2018 meeting dates will be agendized for a vote at the January 2018 meeting. This was agreed to by all.

With the change to Item 7b, Director DelBono made a motion to approve the consent calendar which included:

- a. Board Meeting Minutes – November 9, 2017
- b. Approve Board of Directors Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2018 (January only at this time)
- c. Authorize Release of a Request for Proposals for Information Technology Services

Director Intintoli seconded the motion and the amended consent calendar carried unanimously.

Yeas: Breckenridge, DelBono, Donovan, Intintoli. Nays: None. Absent: Wunderman.

8. APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD TO MARINE GROUP BOAT WORKS FOR PHASE TWO MID-LIFE REFURBISHMENT OF THE MV PERALTA

Mr. Stahnke presented this item to approve contract award to Marine Group Boat Works for Phase Two of the Mid-Life Refurbishment of the MV *Peralta* Project in the amount of \$4,380,000 and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute an agreement and take any other related actions as may be necessary to support this work.

Director Intintoli made a motion to approve the item.

Director Donovan seconded the motion and the item carried unanimously.

Yeas: Breckenridge, DelBono, Donovan, Intintoli. Nays: None. Absent: Wunderman.

9. AUTHORIZE ACTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH PROCUREMENT OF A NEW 250 PASSENGER FAST FERRY VESSEL

Mr. Stahnke presented this item to approve the following actions associated with securing a new ferry vessel for use in WETA's ferry services:

1. Authorize staff to release a Request for Proposals for vessel construction;
2. Authorize staff to release a Request for Qualifications for vessel construction management services;
3. Add a new capital project to the FY 2017/18 Capital Budget entitled Purchase New

High-Speed Vessel at a total project cost of \$14,000,000 with \$750,000 budgeted for expense in FY 2017/18.

Chair Breckenridge noted that all WETA Vessels were running harder and more often and she asked if WETA's reserve funds would be completely depleted with the purchase of this vessel. Ms. Rannells said they would not.

Director Donovan made a motion to approve the item.

Director Intintoli seconded the motion and the item carried unanimously.

Yeas: Breckenridge, DelBono, Donovan, Intintoli. Nays: None. Absent: Wunderman.

10. REVIEW OF SPECIAL EVENT FARE FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Senior Planner Mike Gougherty presented this informational item on 2017 special event fare financial performance. He said that WETA established current ballpark fare structure and rates for trips to AT&T Park in 2015. Mr. Gougherty explained that these rates covered all incremental costs to run the ballpark service in 2017 and that because next year's ridership was expected to closely mirror that of 2017, it was recommended that the fare structure and rates remain unchanged for the coming baseball season.

Chair Breckenridge asked what costs were included in the incremental operating costs used for the analysis and Mr. Gougherty explained that they included crew time for the required runs, vessel expenses such as the increased maintenance required on the vessels to support the additional hours required for the special event services, dedicated customer service representatives, Port of San Francisco landing fees, vessel fuel, and an allotment of WETA staff costs to administer the services.

Chair Breckenridge noted that special event service offerings were not part of WETA's primary mandate to provide public transit commuter service, and she recommended prudence in reviewing the continued offerings to assure they are not in competition for resources with those mandated services. She further noted that if any substantial changes occur in the future that increase vessel operating costs, such as increased fuel prices, that ballpark and any other special event service fares and viability will need to be revisited.

11. CENTRAL BAY OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FACILITY PROJECT UPDATE

Senior Planner Chad Mason presented this update on the Central Bay Operations and Maintenance Facility Project and shared a slideshow presentation on the project's progress. He explained that since construction began, the contractor had completed dredging and waterside pile and float installation, and he noted that the majority of the utility improvements had also been completed. Mr. Mason explained that the structure of the building was completed in the summer of 2017, and said that the contractor was currently installing the building's exterior cladding and windows, and also finishing the installation of the interior improvements and building systems. He said the project remains on schedule with an anticipated completion date of sometime in May 2018.

12. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No additional public comments were shared.

All business having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

- Board Secretary

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