



FERRY COMMITTEE

Minutes

Wednesday, October 20, 2025

- 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 September 17, 2025 meeting. Frank Tramontozzi (Quincy) moved to approve the minutes, and Vice-Chair Katie Goldrick (Holbrook) seconded. 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, and ridership trends.
 - a. Chair J. Nicholson asked if there were any plans to extend the weekend service for F1. D. Perry answered that it is a strong consideration for next seasons; however, they do not currently have the staff available in operations, maintenance, and ticketing to extend service. He added that members' constituents should express requests for expanded weekend service through MassDOT's ongoing

Water Transportation Study. J. Nicholson also asked if the used boats out of New York had any concerns that led New York to sell them. D. Perry answered that the boats the MBTA purchased from New York were surplus from the New York ferry operations when routes were shut down post-covid. He added that the boats will be monitored to ensure they are capable of consistent, regular use and schedules will be coordinated accordingly. There is no indication that the boats were poorly maintained in New York or since purchase.

- b. Joe Aiello (Winthrop) commented that the length of the MBTA's procurement process for ferries means that purchased vessels have often been in use for a while prior and asked if the process could be amended so the MBTA can acquire newer vehicles. D. Perry answered that there are no procurement plans underway, but there are several fleet planning processes underway. Additionally, MassDOT is launching an alternative fuels study to consider the alternative fuel options available in the marketplace. All current boats have longer than a 10-year lifespan remaining.

D. **Adjourn:** With all business transacted, the Chair thanked the guests and adjourned the meeting at 10:45 AM.

These minutes were approved by vote of the committee at their February 25, 2026 meeting.

Attendees:

Committee Members:

Cohasset

Corey Evans

Hingham	Art Robert
Hingham	Joe Fisher
Holbrook	Katie Goldrick (Vice Chair)
Hull	Jason McCann
Lynn	Hon. Jared Nicholson (Chair)
Quincy	Frank Tramontozzi
Scituate	Jamie Gilmore
Winthrop	Joe Aiello
<u>MBTA</u>	
David Perry	MBTA Ferry Operations

MBTA Advisory Board

Hanna Switekowski	Deputy Director
Isabella MacKinnon	Budget & Policy Analyst