



February 21, 2020

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020

(5) CONSENT CALENDAR:

(A) Approve the Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (1) Finance-Auditing Committee of January 23, 2020;
- (2) Rules, Policy and Industrial Relations Committee of January 23, 2020;
- (3) Governmental Affairs and Public Information Committee of January 23, 2020; and,
- (4) Board of Directors of January 24, 2020.

Motion

(B) Ratification of Previous Actions by the Auditor-Controller:

- (1) Ratify Commitments and/or Expenditures
- (2) Ratify Previous Investments
- (3) Authorize Investments
- (4) Accept Investment Report, January 2020

Resolution

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January 23, 2020



**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE-AUDITING COMMITTEE/
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Honorable Board of Directors
Golden Gate Bridge, Highway
and Transportation District

Honorable Members:

A meeting of the Finance-Auditing Committee/Committee of the Whole (Committee) of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) was held in the Board Room, Administration Building, Golden Gate Bridge Toll Plaza, San Francisco, CA, on Thursday, January 23, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., Vice Chair Fredericks presiding.

- (1) **Call to Order:** 9:00 a.m.
- (2) **Roll Call:** Secretary of the District Amorette M. Ko-Wong.

Committee Members Present (4): Vice Chair Fredericks; Directors Cochran and Moylan; President Pahre.

Committee Members Absent (3): Directors Grosboll and Yee; Chair Sobel.

Other Directors Present (7): Directors Arnold, Belforte, Hernández, Hill, Mastin, Sears and Theriault.

Committee of the Whole Members Present (11): Directors Arnold, Belforte, Fredericks, Hernández, Hill, Mastin, Moylan and Sears; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.

Committee of the Whole Members Absent (6): Directors Fewer, Garbarino, Grosboll, Rabbitt, Sobel and Yee.

[Note: On this date, there were two vacancies on the Board of Directors.]

Staff Present: General Manager Denis Mulligan; Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire; District Engineer Ewa Bauer-Furbush; Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong; Attorney Kimon Manolius; Deputy General Manager/Bridge Steve Miller; Division Deputy General Manager/Bus Transit Division Mona Babauta; Deputy General Manager/Ferry Division James Swindler.

Visitors Present: Lesley Murphy, PFM Asset Management, LLC.

(3) Ratification of Previous Actions by the Auditor-Controller

(a) Staff Report

In a memorandum to the Committee, Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire and General Manager Denis Mulligan reported on the commitments, disbursements and investments made on behalf of the District. The report included a copy of the District's "Investment Report" for December 2019 from PFM Asset Management, LLC (PFM). A copy of the staff report is available on the District's web site or upon request from the Office of the District Secretary.

At the meeting, PFM Senior Managing Consultant Lesley Murphy summarized the Investment Report. She noted the U.S. Treasury yield curve steepened again in the month of December signaling a return to normalization. She stated recession fears are subsiding. Economists and consumers are optimistic due to the un-inverted yield curve, strengthening of job markets and positive developments in the ongoing trade war with China. She also stated U.S. manufacturing indicators continue to diverge causing it to be an area of concern and PFM will monitor this area.

Ms. Murphy noted that in December short-term security yields fell while intermediate- and long-term yields increased. PFM took advantage of the relatively attractive pricing to identify and purchase several 3- to 5-year U.S. Treasury notes, high quality negotiable bank CDs, and Corporate notes.

Ms. Murphy said that PFM puts a priority on maintaining the safety and credit worthiness of the District's portfolio. She also confirmed the District's portfolio is in compliance with Board policy and the law, and is well-diversified.

(b) Discussion by the Committee

Vice Chair Fredericks observed the job market reports do not differentiate between lower income and higher income employment improvements. She asked if there are any numbers identifying where jobs are being added, and the corresponding impact to disposable incomes and consumer spending changes. She also asked if the income metric is taken into consideration in market and economy forecasts. Ms. Murphy responded that there has been a lot of commentary about where jobs are being added, but she is not aware of any income metrics that assess if the jobs being added are high or low earner jobs. She added wage disparity between lower, medium and high wage earners continues to grow. She noted that lower and medium earners are being squeezed especially in terms of wage growth. The lower and medium wages have been ticking up, but not as quickly as would be expected in light of the low unemployment rate. She said she would research further and report back at a later date.

(c) Action by the Committee

Staff recommended and the Committee concurred by motion made and seconded by **Directors COCHRAN/MOYLAN** to forward the following recommendation to the Board of Directors for its consideration:

RECOMMENDATION

The Finance-Auditing Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approve the following actions:

- i. There were no commitments and/or expenditures to ratify for the period of December 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.
- ii. Ratify investments made during the period December 10, 2019, through January 13, 2020;
- iii. Authorize the reinvestment, within the established policy of the Board, of any investments maturing between January 14, 2020, and February 17, 2020, as well as the investment of all other funds not required to cover expenditures, which may become available; and,
- iv. Accept the Investment Report for December 2019.

Action by the Board at its meeting of January 24, 2020 – Resolution
CONSENT CALENDAR

AYES (4): Vice Chair Fredericks; Directors Cochran and Moylan; President Pahre.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (3): Directors Grosboll and Yee; Chair Sobel.

(4) Authorize Budget Adjustment(s) and/or Transfer(s)

(a) Budget Increase and Increase in the Contracts Amount Relative to Contract No. 2018-D-096, Grants Management Professional Services

(i) Staff Report

In a memorandum to the Committee, Capital and Grants Programs Director Amy Frye, Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire and General Manager Denis Mulligan reported on staff's recommendation for authorization of a budget increase in the amount of \$200,000 relative to Contract No. 2018-D-096, *Grants Management Professional Services* in order to fund additional on-call grant development and professional support services. A copy of the staff report is available on the District's web site or upon request from the Office of the District Secretary.

(ii) Presentation by Staff

At the meeting, Ms. Frye reviewed the staff report.

(iii) Discussion by Committee

President Pahre inquired if the action would extend the contracts or amend the amount of money staff is allowed to spend each year. Ms. Frye responded that the contract term is three years with two additional one-year options that will remain unchanged.

Ms. Frye further remarked that the recommendation is to increase the amount staff is allowed to spend for the third year to \$200,000, which increases the contract's not-to-exceed amount from \$365,000 to \$575,000. If one or both of the option years are exercised, staff must return to the Board to request additional funds.

Staff recommended and the Committee concurred by motion made and seconded by **Directors MOYLAN/COCHRAN** to forward the following recommendation to the Board of Directors for its consideration:

(iv) **Action by the Committee**

RECOMMENDATION

The Finance-Auditing Committee recommends that the Board of Directors authorize a budget increase in the amount of \$200,000, with a corresponding increase in the contracts amount, relative to Contract No. 2018-D-096, *Grants Management Professional Services* in order to fund additional on-call grant development and professional support services.

Action by the Board at its meeting of January 24 – Resolution
NON-CONSENT CALENDAR

AYES (4): Vice Chair Fredericks; Directors Cochran and Moylan; President Pahre.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (3): Chair Sobel; Directors Grosboll and Yee.

(5) **Authorize Actions Related to Grant Programs**

No actions required authorization.

(6) **Monthly Review of Golden Gate Bridge Traffic/Tolls and Bus and Ferry Transit Patronage/Fares (for Six Months Ending December 2019)**

(a) **Staff Report**

In a memorandum to Committee, Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire and General Manager Denis Mulligan provided schedules and charts for informational purposes only and no action is recommended. A copy of the staff report is available on the District's web site or upon request from the Office of the District Secretary.

(b) **Presentation by Staff**

Mr. Wire reviewed the staff report. He highlighted the slow reduction of vehicles crossing over the bridge over the last two years, and he noted the trend is ongoing. He said there is still no clear explanation for the trend. He added that while the District is seeing less vehicle crossings, toll revenue is up due to the recent toll increase. He pointed out that both bus and ferry passenger numbers show a similar trend over the last six months and revenue is also up due to the recent fare increases.

[Directors Belforte, Sears and Arnold arrived. With their arrival, the Committee became a Committee of the Whole.]

(c) Discussion by the Committee

Director Belforte asked if the decreased bridge and bus numbers have been isolated to commute days or spanned over all seven days of the week. She also asked if Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit (SMART) could be contributing to the loss of bus riders. Mr. Wire said it has been a while since he has looked at the data for bridge vehicle crossing, but his recollection was the reduction is occurring over all seven days of the week. He said he would review the data looking at all three divisions and report back at a later date. He noted that the Sausalito ferry riders are primarily non-commuters paying the cash fare, which is higher than the Clipper fare and contributes to the higher ferry revenue. He said there was no noticeable reduction due to SMART but that may change in the future if their routes begin to compete directly with the District's Highway 101 bus routes.

Director Belforte noted that the number of airline passengers flying out of Sonoma County Airport has risen to 500,000 annually, and as a result, these plane passengers are no longer crossing the Golden Gate Bridge to travel to the San Francisco International Airport. She said as the Sonoma County Airport continues to grow, local officials forecast passenger numbers will also grow. She suggested that the Sonoma County Airport passenger growth may be a noticeable contributor to the reduction in Bridge crossings. Mr. Mulligan stated that the Bridge vehicle crossings are also being driven by changing travel patterns as a result of increases in telecommuting and job locations. He also noted that the Sonoma County's population and housing stock reductions due to the catastrophic fires remain a significant factor in the reduced vehicle crossings.

Director Hill asked if the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is doing any studies to look at Bay Area traffic pattern changes. Mr. Mulligan said MTC has hired University of California at Los Angeles researchers to look at the Bay Area traffic pattern changes. He noted the focus appears to be on individuals coming into San Francisco, most of which originate from the East and South Bay and not the North Bay. District staff is actively participating and contributing data to the study. A presentation of the study results to transit general managers is expected to be scheduled soon.

(7) Monthly Review of Financial Statements (for Six Months Ending December 2019)

(a) Statement of Revenue and Expenses

In a memorandum to Committee, Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire and General Manager Denis Mulligan provided financial statements for informational purposes only and no action was recommended.

Mr. Wire said the reduction expected in toll revenue has been offset by a slight increase in investment returns. He pointed out that expenses are considerably less than expected due primarily to staffing positions, which are budgeted but unfilled. Overall both revenue and expenses are on track.

(b) Statement of Capital Programs and Expenditures

In a memorandum to Committee, Analyst of Capital and Grant Programs Clifford Duong, Director of Capital and Grant Programs Amy Frye, Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire and General Manager Denis Mulligan provided financial statements for informational purposes only and no action was recommended.

Mr. Wire reported that Capital Expenditures are on track at 41% with the Suicide Deterrent System (SDS) project spending less than expected. However, the decreased spending for the SDS project is balanced by ferry maintenance project spending, which is faster than expected.

Copies of the reports for Item Nos. 7.a. and 7.b. are available on the District's web site or upon request from the Office of the District Secretary.

(8) Review of the District's FY 19/20 Second Quarterly Report of Judgments or Settled Claims

In a memorandum to the Committee, Director of Risk Management and Safety Kelli Vitale, Deputy General Manager/Administration and Development Kellee Hopper, Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire and General Manager Denis Mulligan provided the *Second Quarterly Report of Judgments or Settled Claims* covering the period of October 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

The report is for informational purposes only and no action is recommended. A copy is available on the District's web site or upon request from the Office of the District Secretary.

Mr. Manolius said the list appears longer than usual because smaller general liability claims, such as rear view mirror damage claims, have been added.

(9) Review of the Auditor-Controller's FY 19/20 Second Quarterly Report on Authorized Budget Adjustments and Budget Transfers Under the General Manager's Authority

In a memorandum to the Committee, Analyst of Capital and Grant Programs Clifford Duong, Director of Capital and Grant Programs Amy Frye, Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire and General Manager Denis Mulligan provided a report entitled, *Review of the Auditor-Controller's FY 19/20 Second Quarterly Report on Authorized Budget Adjustments and Budget Transfers Under the General Manager's Authority* covering the period of October 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

The report is for informational purposes only and no action is recommended. A copy is available on the District's web site or upon request from the Office of the District Secretary.

(10) Review of Auditor-Controller's FY 19/20 Second Quarterly Report on Procurement Actions under the General Manager's Authority

(a) Staff Report

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In a memorandum to the Committee, Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire and General Manager Denis Mulligan provided a report entitled, *Review of Auditor-Controller's FY 19/20 Second Quarterly Report on Procurement Actions under the General Manager's Authority*.

The report is informational only and no action is recommended. A copy is available on the District's web site or upon request from the Office of the District Secretary.

(11) Public Comment

There was no public comment

(12) Adjournment

All business having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Fredericks, Acting Chair
Finance-Auditing Committee

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January 23, 2020



**MINUTES OF THE RULES, POLICY AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
COMMITTEE/COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Honorable Board of Directors
Golden Gate Bridge, Highway
and Transportation District

Honorable Members:

A meeting of the Rules, Policy and Industrial Relations Committee/Committee of the Whole (Committee) of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) was held in the Board Room, Administration Building, Golden Gate Bridge Toll Plaza, San Francisco, CA, on Thursday, January 23, 2020, at 9:50 a.m., Chair Arnold presiding.

- (1) **Call to Order:** 9:50 a.m.
- (2) **Roll Call:** Secretary of the District Amorette M. Ko-Wong

Committee Members Present (6): Chair Arnold; Vice Chair Theriault; Directors Belforte, Hernández and Hill; President Pahre.

Committee Members Absent (1): Director Grosboll.

Other Directors Present (5): Directors Cochran, Fredericks, Mastin, Moylan and Sears.

Committee of the Whole Members Present (11): Directors Arnold, Belforte, Fredericks, Hernández, Hill, Mastin, Moylan and Sears; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault, President Pahre.

Committee of the Whole Members Absent (6): Directors Fewer, Garbarino, Grosboll, Rabbitt, Sobel and Yee.

[Note: On this date, there were two vacancies on the Board of Directors.]

Staff Present: General Manager Denis Mulligan; Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire; District Engineer Ewa Bauer-Furbush; Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong; Attorney Kimon Manolius; Deputy General Manager/Bridge Steve Miller; Division Deputy General Manager/Bus Transit Division Mona Babauta; Human Resources Manager Stephanie LaRue.

Visitors Present: John Bell and Carol Malenka, Mercer, Inc.

- (3) **Update on the District's Health and Medical Care Benefit Programs**

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(a) Presentation by Mercer, Inc.

Human Resources Manager Stephanie LaRue introduced John Bell and Carol Malenka of Mercer, Inc. who presented a series of slides entitled *Legislative and Policy Update* for informational purposes only. A copy of the presentation is available on the District's web site or upon request from the Office of the District Secretary.

(b) Discussion by the Committee

Director Cochran asked who would receive the \$2,000 penalty for not having health care coverage in California. Ms. Malenka responded the penalty would go into the California General Treasury.

Director Hill asked whether there is any kind of firewall between Amazon the retailer and the Amazon, Berkshire Hathaway and JP Morgan Joint Venture as it relates to the gathering of personal information. Mr. Bell said there are extensive existing privacy laws and a constant expansion of those laws related to how the data can be used.

President Pahre commented that Mercer must be part of the industry groups and can use its voice to influence reforms. She asked how Mercer determines its policy statements and platform. Mr. Bell said Mercer is very active in industry groups and has a macro view based on the general needs of its client base. If a specific client has other or opposing goals, Mercer will work with them to modify their plan to best serve their specific goals. Ms. Malenka added that the presentation statements related to political stalemates and legislative activities are informational only and do not represent Mercer's interest or platform. Mr. Mulligan added the District hires Mercer for securing benefits for its employees and not lobbying services.

Director Hill asked if there is a definition for "affordable care" when the Affordable Care Act (ACA) does not cover many services. Mr. Bell said he doesn't believe there is a true definition. At this time ACA is more of a slogan and not distilled down to a practical definition.

(4) Public Comment

There was no public comment on items not on the Agenda.

(5) Adjournment

All business having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Arnold, Chair
Rules, Policy and Industrial Relations Committee

January 23, 2020



MINUTES OF THE
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Honorable Board of Directors
Golden Gate Bridge, Highway
and Transportation District

Honorable Members:

A meeting of the Governmental Affairs and Public Information Committee (Committee) of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) was held in the Board Room, Administration Building, Golden Gate Bridge Toll Plaza, San Francisco, CA, on Thursday, January 23, 2020, at 10:36 a.m., Chair Cochran presiding.

- (1) **Call to Order:** 10:36 a.m.
- (2) **Roll Call:** Secretary of the District Amorette M. Ko-Wong.

Committee Members Present (6): Chair Cochran; Vice Chair Sears; Directors Hernández, Hill and Moylan; President Pahre.

Committee Members Absent (0): None.

Other Directors Present (2): Directors Mastin and Theriault.

Staff Present: General Manager Denis Mulligan; Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire; District Engineer Ewa Bauer-Furbush; Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong; Attorney Kimon Manolius; Deputy General Manager/Bridge Steve Miller; Deputy General Manager/Bus Transit Division Mona Babauta; Director of Marketing and Communications Dana Fehler; Digital Communications Program Manager Pete Guthlein.

Visitors Present: None.

- (3) **Presentation of the District's Website**

- (a) **Presentation by Staff**

Director of Marketing and Communications Dana Fehler and Digital Communications Program Manager Pete Guthlein demonstrated the features of the new redesigned District website. The demonstration was for informational purposes only and no action was required.

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(b) Discussion by the Committee

Director Cochran asked how staff tracks the number of downloads of the travel app. Ms. Fehler responded that there is a backend dashboard that shows downloads, sessions and uses per day, week, month and year to date.

Director Hill commented on his experience accessing Board and Committee staff reports. Mr. Guthlein responded that the links open in a separate browser tab. He noted that web browsers use pop-up blockers and the blockers may be preventing a new tab from opening. Director Hill suggested adding FAQs to help user troubleshoot problems.

Director Mastin commented the new website is an improvement over the previous one.

President Pahre and Chair Cochran expressed their thanks to the project team for their hard work creating and implementing the new website.

(4) Public Comment

There was no public comment.

(5) Adjournment

All business having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald Cochran, Chair
Governmental Affairs and Public Information Committee

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GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM OF MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

JANUARY 24, 2020

The Board of Directors (Board) of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) met in regular session in the Board Room, Administration Building, Golden Gate Bridge Toll Plaza, San Francisco, CA, on Friday, January 24, 2020, at 10:03 a.m., President Pahre presiding.

(1) **CALL TO ORDER:** 10:03 a.m.

(2) **ROLL CALL:** Secretary of the District Amorette M. Ko-Wong

Directors Present (13): Directors Arnold, Fewer, Fredericks, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Hill, Mastin, Moylan, and Yee; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.

Directors Absent (4): Directors Belforte, Rabbitt, Sears and Sobel.

[Note: On this date, there were two vacancies on the Board of Directors.]

Staff Present: General Manager Denis Mulligan; Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire; District Engineer Ewa Bauer-Furbush; Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong; Attorney Kimon Manolius; Deputy General Manager/Bridge Division Steve Miller; Deputy General Manager/Ferry Division James Swindler.

Visitors Present: Dave Rhody, The Climate Realty Project; Manuel Gamboa, Sacramento County Resident.

(3) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Director Sandra Lee Fewer

(4) **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

(A) **Public Comment**

Dave Rhody, The Climate Realty Project, thanked the Board for its actions committing the District to the reduction of greenhouse emissions.

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Mr. Rhody encouraged the Board to create a Climate Change Advisory Committee that would continue its work until the average reading of atmospheric Carbon dioxide (CO₂) on Earth is stabilized.

Manuel Gamboa, Sacramento County Resident, thanked the District for support of the Suicide Deterrent System (SDS) construction project. He noted that he understands the construction is behind schedule, but is progressing. He stated he and his family and others will celebrate its completion. He added that he has been excited to see the many recent videos of the Bridge used to advertise the upcoming Super Bowl. In those videos the construction of the SDS is not obvious but he could see it because he knew to look for it. He expressed his hope that the commercials will stop the fears that the SDS will detract from the beauty of the Bridge.

(5) CONSENT CALENDAR:

Directors THERIAULT/YEE moved and seconded to approve the Consent Calendar. All items were approved by the following vote of the Board of Directors:

AYES (13): Directors Arnold, Fewer, Fredericks, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Hill, Mastin, Moylan, and Yee; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (4): Directors Belforte, Rabbitt, Sears and Sobel.

(A) Approve the Minutes of the following Meetings

- (1) Building and Operating Committee of December 19, 2019
- (2) Finance-Auditing Committee of December 19, 2019;
- (3) Rules, Policy and Industrial Relations Committee of December 20, 2019;
- (4) Governmental Affairs and Public Information Committee of December 20, 2019; and,
- (5) Board of Directors of December 20, 2019.

Carried

(B) Ratification of Previous Actions by the Auditor-Controller

Resolution No. 2020-001 (as detailed in the January 23, 2020 Finance-Auditing Committee meeting)

- (1) Ratify Commitments and/or Expenditures
- (2) Ratify Previous Investments
- (3) Authorize Investments
- (4) Accept Investment Report December 2019

Adopted

(6) REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

(A) General Manager

- (1) **Presentation of Awards**

Presentation of Twenty-Five Year Service Award to Ewa Z. Bauer-Furbush, District Engineer, District Division

President Pahre presented a Twenty-Five Year Service Award to Ewa Z. Bauer-Furbush, District Engineer, District Division, for her years of dedicated service to the District, and expressed her congratulations on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Presentation of Twenty-Year Service Award to Ronald C. Willits, Heavy Duty Mechanic, Bridge Division

President Pahre presented a Twenty-Year Service Award to Ronald C. Willits, Heavy Duty Mechanic, Bridge Division, for his years of dedicated service to the District, and expressed her congratulations on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Presentation of Twenty-Year Service Award to Stephanie Kemp LaRue, Human Resources Manager, District Division

President Pahre presented a Twenty-Year Service Award to Stephanie Kemp LaRue, Human Resources Manager, District Division, for her years of dedicated service to the District, and expressed her congratulations on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Presentation of Employee of the Month Award for December 2019 to Colin McDermott, Director of Ferry Operation, Ferry Division

President Pahre presented the Employee of the Month Award for December 2019 to Colin McDermott, Director of Ferry Operation, Ferry Division, and expressed her congratulations on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Recognition of the M.V. Mendocino Ferry Crew

President Pahre recognized and thanked Captain Curtis Brown, Vessel Master; Dino Cobrador, Captain/Mate; Cameron Blackwell, Senior Deckhand; Anthony Conway, Senior Deckhand; and Harvey Stafford, Casual Deckhand, for their heroic actions on January 17, 2020 in the life-saving rescue of a sailor, in dire need of assistance.

(2) Video Entitled *What We Do: On Duty with Bridge Patrol*

Mr. Mulligan presented the video *What We Do: On Duty with The Bridge Patrol*. The video features Bridge Captain David Rivera, and Bridge Patrol Officers Louis Bautista and Jared Tagliabue describing the unique challenges encountered daily by the Security Department. A copy of the video is available at: <https://vimeo.com/386385220/3313be2f2a> (Duration 5:21).

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(3) Report of the General Manager

Mr. Mulligan stated that all items contained in the written General Manager's Report are informational only. A copy of the General Manager's Report is available on the District's web site or upon request from the Office of the District Secretary.

Mr. Mulligan added one item to his written report. He said that the District rarely has bus accidents, but there was one earlier this week that is under investigation. He stated he would report back to the Board when facts are known. He noted that any time the District has an accident, staff wants to make sure there is a thorough investigation, and the District can learn from the incident.

(B) Attorney

(1) Report of the Attorney

Attorney Kimon Manolius stated that all items contained in the written Attorney's Report are informational. A copy of the Attorney's Report is available on the District's web site or upon request from the Office of the District Secretary.

(2) Closed Session

Attorney Manolius reported that a Closed Session will take place just prior to the conclusion of this meeting to discuss the following matters, listed on the Board Agenda as Item No. 6.B.1.a:

**(a) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)
Report of Hanson Bridgett, LLP**

- (i) Michael Saliani v. Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District, San Francisco Superior Court; Case Number CGC-14-540384.
- (ii) Pamela Moore v. Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District, San Francisco Superior Court; Case No. CGC-15-549048.
- (iii) Kristin Freeland and Michael Jefferson v. Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District, San Francisco Superior Court; Case No. CGC-16-550947.

He noted the District will not discuss the following matter listed on the Board Agenda as Item No. 6.B.1.b:

**(b) Conference with Labor Negotiator
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Report of Hanson Bridgett, LLP
Negotiations with the Amalgamated Transit Union, Local No. 1575**

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(C) District Engineer

(1) Report of the District Engineer

Ms. Bauer-Furbush stated that all items contained in the Engineer's Report are informational only. A copy of the Engineer's Report is available on the District's web site or upon request from the Office of the District Secretary.

Ms. Bauer-Furbush reported on the status of the Suicide Deterrent System (SDS) project. She said the contractor has been picking up speed on the installation of the net supports, and as of today, reached the 50% completed mark for the net supports installed on the suspension bridge. She also stated that the contractor has finished smaller platforms and will soon begin installation of the net supports on the north approach viaduct.

(7) OTHER REPORTS:

There were no "Other Reports" to discuss.

(8) REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

**(A) Meeting of the Finance-Auditing Committee/Committee of the Whole
January 23, 2020
Vice Chair Alice Fredericks**

**(1) Authorize Budget Increase and Increase in the Contracts Amount
Relative to Contract No. 2018-D-096, Grants Management Professional
Services**

Directors FREDERICKS/COCHRAN

Resolution No. 2020-002 authorizes a budget increase in the amount of \$200,000, with a corresponding increase in the contracts amount, relative to Contract No. 2018-D-096, *Grants Management Professional Services* in order to fund additional on-call grant development and professional support services.

Adopted

AYES (13): Directors Arnold, Fewer, Fredericks, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Hill, Mastin, Moylan, and Yee; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (4): Directors Belforte, Rabbitt, Sears and Sobel.

(9) ADDRESSES TO BOARD:

There were no "Addresses to Board" to discuss.

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(10) SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- (A) Authorize a Resolution of Appreciation to Shamann Walton in Recognition of his Dedicated Service as Director of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District Board**

Director Hernández spoke about the accomplishments of Director Walton who, due to his many obligations, has made the decision to resign as a Member of the Board of Directors. She said, Director Walton is an inspiration to her and many others. She noted he steps up at every opportunity to fight and be a vocal advocate for the disadvantaged. She also stated he is an advocate for San Francisco citizens in the areas of quality of life improvement, safety, education and academic achievement, and employment opportunities. She noted he was a wonderful addition to this Board and a testament as to why diversity is so important on and to this Board.

Directors HERNÁNDEZ/THERIAULT

Resolution No. 2020-003 approves the preparation and presentation of a Resolution of Appreciation to Shamann Walton in recognition of his dedicated service as a Golden Gate Bridge District Director.

Adopted

AYES (13): Directors Arnold, Fewer, Fredericks, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Hill, Mastin, Moylan, and Yee; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (4): Directors Belforte, Rabbitt, Sears and Sobel.

Carried

(11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- (A) Closed Session**

Attorney Kimon Manolius, at the request of President Pahre, stated that the Board would convene in Closed Session, as permitted by the Brown Act, to discuss the matters listed on the Board Agenda as Closed Session, Items No. 6.B.1.a.

- (B) Open Session**

After Closed Session, President Pahre called the meeting to order in Open Session with a quorum present. Attorney Manolius reported that the Board had met in Closed Session, as permitted by the Brown Act, regarding the items listed as Closed Session outlined above. He reported that the Board was briefed by counsel and there was nothing to report.

(12) NEW BUSINESS:

There was no “New Business” to discuss.

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(13) COMMUNICATIONS:

A copy of Board Agenda Item No. 13, "Communications", is available on the District's web site or upon request from the Office of the District Secretary.

(14) ADJOURNMENT:

All business having been concluded, **Directors HERNÁNDEZ/THERIAULT** moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 10:53 a.m. in honor of Braynard Brian Ramirez, Michael Davenport and Thomas P. Gilliss.

Carried

AYES (13): Directors Arnold, Fewer, Fredericks, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Hill, Mastin, Moylan, and Yee; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (4): Directors Belforte, Rabbitt, Sears and Sobel.

Respectfully submitted,

Amorette M. Ko-Wong
Secretary of the District

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.B.

**RATIFICATION OF PREVIOUS ACTIONS BY THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
FINANCE-AUDITING COMMITTEE OF FEBRUARY 27, 2020**

(B) Ratification of Previous Actions by the Auditor-Controller:

(1) Staff Report

The previous actions by the Auditor-Controller were presented to the Finance-Auditing Committee for approval at the meeting of February 27, 2020. Both are posted to the web site, as follows:

<https://www.goldengate.org/assets/1/25/2020-0227-financecomm-no3-ratofaction.pdf>