



**TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES

Thursday, January 22, 2026

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 416
San Francisco, CA

SPECIAL MEETING
2:30 p.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jeff Gee, Chair
Rafael Mandelman, Vice Chair
Chris Andrichak
Julie Kirschbaum
Charley Lavery
Eileen Mariano
Mark Tollefson
David Ambuehl (*ex-officio*)

Executive Director
Adam Van de Water

Secretary
Nila Gonzales

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2:30 – SPECIAL MEETING

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order

Chair Gee called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Chris Andrichak
Julie Kirschbaum
Charles Lavery
Eileen Mariano
Rafael Mandelman (*arrived during Item 5*)
Jeff Gee

Absent: David Ambuehl
Mark Tollefson

3. Communications

Secretary Gonzales provided instructions on the Public Call-in/Comment process.

4. Board of Director's New and Old Business

None.

5. Executive Director's Report

- The Portal Monthly Status Report – December 2025

Executive Director (ED) Van de Water presented the ED Report and provided the Portal Monthly Status Report.

6. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Update

Pedro Mendez, CAC Member, presented the update.

7. Public Comment

Members of the public may address the Authority on matters that are within the Authority's jurisdiction and are not on today's calendar.

Roland Lebrun commended Mr. Mendez's report, calling it the best he has heard in over 10 years. He commented on the ED report in regard to the transit center being the high-speed rail terminus and shared that the California State Rail Plan recognized it as a true station, with future plans to connect to the East Bay. He also expressed concern that affiliation with California high-

speed rail may not support federal funding in the current environment and suggested the issue may need to be revisited.

THE FOLLOWING MATTERS BEFORE THE TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY ARE RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION AS STATED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR THE CHAIR.

CONSENT CALENDAR

8. All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Transbay Joint Powers Authority and will be acted upon by a single vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Board or the public so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item.

(8.1) Approving the Minutes of the December 11, 2025 meeting.

(8.2) Considering and electing not to rely on new and additional teleconferencing provisions for members of the Board and its legislative bodies made available under Senate Bill 707.

RESOLUTION 26-001

No public comment.

On motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

ADOPTED: AYES – Andrichak, Kirschbaum, Lavery, Mariano, Mandelman and Gee

REGULAR CALENDAR

9. Annual Progress Report and Plan for 2026.

ED Van de Water jointly presented the item with R.E. Walsh, Facility Director; Rodney Harris, Chief Security Officer; Alfonso Rodriguez, The Portal Project Director; and Lily Madjus Wu, Communications & Legislative Affairs Director.

Director Andrichak thanked staff for their work on both routine operations and special initiatives, noting the importance of these efforts in keeping the agency running smoothly. Director Kirschbaum specifically acknowledged staff for hosting during the American Public Transportation Association conference, highlighting the positive feedback received and the significance of the event.

10. Approving of Fiscal Year 2026-27 Preliminary Operating Projection in the amount of \$29,187,500.

Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Shima Mirzaei presented the item.

Chair Gee acknowledged the significant effort required to prepare the materials and noted that partner contributions allowed funding for items discussed in previous presentations. Director Andrichak thanked CFO Mirzaei and the finance team for their work, highlighted that operator contribution reductions for the second consecutive year are significant, and pointed to positive increases in retail, rental, and particularly advertising revenues, with hope that projections will be met or exceeded. Director Kirschbaum echoed the appreciation and expressed support for the work presented.

No public comment.

RESOLUTION 26-002

On motion to approve:

ADOPTED: AYES – Andrichak, Kirschbaum, Lavery, Mariano, Mandelman and Gee

RECESS SPECIAL MEETING AND CONVENE CLOSED SESSION

There was no member of the public who indicated that they would like to comment on the item listed for discussion in Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

11. Call to Order

Chair Gee called the Closed Session to order at 3:25 p.m.

12. Roll Call

Present: Chris Andrichak
Julie Kirschbaum
Charles Lavery
Eileen Mariano
Rafael Mandelman
Jeff Gee

Absent: David Ambuehl
Mark Tollefson

13. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Conference with legal counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) regarding significant exposure to litigation: 1 potential case.

A claim pursuant to the Government Claims Act (Division 3.6 (commencing with Section 810) of Title 1 of the Government Code) and other written communication threatening litigation is available by request through the TJPA Board Secretary.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE SPECIAL MEETING – The Closed Session was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

14. Announcement of Closed Session.

Deborah Miller, TJPA General Counsel, announced that there was nothing to report.

ADJOURN – Chair Gee adjourned the meeting at 3:43 p.m.

A recording of the meeting is on file in the office of the Secretary to the Transbay Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors.

Nila Gonzales
Board Secretary

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