



FERRY COMMITTEE

Minutes (DRAFT)

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

- A. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mayor Jared Nicholson (Lynn) at 10:03 AM.
- B. **Minutes:** Chair J. Nicholson requested a motion to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2025 meeting. Frank Tramontozzi (Quincy) moved to approve the minutes. The motion was approved without objection.
- C. **Performance/Ridership Update:** MBTA Ferry Operations Director David Perry joined to provide the committee with an update on Ferry Operations, scheduling, ridership trends, the winning bidder for Winthrop & Quincy routes, and winter storm response.
 - a. Brain Kane (Executive Director) asked who is making the calls about slow zones for whales. D. Perry answered that NOAA dictates seasonal management areas and dynamic management areas using ariel and acoustic sighting.
 - b. Chair J. Nicholson asked if the schedules would extend later if the season was starting later and D. Perry answered that current budget development discussions are considering a longer season for FY2027.

- c. B. Kane commented Bay State Cruises are a good contractor to work with and the introduction of competition into the harbor is important.
- d. Art Robert (Hingham) thanked D. Perry and his team for their hard work during the storms to support towns like Hingham. He commented that in future events the town and the agency could coordinate more closely on messaging strategies. D. Perry agreed and suggested that municipalities recommend T alerts to residents for updates.

D. **Adjourn:** With all business transacted, the Chair thanked the guests and adjourned the meeting at 10:37 AM.

Attendees:

Committee Members:

Hingham	Art Robert
Hingham	Joe Fisher
Lynn	Hon. Jared Nicholson (Chair)
Salem	Bill McHugh
Quincy	Frank Tramontozzi

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David Perry	MBTA Ferry Operations
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MBTA Advisory Board

Brian Kane	Executive Director
Hanna Switekowski	Deputy Director

Isabella MacKinnon

Budget & Policy Analyst