MINUTES

WAR MEMORIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, July 10, 2025

The Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco met in regular session on Thursday, July 10, 2025, at 2:04 p.m., in the Trustees' Board Room, War Memorial Opera House, Vice President Horn presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Vice President Horn, Trustee Gatti, Trustee Kopp, Trustee Muduroglu, Trustee Newstat, Trustee Rocco, and Trustee Wright

Absent: President Wilsey, Trustee Lam, Trustee Makras, and Trustee Pelosi

Staff Present: Rob Levin, Assistant Managing Director; and Francesca Cicero, Board Secretary

Board Secretary Cicero made an opening announcement related to remote public comment. She stated that remote public comment, except as necessary for disability accommodations, has been discontinued. She noted that members of the public are invited to observe the meeting in-person or online, but only members of the public attending the meeting in-person will have an opportunity to provide public comment. She stated that no one online will be permitted to unmute themselves or present at the Board Meeting.

Requests for accommodation for remote public comment should be made at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, by email or voicemail (WarMemorialBoard@sfgov.org or 415-554-6377).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After requesting the addition of Trustee Makras' name, inadvertently omitted from the draft minutes, on motion of Trustee Kopp, seconded by Trustee Gatti, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-18

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco, the minutes of the Regular meeting of June 12, 2025, as amended, are hereby approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Vice President Horn congratulated the San Francisco Opera on the conclusion of their summer season. He also highlighted their first Pride Concert, which concluded the season.

ASSISTANT MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Assistant Managing Director Rob Levin reported that the San Francisco Opera settled their labor dispute with their orchestra with a two-year contract. He also reported that the mobile donation kiosks the Symphony requested will begin appearing in the Symphony in September.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Veterans Committee: Vice President Horn noted that the Veterans Committee did not come to any decision and the matter has been continued to August. Chair Kopp requested the City Attorney review the policy documents discussed at the meeting to give the office's opinion.

REGULAR ITEMS

War Memorial Security Update: Assistant Managing Director Levin updated the Board on the installation of the Evolv patron screening system and the schedule for implementation this fall in the venues. He also explained that the Department would be working with the resident companies to develop integrated messaging to patrons on the new systems before the seasons open in September.

Budget Update: Director Levin reported that the Departmental Budget is currently with the Board of Supervisors, which will be approving the budget shortly. The War Memorial's budget increased and retained budget in materials and supplies, as well as non-personnel services, in addition to a 5 percent increase for capital projects. He explained that the Department will be working with the Planning Commission and Department of Public Works over the next two fiscal years to complete the modernization of all the Opera House elevators. He also noted that the Department was asked for a 3 percent reduction in salaries and benefits, which was done without any layoffs in the Department.

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

None.

GOOD AND WELFARE

There being no good and welfare, Vice President Horn closed good and welfare.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mitchell Weller gave public comment on free QR codes for receiving donations. Sherri Young, founder of the African-American Shakespeare Company, gave public comment on the rising costs of renting venues for small arts organizations. CJ Reeves, Chair of the American Legion War Memorial Commission, remarked on the celebration held for the Army's 250th birthday. Stefanos Zygomalas made comment that the Admiral would be visiting for Fleet Week and requested time to take photos. There being no additional public comment, Vice President Horn closed public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice President Horn adjourned the meeting at 2:28 p.m.

Francesca Cicero
Board Secretary