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

**MEMORANDUM OF MINUTES**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**OCTOBER 22, 2021**

**Assembly Bill 361, signed by the Governor of the State of California on September 16, 2021, amends the Ralph M. Brown Act to allow Board members, staff and the public to participate remotely in meetings, without complying with traditional teleconference meeting rules.**

**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, October 22, 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 (16):** Directors Arnold, Conroy, Fredericks, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Hill, Mastin, Melgar, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder and Stefani; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.

**Directors Absent (1):** Director Giudice.

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

**Staff Present:** General Manager Denis Mulligan; Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire; Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong; Attorney Madeline Chun; Deputy General Manager/Bridge Division Steve Miller; Deputy General Manager/Bus Division Mona Babauta; Deputy General Manager/Ferry Division James Swindler; Deputy District Engineer John Eberle; Executive Administrator to the General Manager Justine Bock; Senior Board Analyst Elizabeth Eells.

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- (3) **(3)PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**: Director Dick Grosboll. **[03:07 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

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- (4) **PUBLIC COMMENT**: **[03:47 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:

- Kymberlyrenée Gamboa, Sacramento County Resident
- Dave Rhody, The Climate Reality Project
- Shane Weinstein, Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1575

Mr. Mulligan responded to the public comments. **[12:36 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

[Director Arnold arrived.]

- (5) **CONSENT CALENDAR**: **[13:38 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

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

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

**AYES (16):** Directors Arnold, Conroy, 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 (1):** Director Giudice.

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

- (1) Building and Operating Committee of September 23, 2021;
- (2) Finance-Auditing Committee of September 23, 2021;
- (3) Board of Directors of September 24, 2021; and,
- (4) Special Board of Directors of October 1, 2021.

**Carried**

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

**Resolution No. 2021-076** (as detailed in the October 21, 2021 Finance-Auditing Committee meeting)

- (1) Ratifies Commitments and/or Expenditures
- (2) Ratifies Previous Investments
- (3) Authorizes Reinvestments

(4) Accepts Investment Report for September 2021

**Adopted**

(6) **REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

(A) **General Manager [15:59 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Mr. Mulligan presented the General Manager Report. He spoke about the Public Employees Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) and the ATU lawsuit against the Department of Labor (DOL) that challenges the DOL 13(c) certifications that transit agencies have fair and equitable arrangements in place. He said that this legal action could affect the District's ability to receive federal funding grants.

He indicated that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Bay Area Council have partnered to survey employers, and at this time, employers do not plan to schedule their staff to return to work in downtown San Francisco until 2022.

He recognized the following employees for their service: Charles Casillas, Joselito Legaspi, Jesus Rodriguez, Hung Lam and Michael Oderda.

President Pahre expressed appreciation for the employees who were recognized by Mr. Mulligan. Director Grosboll asked for additional details about the employee separations. He requested that staff supply a periodic separation report. Director Hernández stated she shared Director Grosboll's concerns, and expressed her concerns about the number of employee separations. She suggested the employee separation report be provided on a quarterly basis, and requested additional details. President Pahre stated she also believed the employee separation report could help the Board's decision making.

Mr. Mulligan responded to the Directors' inquiries.

(B) **Attorney [34:31 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

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

(1) **Authorize Ratification of a Memorandum of Understanding with Public Employees Union Local One/AFSCME COUNCIL 57, Representing Bridge Painters**

Mr. Mulligan presented the staff report. He explained some of the milestones that would trigger a wage increase.

**Directors FREDERICKS/GARBARINO**

**Resolution No. 2021-077** authorizes ratification of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Public Employees Union Local One / AFSCME COUNCIL 57, which represents the Painters' bargaining unit. The recommended MOU covers the time period from ratification until July 1, 2024 and provides for a 2.5% wage increase and a \$1,000 lump sum payment per employee, effective the pay period in which ratification occurs. It also provides for 2% wage increases on July 1, 2022 and on July 1, 2023, with up to an

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additional 1% each year based on agreed upon Golden Gate Bridge traffic triggers, as well as several other amendments to the MOU, as outlined in the staff report.

**Adopted**

- AYES (16):** Directors Arnold, Conroy, 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 (1):** Director Giudice.

President Pahre expressed appreciation for the efforts of all those involved in the labor bargaining.

**(C) District Engineer [39:18 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Deputy District Engineer John Eberle presented the District Engineer Report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

**(7) OTHER REPORTS:**

There were no Other Reports to discuss.

**(8) REPORT OF COMMITTEES: [40:03 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. She noted that the Transportation Committee received a presentation from representatives of MTC and the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) District on a *Fare Coordination/Integration Study and Business Case*.

**(A) Meeting of the Transportation Committee/Committee of the Whole [40:58 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

**October 21, 2021**

**Chair Alice Fredericks**

**(1) Authorize Actions for Implementation of a Demonstration Project to Provide Golden Gate Ferry Service Between the San Francisco Ferry Terminal and Angel Island [41:05 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Director Grosboll inquired about the weekend and weekday schedule. He expressed appreciation for the agreement reached with the State Parks.

Mr. Mulligan responded to the Director's inquiries.

**Directors FREDERICKS/COCHRAN**

**Resolution No. 2021-078** authorizes the General Manager: (1) to negotiate and execute a joint exercise of powers agreement with the State of California

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Department of Parks and Recreation for the use of ferry berthing facilities on Angel Island, in a form approved by the Attorney; (2) to implement a new ferry route between the San Francisco Ferry Terminal and Angel Island, to be implemented initially as a one year demonstration project; and, (3) to schedule a public hearing to receive public comment on proposed fares for this demonstration route.

**Adopted**

**AYES (16):** Directors Arnold, Conroy, 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 (1):** Director Giudice.

**(2) Approve Actions Relative to Installing Transit Signal Priority Equipment on Golden Gate Transit Buses for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Van Ness Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project [46:49 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

**Directors FREDERICKS/HILL**

**Resolution No. 2021-079** approves actions relative to the installation of Transit Signal Priority (TSP) equipment on Golden Gate Transit buses, as follows:

- (i) Establishes a new capital project *Transit Signal Priority (TSP) on Golden Gate Transit (GGT) Coaches* (Project #2250) in the FY 21/22 Bus Division Capital Budget in the amount of \$312,400 to be funded with 100% District funds.
- (ii) Authorizes the General Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement for the purchase of GTT Opticom 2101 TSP Equipment for up to 75 buses, subject to the successful testing of the equipment on GGT Coaches, as concurred with the October 21 Finance-Auditing Committee.

**Adopted**

**AYES (16):** Directors Arnold, Conroy, 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 (1):** Director Giudice.

**(B) Meeting of the Rules, Policy and Industrial Relations Committee/Committee of the Whole [50:01 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]  
October 21, 2021  
Chair Judy Arnold**

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- (1) **Approve a Wage Adjustment for Non-Represented Employees and Deputy General Managers, and Related Action [50:23 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

**Directors ARNOLD/COCHRAN**

**Resolution No. 2021-080** approves a 2.5% wage increase and a \$500 stipend per employee for non-represented employees and Deputy General Managers, effective on the first day of the pay period in which the Board of Directors approves the recommendation.

**Adopted**

**AYES (16):** Directors Arnold, Conroy, 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 (1):** Director Giudice.

- (9) **ADDRESSES TO BOARD:**

There were no Addresses to Board to discuss.

- (10) **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

- (A) **Adopt a Resolution in Accordance with Assembly Bill 361 Finding That the Proclaimed State of Emergency Continues to Impact the Ability to Meet Safely in Person [52:55 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong presented the staff report. Attorney Chun added to Ms. Ko-Wong's comments and noted that the Board would have to follow some procedural rules to safeguard the public's ability to comment.

**Directors GARBARINO/FREDERICKS**

**Resolution No. 2021-081** adopts a resolution in accordance with Assembly Bill 361, finding that the proclaimed state of emergency continues to impact the ability to meet safely in person.

**Adopted**

**AYES (16):** Directors Arnold, Conroy, 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 (1):** Director Giudice.

- (B) **Consider Possible Action to Terminate the Suspension of Board Procedural Rules and Policies for COVID-19 Related Emergency Actions [58:37 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

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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 MELGAR/SNYDER** moved and seconded to continue consideration of this item until the next Board meeting.

**Carried**

**AYES (16):** Directors Arnold, Conroy, 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 (1):** Director Giudice.

**(11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no Unfinished Business.

**(12) NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no New Business to discuss.

**(13) COMMUNICATIONS: [1:00:59 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: [1:01:08 Hour Mark on the Audio Recording]**

All business having been concluded **Directors RABBITT/COCHRAN** moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 11:03 a.m. in the memory of former United States Secretary of State and four star General Colin Powell, and former Director Dean Meyer.

**Carried**

Respectfully submitted,



Amorette M. Ko-Wong  
Secretary of the District