



**CASCO BAY ISLAND TRANSIT DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF  
May 10, 2022  
In Person/Video Conference/Phone**

Directors: *In-person:* Braden, Crowley, Radis, Wentworth, Anderson, Donovan, Hoffman, Luedke, Pizey  
*Video Conference:* Cohen, Higgins, Murray  
*Phone:* None

Directors absent: None

Staff: *In-person:* Greven, Berg, C. Gildart, Mavodones, Bishop  
*Video Conference:* Pottle

Public: *In-person:* D. Doane, A. Doukas, C. Myers, L. Penalver  
*Video Conference:* L. Heineman, F. Somers, J. James, C. Chess, C. Hoppin, Julia, Jennifer B., L. Remick, Mark, N. Mills, J. Lavanture, K. McCormick, J. Maquire, M. Kelsey, C. Eisenberg, M. Coughlin, J. James  
*Phone:* Kim, B. Strupp

Guests: *In person:* K. McDonald

**1. Call to Order:**

- A. *The Board meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by President Braden*
- B. *It was noted that the meeting was being recorded*
- C. *President Braden asked Berg to do a roll call of who was attending the meeting, which he did.*
- D. *President Braden introduced the topic of the special meeting and described the process*

**2. Consideration and action for reconsideration of the Board’s February 25, 2021 approval of a motion authorizing the President and General Manager to execute a contract with the selected shipyard to construct the new Peaks Island Vessel using Elliot Bay Design Group’s final design specifications and available funding**

- A. *President Braden asked if there was a motion*
- B. *Wentworth moved that the Board reconsider its February 25, 2021 approval of a motion authorizing the President and General Manager to execute a contract with the selected shipyard to construct the new Peaks Island Vessel using Elliot Bay Design Group’s final design specifications and available funding. Crowley seconded.*
- C. *President Braden opened the floor to public comments*
  - a) *Doane gave a brief history of CBITD vessels and spoke against the motion*
  - b) *Myers shared her thoughts about alternative ideas*
  - c) *Doukas spoke against the motion*
  - d) *Chess spoke in favor of the motion*
  - e) *Eisenberg spoke in favor of the motion*
  - f) *Heineman spoke in favor of the motion*
  - g) *Kelsey spoke in favor of the motion*
  - h) *Lavanture spoke in favor of the motion*
  - i) *Remick spoke in favor of the motion*
- D. *There were no more public comments, so President Braden closed public comment*
- E. *President Braden opened the floor to Board comments*
  - a) *Wentworth asked that everyone follow the process and remain civil during the discussion*
  - b) *Crowley spoke in favor of the motion*
  - c) *Hoffman spoke in favor of the motion. “Hoffman commented that a legal opinion from counsel had been circulated to the Board advising that the past vote to move forward with the new Peaks boat “was not constrained by the cost of the vessel.” She said that the current motion also had no budget language and pointed out that cost of the new boat could come in at \$50 million and that would still be considered approved by the Board. She raised concerns as Treasurer and Chair of the Finance*



- Committee about the increase in capital costs, the operating costs of the new boat and lack of a budget approval by the Board.”*
- d) Anderson shared that he was torn. Personally, he was in favor of the motion but as an elected representative he felt he should vote against*
  - e) Higgins spoke against the motion*
  - f) Cohen spoke in favor of the motion*
  - g) Radius spoke in favor of the motion*
  - h) Murray spoke against the motion*
  - i) Donovan spoke in favor of the motion*
  - j) Luedke spoke against the motion*
  - k) Pizey had no comment*
- F. President Braden closed Board comments and asked Berg to answer questions that came up during the discussions*
- a) Berg discussed the following:*
    - i) Corrected interpretations of the legal opinion that was shared with the Board earlier including the summary included in the opinion which states that there has to be available funding available: “The authority granted by the CBITD Board of Directors to the President and staff to pursue the design and construction of the new vessel was not contingent upon the final cost, but instead merely upon the amount of financing that was available.”*
    - ii) Reminded everyone capacity can be and has been set by policy*
    - iii) The numerous public meetings that were conducted over the years*
    - iv) The new vessel was included in the long-range capital plan*
    - v) Vessel speed is slower because it is a doubled ended vessel, but the vessel doesn’t need to turn around at both ends. The sprint speed of the new vessel is projected to be 10.6 knots.*
    - vi) Operating costs including the gas consumption was less for the bigger boat, but maintenance and insurance was slightly higher. A 30-year proforma was developed and presented a few years ago with six stress cases and later updated with a pandemic extreme stress test. All cases demonstrated there was negligible cost different between the two size boats*
    - vii) Portland Yacht Services would not be able to haul the new vessel but added t it wouldn’t be able to haul the smaller version either. The dry dock is a competitive bid and it is awarded to the lowest cost qualified shipyard. There are at least two shipyards in the general area that will be able to service the new vessel*
    - viii) Importance of partner relationships in gaining support and funding for CBITD*
    - ix) Berg reviewed the cost of redesigning including the cost to date, the cost to redesign the vessel (which cannot be funded with FTA funds), constructions savings (which is estimated to be \$0) and unintended consequences including loss of credibility with funding and other key partners, as well as staff time and morale*
- G. President Braden called for a roll call vote*
- H. Berg did a roll call vote. The motion failed (5-7; Cohen, Crowley, Donovan, Hoffman and Radis voted in favor of the motion)*
- 3. Adjournment**
- A. Wentworth moved to adjourn the meeting; Crowley seconded.*
  - B. The motion passed unanimously (12-0) and the meeting was adjourned*

Respectfully submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
James Luedke, Clerk