

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT
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BART ACCESSIBILITY TASK FORCE
Committee Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2023

1. Roll Call of Members:

1. Alex Tiphayachan – ABSENT
2. Anita Ortega
3. Annie Koruga
4. Bruce Yow
5. Catherine Callahan
6. Clarence Fischer
7. Daveed Mandell
8. Don Queen
9. Emily Witkin – ABSENT
10. Hillary Brown
11. Janice Armigo Brown (2nd Vice-Chair)
12. Randall Glock (Chair) – ABSENT
13. Roland Wong (Vice-Chair)
14. VACANT
15. VACANT
16. VACANT
17. VACANT
18. VACANT

Quorum of seven (7) in-person BATF members. Catherine Callahan used, “Just Cause,” for the first time.

BART Customer Access and Accessibility Department Staff:

Elena Van Loo
Matt West
Bob Franklin

BART Director (s), BART Staff, Speakers, and members of the public:

Sara Hill (Captioner)
Josephine Mitchell (Captioner)
Danny Kodmur (Guest)

Christine Arseneault (Guest)
Sergio Valencia (Guest)
Barnali Ghosh (Guest)
Dirk Neyhart (Guest)
Herb Hastings (Guest)

2. Public Comments

Barnali Ghosh introduced herself as a candidate running for BART Board of Directors for District 3 in 2024. She shared that she is interested in working with a committee that focuses on accessibility within the BART System and hopes to be part of some of the meetings in the future.

Herb Hastings introduced himself and is looking forward to coming back as a BATF member.

Danny Kodmur inquired as to whether the West Oakland BART Station would have an open house where people may test out the upcoming faregates and provide input.

3. Approval of November 15, 2023 meeting minutes

Clarence Fischer moved approval of the November 15, 2023 meeting minutes with amendments. Janice Armigo Brown seconded the motion.

- Motion passes with nine (9) in favor, zero (0) against, and zero (0) abstention

4. Discussion about re-posting BATF recruitment article on bart.gov website

Roland Wong led the agenda item.

Article, “BART is recruiting new members for the BART Accessible Task Force (BATF),” was read aloud by Janice Armigo Brown to repost under bart.gov.

Elena Van Loo mentioned articles under bart.gov can be posted every six months and will look into whether the article from June 1, 2023 remains or if it has been removed.

Hillary Brown moved to repost an article, “BART is recruiting new members for the BART Accessible Task Force (BATF),” under bart.gov. Clarence Fischer seconded the motion.

- Motion passes with nine (9) in favor, zero (0) against, and zero (0) abstention

5. New committee member nomination(s)

Danny Kodmur introduced himself and expressed why he is interested in joining the BATF.

Bruce Yow moved to recommend Danny Kodmur as a BATF member. Clarence Fischer seconded the motion.

- Motion passes with ten (10) in favor, zero (0) against, and zero (0) abstentions

6. Member Announcements

No member announcements.

7. Staff Announcements

Elena Van Loo congratulated Hillary Brown and Alex Tiphayachan for officially being elected BATF members by the BART Board of Directors on December 7, 2023.

Elena Van Loo shared that effective January 01, 2024 travel reimbursements will increase from \$15.00 to \$15.85, which is a 5.5% increase. This is to reimburse travel for BART's advisory committee members when attending in-person committee meetings.

Elena Van Loo reminded BATF members to update their RTC card number if it has changes, in order to receive October to December 2023, travel reimbursements.

Elena Van Loo announced the next scheduled BATF meeting will be held at East Bay Paratransit located at 1750 Broadway, 1st floor conference room, Oakland, on Thursday, January 25, 2024.

8. Chairperson Announcements

Roland Wong, Vice-Chair, stated it's been a good, productive year. He mentioned he is happy to be a BATF member with the role of leading today's BATF meeting as the Vice-Chair. Roland Wong shared he is happy with newly elected BATF members and looking forward to continuing with BATF member recruitment. He expressed gratitude to the public and BATF members for visiting BART Headquarters for the meeting and the BATF Holiday Reception to follow.

Janice Armigo Brown, Second Vice-Chair, expressed she was pleased to see the BART Boardroom on her first visit to the BART Headquarters. She asked if there were any hearing loops in the BART Boardroom.

9. Agenda Topics – Member Suggest Topics

- Next generation faregate – Update
- Clipper Card 2.0 – Update

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:53 pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting, Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 2pm.