

**MINUTES**  
**WAR MEMORIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Thursday, December 11, 2025**

The Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco met in regular session on Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., in the Trustees' Board Room, War Memorial Opera House, President Wilsey presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Trustee Lam

Staff Present: Kate Sofis, Managing Director; 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 would 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).

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Wilsey reported on the selection of the Opera's production of *The Monkey King* as a New York Times Critic's Pick and congratulated the Opera on the conclusion of its season. She also wished the Ballet the best for their upcoming *Nutcracker* performances and the opening gala to be held on January 14, 2026.

**MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Managing Director Kate Sofis reported on the search for a new Director of Public Safety and hopes to have the new position filled by January 2026. She also introduced Ben Giler, the new Executive General Manager for Global Gourmet Catering, the exclusive concessionaire of the War Memorial campus.

**ASSISTANT MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Assistant Managing Director Rob Levin reported on the City Hall winter light projection display that went live on December 6 and will run through the end of the month. He also updated the Board on that the Evolv security system has been performing well with recent holiday events bringing large groups of children to the venues.

**BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Board Secretary Cicero reported on the schedule of Board meetings for 2026. She reminded Board members to complete their Human Resources trainings by the end of the month.

**REGULAR ITEMS**

**Election of President & Vice President:** Vice President Wilsey opened the floor to nominations for the office of

President of the War Memorial Board of Trustees for calendar year 2026.

Trustee Kopp nominated Diane B. Wilsey for the office of President. Trustee Pelosi seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations, Vice President Wilsey closed the nominations for President.

After discussion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-28**

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco that nominations for the office of President of the Board of Trustees for 2026 are hereby closed; and further,

RESOLVED, That the Board unanimously elects Diane B. Wilsey as President for calendar year 2026.

Trustee Muduroglu then nominated Thomas E. Horn for the office of Vice President. Trustee Rocco seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations, President Wilsey closed the nominations for Vice President.

After discussion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-29**

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco that nominations for the office of Vice President of the Board of Trustees for 2026 are hereby closed; and further,

RESOLVED, That the Board unanimously elects Thomas E. Horn as Vice President for calendar year 2026.

**MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**GOOD AND WELFARE**

Director Sofis notified the Board that she would be speaking on a panel at Manny's at 6pm that night: "New Acts for SF's Performing Arts Centers: A conversation about Partnerships, Placemaking & Possibility for San Francisco's performing arts institutions" with Jamie Budgett, General Manager of BroadwaySF, and Mary Conde, SVP of Another Planet Entertainment. There being no additional good and welfare, President Wilsey closed good and welfare.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There being no public comment, President Wilsey closed public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, President Wilsey adjourned the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

Francesca Cicero  
Board Secretary