

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

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Board of Directors
Minutes of the 1,588th Meeting
December 17, 2009

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held December 17, 2009, convening at 9:05 a.m. The meeting was held via simultaneous teleconference in the Board Room, 344 20th Street, Oakland, California, and the Hilton Palm Springs, 400 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, California. President Blalock presided; Kenneth A. Duron, District Secretary.

Directors present in Oakland: Directors Fang, Franklin, McPartland, Murray, Ward Allen, and Blalock.

Director present in Palm Springs: Director Keller.

Absent: Director Radulovich. Director Sweet entered the meeting later.

President Blalock welcomed and introduced his wife, Gayle.

Director McPartland welcomed and introduced Mr. Richard McCarthy, Director, California Seismic Safety Commission. Mr. McCarthy addressed the Board.

Director Sweet entered the meeting.

President Blalock welcomed and introduced members of the Bayside R/C Club of Fremont, Mr. Dave Nevus and Mr. Will Seivert. Mr. Nevus addressed the Board, and presented a plaque in appreciation of 20 the years the Club had been allowed to use BART property in Fremont.

Vice President James Fang and BART Police Commander Maria White welcomed and introduced Ms. Lea Rubio, Police Services Technician from the Oakland Police Department. Ms. Rubio provided an overview of the BART Safety Escort Program, which consisted of graduates of Citizens' Police Academy escorting BART patrons to their cars around the West Oakland Station for two evenings.

President Blalock called BART Chief of Police Gary Gee to the podium. President Blalock read a Commendation honoring Chief Gee, and members of the Board expressed their appreciation to Chief Gee on the occasion of his final Board Meeting.

Consent Calendar items brought before the Board were:

1. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of November 19, 2009.
2. Amendments to Flexible Benefits Plan.

Consent Calendar motions, as follow, were moved as a unit by Director Murray. Director Franklin seconded the motions, which carried by unanimous roll call vote. Ayes – 8: Directors Fang, Franklin, Keller, McPartland, Murray, Sweet, Ward Allen, and Blalock. Noes – 0. Absent – 1: Director Radulovich.

1. That the Minutes of the Meeting of November 19, 2009, be approved.
2. Adoption of Resolution No. 5122, In the Matter of Approving Amendments to the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District Flexible Benefits Plan.

President Blalock noted that there were no reports of Standing Committees, and called for the General Manager's report. General Manager Dorothy W. Dugger had no report.

President Blalock brought Roll Call for Introductions before the Board. No items were introduced.

President Blalock brought the matter of Restructuring of Board Meetings before the Board. Director Franklin presented his recommendations for restructuring the Board and Standing Committee processes. After discussion, the consensus of the Board was to implement the new procedure with the first meeting in 2010.

President Blalock brought the matter of Election of Officers before the Board, and shared his comments on the events of the past year of his Presidency. He then opened the floor for nominations for President.

Directors Sweet, Murray, Ward Allen, and Franklin thanked President Blalock for his service through a challenging year.

Directors Sweet and McPartland nominated Director Fang for President of the Board of Directors. There being no additional nominations, nominations were closed. Director Sweet moved that Director Fang be elected Board President for 2010. Director Murray seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous roll call vote. Ayes – 8: Directors Fang, Franklin, Keller, McPartland, Murray, Sweet, Ward Allen, and Blalock. Noes – 0. Absent – 1: Director Radulovich.

President Fang assumed the gavel and shared comments on the upcoming year.

President Fang opened the floor for nominations for Vice President. Director Murray nominated Director Franklin for Vice President of the Board of Directors. There being no additional nominations, Director Blalock moved that nominations be closed. Director Murray moved that Director Franklin be elected Board Vice President for 2010. Directors Blalock and Ward Allen seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous roll call vote. Ayes – 8: Directors Fang, Franklin, Keller, McPartland, Murray, Sweet, Ward Allen, and Blalock. Noes – 0. Absent – 1: Director Radulovich.

Vice President Franklin shared comments on the upcoming year.

President Fang called for General Discussion and Public Comment. No comments were received.

The Board Meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Kenneth A. Duron
District Secretary