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**GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT**

**MEMORANDUM OF MINUTES**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**AUGUST 27, 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, August 27, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., President Pahre presiding.

**ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE [01:01 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

At the beginning of the August 27, 2021, meeting of the Board, Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong administered the Oath of Office to Gerard Giudice who was appointed to the District's Board by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors.

Director Giudice stated that he is honored and privileged to serve on the Board. He expressed his interest in working on Bridge, bus, and ferry initiatives. On behalf of the Board, President Pahre welcomed Director Giudice to the Board.

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

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

**Directors Absent (2)**: Directors Hernández and Melgar.

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

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**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/Administration and Development Kellee Hopper; Deputy General Manager/Bridge Division Steve Miller; Deputy General Manager/Bus Division Mona Babauta; Executive Administrator to the General Manager Justine Bock; Senior Board Analyst Elizabeth Eells.

- (3) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Director Annemarie Conroy. **[05:46 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

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- (4) **PUBLIC COMMENT:** **[06:12 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong stated that the Board would take public comment for all items on the agenda at this time. President Pahre stated that public comments would be limited to two minutes.

The following individuals spoke under "Public Comment":

- Kymberlyrenee Gamboa, Sacramento County Resident
- Dave Rhody, The Climate Reality Project
- Jose Velazquez, Dispatcher
- Richard Rothman, San Francisco County Resident
- Robert Estrada, Inlandboatmen's Union (IBU)
- Christopher Parber, Deckhand Lead
- Keith Williams, Ferry Operations Supervisor
- Robert Humann, Vessel Master
- Keith Hatcher, Senior Civil Engineer
- David Tuttle, Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3
- Frank McMurray, Deckhand Lead
- Eddie Reyes, Ironworkers Local 377
- Bob Cooper, Ironworker
- Andy Zhen, Ironworker
- Phil Farrelly, Electrician
- Rameses Johnson, Senior Civil Engineer
- Jack Buckhorn, North Bay Labor Council
- Joshua Morgan, Teamsters Local Union 665 Bus Division
- Marina Secchitano, Labor Coalition Chair
- Wilma Atkins, Ferry Operations Supervisor
- Charles Sheehy, Laborer
- Rene Alvarado, Terminal Assistant
- Jose Sanchez, Bridge Patrol Officer

President Pahre thanked the speakers for their public comments. She expressed appreciation for employees' contributions.

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Mr. Mulligan responded to the public comments. **[50:38 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

**[Directors Arnold and Rabbitt departed.]**

**(5) CONSENT CALENDAR: **[51:32 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]****

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

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

**AYES (13):** Directors Conroy, Fredericks, Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hill, Mastin, Rodoni, Snyder and Stefani; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.

**NOES (0):** None.

**ABSENT (4):** Directors Arnold, Hernández, Melgar and Rabbitt.

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

- (1) Transportation Committee of July 22, 2021;
- (2) Finance-Auditing Committee of July 22, 2021; and,
- (3) Board of Directors of July 23, 2021.

**Carried**

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

**Resolution No. 2021-067** (as detailed in the August 26, 2021 Finance-Auditing Committee meeting)

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

**Adopted**

**(6) REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

**(A) General Manager **[53:55 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]****

Mr. Mulligan presented the General Manager's Report. He recognized the following employees and Director for their service: Rene Alvarado, Kristy DeCoursey, Director Richard (Dick) Grosboll and Emmett Caven.

President Pahre expressed appreciation for the employees and Director Grosboll who were being recognized for their service. Director Grosboll said he was honored to continue to serve on the Board. Director Rodoni asked for a report about how the issues with collecting tolls were resolved, and he inquired about the schedule for negotiating with the Labor Coalition. He expressed appreciation for the District's marketing campaigns.

Mr. Mulligan responded to the Directors' inquiries. He said that the District continues to negotiate with employees including Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1575, the Labor

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Coalition, Painters and Electricians, and he would obtain and provide additional details by email later that day.

**(B) Attorney [1:03:21 Hour Mark on the Audio Recording]**

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

He stated there would not be a closed session that day.

**(C) District Engineer [1:03:58 Hour Mark on the Audio Recording]**

District Engineer Ewa Bauer-Furbush presented the District Engineer Report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken. She provided a status update on a few projects.

Director Fredericks inquired about the District Engineer Report.

**(7) OTHER REPORTS:**

There were no “Other Reports” to discuss.

**[Director Arnold returned.]**

**(8) REPORT OF COMMITTEES: [1:09:37 Hour Mark on the Audio Recording]**

President Pahre stated that the agenda action items were discussed in depth at the respective Committee meetings. She noted that the Transportation Committee received a presentation from the Transportation Authority of Marin on its U.S. 101 Part-Time Transit Lanes Feasibility Study.

**(A) Meeting of the Building and Operating Committee/Committee of the Whole  
[1:10:30 Hour Mark on the Audio Recording]**

**August 26, 2021**

**Chair Michael Theriault**

- (1) Approve Actions Relative to the Award of Professional Services Agreement No. 2021-F-018, Larkspur Ferry Terminal Berth and Channel Maintenance Dredging Design, Pile Design and Permit Support Services, to Anchor QEA, LLC [1:10:35 Hour Mark on the Audio Recording]**

**Directors THERIAULT/COCHRAN**

**Resolution No. 2021-068 approves the following actions relative to Professional Services Agreement (PSA) No. 2021-F-018, *Larkspur Ferry Terminal Berth and Channel Maintenance Dredging Design, Pile Design and Permit Support Services*:**

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- (a) Approves award of PSA No. 2021-F-018, to Anchor QEA, LLC, San Francisco, California, in an amount not-to-exceed \$632,000, to perform dredging design, piling design and construction permitting services; and,
- (b) Establishes a 15% contingency for PSA No. 2021-F-018 in the amount of \$95,000,

with the understanding that sufficient funds to finance the PSA and its contingency are available in the budget for the *Larkspur Ferry Terminal Berth and Channel Dredging Design Project* (Project #2242).

**Adopted**

**AYES (14):** Directors Arnold, Conroy, Fredericks, Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hill, Mastin, Rodoni, Snyder and Stefani; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.

**NOES (0):** None.

**ABSENT (3):** Directors Hernández, Melgar and Rabbitt.

[Director Rabbitt returned.]

**(B) Meeting of the Rules, Policy and Industrial Relations Committee/Committee of the Whole [1:13:00 Hour Mark on the Audio Recording]  
August 27, 2021  
Chair Judy Arnold**

**(1) Approve Actions Relative to Post Retirement Employment Pursuant to California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) – “Extra Help” Technical Expert Assignment [1:13:20 Hour Mark on the Audio Recording]**

**Directors ARNOLD/RABBITT**

**Resolution No. 2021-069** appoints Mr. Robert Smith to an “extra help” technical expert assignment in the Engineering Department of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District for the period beginning September 13, 2021, for an initial period of 18 months, with the option to reappoint him for an additional 18 months, in accordance with the post-retirement employment requirements under section 7522.56 of the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 and the “extra help” exception to reinstatement to the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) under section 21224 of the Public Employees Retirement Law as presented in the staff report, with the understanding that sufficient funds to finance this appointment are available in the Engineering Department FY 2021/22 operating budget and in the Golden Gate Bridge Physical Suicide Deterrent System and Seismic Retrofit Phase IIIB capital projects. This appointment will also comply with Executive Order N-25-20 and CalPERS guidance regarding appointments of retired annuitants during the COVID-19 state of emergency.

**Adopted**

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- AYES (15):** Directors Arnold, Conroy, Fredericks, Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hill, Mastin, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder and Stefani; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.
- NOES (0):** None.
- ABSENT (2):** Directors Hernández and Melgar.

- (2) **Authorize Actions Relative to the Medical Benefits Premium Sharing Contribution Rate for Non-Represented Employees, Deputy General Managers, District Officers and Members of the Board of Directors** [1:16:26 Hour Mark on the Audio Recording]

**Directors ARNOLD/GROSBOLL**

**Resolution No. 2021-070** approves an adjustment in the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District's (District) medical benefits program for non-represented employees, Deputy General Managers, District Officers, and members of the Board of Directors, more particularly as described below:

- (a) Effective January 1, 2022, participants will contribute 6% toward the premiums charged and/or applicable COBRA rates for the PERS Kaiser and PERS Gold medical plans, based on the level of enrollment (i.e., single, employee plus one, or family);
- (b) Effective January 1, 2022, participants will contribute 8.5% toward the premiums charged and/or applicable COBRA rates for the PERS Platinum medical plan, based on the level of enrollment (i.e., single, employee plus one, or family); and,
- (c) Effective January 1, 2022 all pre-Medicare eligible retirees will contribute the equivalent of the Medicare Part B premium for all plans as their premium share.

**Adopted**

- AYES (15):** Directors Arnold, Conroy, Fredericks, Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hill, Mastin, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder and Stefani; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.
- NOES (0):** None.
- ABSENT (2):** Directors Hernández and Melgar.

- (3) **Authorize Actions Relative to the Medical Benefits Program for Non-Representative Employees, Deputy General Managers and District Officers, and Retirees** [1:18:29 Hour Mark on the Audio Recording]

**Directors ARNOLD/FREDERICKS**

**Resolution No. 2021-071** approves an adjustment in the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District's medical benefits program effective January

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1, 2022, for non-represented employees, Deputy General Managers, District Officers, and retirees, as described below:

- (1) Stipulates that the District will provide an annual stipend to participants who enroll in PERS Kaiser or PERS Gold;
- (2) Modifies the District-paid annual stipend amounts for participants enrolled in CalPERS Kaiser or PERS Gold at \$1,000 for employee only coverage, \$2,000 employee plus one coverage, and \$3,000 for family coverage;
- (3) Modifies the annual District-paid Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) funding amounts for individuals enrolled in the following plans; and,

<b>Medical Plan</b>	<b>Employee Only</b>	<b>Employee + One</b>	<b>Family</b>
PERS Kaiser	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$3,000
PERS Gold	\$3,500	\$7,000	\$7,000
PERS Platinum	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$5,000

- (4) Modifies the policy that newly hired non-represented employees must be enrolled in PERS Kaiser or PERS Gold for at least two Open Enrollment periods following their date of hire.

**Adopted**

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

**NOES (0):** None.

**ABSENT (2):** Directors Hernández and Melgar.

**(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** [1:20:41 Hour Mark on the Audio Recording]

Mr. Mulligan presented the staff report. President Pahre stated that it appears the Board should not be acting on this item at this time.

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

**Carried**

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

**NOES (0):** None.

**ABSENT (2):** Directors Hernández and Melgar.

**(11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no “Unfinished Business” to discuss.

**(12) NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no “New Business” to discuss.

**(13) COMMUNICATIONS: [1:22:33 Hour 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: [1:22:24 Hour Mark on the Audio Recording]**

All business having been concluded **Directors GARBARINO/FREDERICKS** moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 11:24 a.m. in the memory of Mariam Mansourian and Dean Bjornson.

**Carried**

Respectfully submitted,



Amorette M. Ko-Wong  
Secretary of the District

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