



2021-03

GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM OF MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MARCH 26, 2021

Executive Order N-25-20 and N-29-20, issued by the Governor of the State of California, in which portions of the Ralph M. Brown Act are suspended and allows, all Board members, staff and the public to participate by telephone.

These minutes are supplemented by the audio recording that is posted online at:
<https://www.goldengate.org/district/board-of-directors/meeting-documents>.

The Board of Directors (Board) of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) met in regular session via audio conference, on Friday March 26, 2021, at 10:03 a.m., President Pahre presiding.

She congratulated Directors Grosboll, Hernández, Hill, Mastin, Stefani and Theriault who were recently reappointed to serve another term on the District Board. She stated that she had made a number of appointments to the Board Committees and would make additional appointments in the future.

- (1) **CALL TO ORDER:** President Barbara L. Pahre.
- (2) **ROLL CALL:** Secretary of the District Amorette M. Ko-Wong.

Directors Present (15): Directors Arnold, Fredericks, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Hill, Mastin, Melgar, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder and Stefani; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.

Director Absent (0): None.

[Note: On this date, there were four 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; Attorneys Madeline Chun and Kimon Manolius; Deputy General Manager/Administration and Development Kellee Hopper; Deputy General Manager/Bridge Division Steve Miller; Deputy General Manager/Ferry Division James Swindler; Executive Administrator to the General

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Manager Justine Bock; Senior Board Analyst Elizabeth Eells.

- (3) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Director Gerald Cochran. [3:56 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

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- (4) **PUBLIC COMMENT:** [04:32 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Ms. Ko-Wong stated that the Board would take public comment for all items on the agenda at this time.

The following individuals spoke under public comment:

- Kymberlyrenee Gamboa, Sacramento County Resident
- Dave Rhody, The Climate Reality Project
- Francis Gleason, Bus Operator
- David Pilpel, San Francisco County Resident

- (5) **CONSENT CALENDAR:** [12:36 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong presented the Consent Calendar.

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

- AYES (14):** Directors Arnold, Fredericks, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Hill, Mastin, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder and Stefani; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.
- NOES (0):** None.
- ABSENT (0):** None.

- (A) **Approve the Minutes of the following Meetings**

- (1) Building and Operating Committee of February 25, 2021;
- (2) Finance-Auditing Committee of February 25, 2021;
- (3) Rules, Policy and Industrial Relations Committee of February 26, 2021; and
- (4) Board of Directors of February 26, 2021.

Carried

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

Resolution No. 2021-022 (as detailed in the March 25, 2021 Finance-Auditing Committee meeting)

- (1) Ratifies Commitments and/or Expenditures
- (2) Ratifies Previous Investments
- (3) Authorizes Reinvestments
- (4) Accepts Investment Report for February 2021

Adopted

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[San Francisco Supervisor Myrna Melgar arrived.]

ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE [14:12 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

At the conclusion of Agenda Item No. 5, Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong administered the Oath of Office to Myrna Melgar who was appointed by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco to serve on the District Board.

Director Melgar spoke briefly about her background, and expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the District Board and make a contribution.

President Pahre welcomed Director Melgar.

(6) REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

(A) General Manager [18:19 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Mr. Mulligan presented the General Manager's Report, and requested the Board's ratification of his emergency action. He continued his report and recognized the following employees and Directors for their service: Dannie Hollans, James Cantrell, Edwin Low, Karen Buchanan, Denis Mulligan, Matthew Richards, Michael Schulze, Michael Theriault, Sabrina Hernández, Artemise Davenport, Jeremy Holt and Benjamin Valdez.

(1) Update on Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic on District Operations and Ratify the Emergency Action of the General Manager to Approve An Emergency Contract With Bay Ship & Yacht Co. Related to the Sausalito Ferry Float [18:41 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Director Snyder inquired about the project.

Mr. Mulligan responded to his inquiries.

Directors GARBARINO/COCHRAN

Resolution No. 2021-023 moved and seconded to ratify the emergency action of the General Manager to approve Contract No. 2021-F-027, in an amount not to exceed \$750,000, with Bay Ship & Yacht Co., located in Alameda, CA for Sausalito Ferry Terminal emergency float repair work.

AYES (15): Directors Arnold, Fredericks, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Hill, Mastin, Melgar, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder and Stefani; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.
NOES (0): None.
ABSENT (0): None.

Adopted

Director Rabbitt commented on the staff report. He stated that he and his colleagues are looking forward to having Sonoma County move into the orange tier in about three weeks.

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Director Hill spoke of the District's leadership in installing a bicycle escalator on the newly refurbished *M.S. Sonoma* ferry.

(B) Attorney [41:08 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Attorney Kimon Manolius presented the Attorney's Report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was required.

(1) Closed Session

After consultation with Mr. Mulligan, Attorney Manolius reported that a Closed Session would not be necessary.

(C) District Engineer [42:35 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Ms. Bauer-Furbush presented the District Engineer's Report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken. She provided a status update on a number of projects including the District's investigation into the sound emanating from the Bridge under certain wind conditions.

Directors Hill, Grosboll and Theriault commented and inquired about the Engineer's Report.

Mr. Mulligan and Ms. Bauer-Furbush responded to the Director's inquiries.

(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 [54:14 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

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Chair David Rabbitt

(1) Approve Actions Relative to the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) 54:43 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Directors RABBITT/COCHRAN

Resolution No. 2021-024 approves the following actions necessary to secure FY 20/21 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) grant funds to support transit capital and operating projects for the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District):

- (a) Approves submission of one LCTOP grant application in FY 20/21 for the new vessel acquisition project;

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- (b) Certifies that the District will comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the LCTOP certification and assurances, authorized agent documents, applicable statutes, regulations, and guidelines for all LCTOP-funded transit projects; and,
- (c) Authorizes the General Manager, or his designee, to execute for and on behalf of the District any documents necessary to apply for and receive LCTOP funding, including certifications and assurances, authorized agent forms, and agreements relative to the FY 20/21 LCTOP program.

Adopted

AYES (15): Directors Arnold, Fredericks, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Hill, Mastin, Melgar, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder and Stefani; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (0): None.

(9) ADDRESSES TO BOARD:

There were no “Addresses to Board” to discuss.

(10) SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- (A) **Consider Possible Action to Terminate the Suspension of Board Procedural Rules and Policies For COVID-19 related Emergency Actions [57:09 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Mr. Mulligan presented the staff report.

Directors GARBARINO/FREDERICKS moved and seconded to continue consideration of this item until the next Board meeting.

Carried

AYES (15): Directors Arnold, Fredericks, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Hill, Mastin, Melgar, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder and Stefani; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (0): None.

(11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no “Unfinished Business” to discuss.

(12) NEW BUSINESS:

There was no “New Business” to discuss.

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(13) COMMUNICATIONS: [1:00:59 Hours Mark on the Audio Recording]

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: [1:01:07 Hours Mark on the Audio Recording]

All business having been concluded Directors ARNOLD/COCHRAN moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 11:05 a.m. in the memory of the victims from the recent shootings in Atlanta, Georgia and Boulder, Colorado, and Phyllis Moylan, wife of former Director John Moylan.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Amorette M. Ko-Wong
Secretary of the District

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