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

**MEMORANDUM OF MINUTES**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 24, 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, September 24, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., President Pahre presiding.

- (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, Melgar, Rabbitt, Rodoni and Snyder; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.

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

**[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; Attorneys Kimon Manolius and Molly Kaban; Deputy General Manager/Administration and Development Kellee Hopper; Deputy General Manager/Bridge Division Steve Miller; Deputy General Manager/Bus Division Mona Babauta; Deputy General Manager/Ferry Division James Swindler; Executive Administrator to the General Manager Justine Bock; Senior Board Analyst Elizabeth Eells.

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- (3) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Director Alice Fredericks. **[03:00 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

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- (4) **PUBLIC COMMENT:** **[03:30 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.

The following individuals spoke under Public Comment:

- Kymberlyrenee Gamboa, Sacramento County Resident
- Shane Weinstein, Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1575
- David Pilpel, San Francisco Resident
- David Herrera, Bus Operator

President Pahre acknowledged a letter sent to the Board from Dave Rhody of The Climate Reality Project.

Mr. Mulligan responded to the public comments. **[14:10 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

**[Director Arnold arrived.]**

- (5) **CONSENT CALENDAR:** **[15:15 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong presented the Consent Calendar. She stated that she looked forward to speaking with Mr. Pilpel.

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

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

**NOES (0):** None.

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

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

- (1) Transportation Committee of August 26, 2021;
- (2) Building and Operating Committee of August 26, 2021;
- (3) Finance-Auditing Committee of August 26, 2021;
- (4) Rules, Policy and Industrial Relations Committee of August 27, 2021; and,
- (5) Board of Directors of August 27, 2021.

**Carried**

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- (B) **Ratification of Previous Actions by the Auditor-Controller**  
**Resolution No. 2021-072** (as detailed in the September 23, 2021 Finance-Auditing Committee meeting)
- (1) Ratifies Commitments and/or Expenditures
  - (2) Ratifies Previous Investments
  - (3) Authorizes Reinvestments
  - (4) Accepts Investment Report for August 2021
- Adopted**

(6) **REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

(A) **General Manager** [17:21 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Mr. Mulligan presented the General Manager Report. He stated the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) had approved the *Bay Area Transit Transformation Action Plan*, which was developed by the MTC Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force.

He highlighted the results of the Bay Area Council survey that indicated most employers would not schedule their staff to return to work in downtown San Francisco until 2022. He announced that the Round House has re-opened and is being operated by Equator Coffees.

He recognized the following employees for their service: John Bartch, Sr., Patrick White, Stephen Traversi, Joao Fonseca, Brenda Sheppard, Willie Gibson, John Eberle, Ron Downing, Kin Sanford, Abel Munoz, John Woo and Edward Fong.

Director Grosboll requested a report about employees who were leaving for other agencies. He inquired about the incoming Bus Operator class. He also requested more information about the ATU pension funding, and a summary of the District's contributions to the funding. Director Mastin inquired about Bus Operator trainee attrition and the length of the training program. He also inquired about how long it takes to get new Bus Operator candidates through training and ultimately driving a bus for the District. He asked about how long it takes to recruit new Bus Operators. President Pahre expressed appreciation for the Directors' inquiries and looked forward to getting additional information about the pension in the future. She expressed appreciation for the employees who were recognized by Mr. Mulligan.

Mr. Mulligan responded to the Directors' inquiries.

(B) **Attorney** [35:55 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

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

(1) **Closed Session**

Attorney Manolius stated the Board would convene in Closed Session for Board Agenda Item Nos. 6.B.1.a. and 6.B.1.b., as follows:

(a) **Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation**

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Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)  
Report of Athens Administrators, Inc.

(i) *John Walker v. Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District.*

(b) Conference with Labor Negotiator

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Report of Hanson Bridgett, LLP

(i) Negotiations with the Amalgamated Transit Union, Local No. 1575

(ii) Negotiations with various Labor Coalition Unions

Director Grosboll stated that he would not be able to participate in the Closed Session due to a conflict.

**(C) District Engineer [37:10 Minutes 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. She said that the project team would begin installation of the Suicide Deterrent System net in mid-October. She indicated that the Engineering team would provide a presentation about the wind tunnel test of the suspension railing results at the Board meeting in November.

**(7) OTHER REPORTS:**

There were no Other Reports to discuss.

**(8) REPORT OF COMMITTEES: [40:49 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

President Pahre stated that the agenda action items were discussed in depth at the respective Committee meetings, and she expressed appreciation to the Board members who attended the Committee meetings.

**(A) Meeting of the Building and Operating Committee/Committee of the Whole  
[41:34 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

September 23, 2021

Chair Michael Theriault

**(1) Authorize the Setting of a Public Hearing to Receive Public Comment on the Recommended Actions Included in the Bicycle Safety Study for the Golden Gate Bridge [41:39 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

**Directors THERIAULT/COCHRAN**

**Resolution No. 2021-073** authorizes the setting of a public hearing to receive public comment regarding the recommended actions included in the *Bicycle Safety Study for the Golden Gate Bridge*. The public hearing would take place via audioconference on Monday, October 18, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

**Adopted**

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

**NOES (0):** None.

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

**(B) Meeting of the Finance-Auditing Committee/Committee of the Whole [43:31 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]  
September 23, 2021  
Chair David Rabbitt**

**(1) Authorize Execution of Professional Services Agreement 2021-D-039, On-Site Medical Services, with Pivot On-Site Innovations [43:54 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

**Directors RABBITT/SNYDER**

**Resolution No. 2021-074** authorizes execution of Professional Services agreement 2021-D-039, *On-Site Medical Services*, with Pivot On-Site Innovations (Pivot) of Towson, MD, in an amount not to exceed \$1,712,873 for a three-year contract beginning October 1, 2021 and two one-year options to be exercised at the General Manager's discretion not to exceed \$563,291 for each option year. Funds for the first year of service of \$586,291 are included in the District Division Operating Budget with requisite funds to be budgeted accordingly for future fiscal years.

**Adopted**

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

**NOES (0):** None.

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

**(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 [46:09 Minutes 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 FREDERICKS/RODONI** 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, Melgar, Rabbitt, Rodoni and Snyder; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.
- NOES (0):** None.
- ABSENT (2):** Directors Hernández and Stefani.

**[Director Grosboll departed.]**

**(11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**(A) Closed Session [48:25 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

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, Item No. 6.B.1.a. and 6.B.1.b., as outlined above.

**[During the Closed Session, Director Snyder departed and returned.]**

**(B) Open Session [49:17 Hour Mark on the Audio Recording]**

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. With regard to Agenda Item No. 6.B.1.a., he stated the Board gave appropriate guidance about how to handle the matter to its attorneys. With regard to Agenda Item No. 6.B.1.b., he stated that the Board gave appropriate guidance about how to proceed to its negotiator.

**[Director Fredericks departed.]**

**(12) NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no New Business to discuss.

**(13) COMMUNICATIONS: [50:03 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: [50:13 Hour Mark on the Audio Recording]**

All business having been concluded **Directors THERIAULT/GARBARINO** moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 11:18 a.m. in the memory of Larry Thiessen, Sr., Antone "Tony" Rinaldo Secchitano, Jr., Dorothy "Dottie" Gargaetas, and John Walsh, Sr.

**Carried**

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Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary of the District

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