

October 22, 2021



MINUTES OF THE
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC INFORMATION
COMMITTEE/COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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>.

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 Whole (Committee) of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) was held via audio conferencing on Friday, October 22, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., Chair Cochran presiding.

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

Committee Members Present (7): Chair Cochran; Vice Chair Hill; Directors Garbarino, Hernández, Rodoni and Snyder; President Pahre.

Committee Members Absent (0): None.

Other Directors Present (5): Directors Fredericks, Grosboll, Mastin, Rabbitt and Theriault.

Committee of the Whole Members Present (12): Directors Fredericks, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Hill, Mastin, Rabbitt, Rodoni and Snyder; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.

Committee of the Whole Members Absent (5): Directors Arnold, Conroy, Giudice, Melgar and Stefani.

[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; Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong; Attorney Madeline Chun; Deputy General Manager/Bridge Division Steve Miller; Deputy General Manager/Bus Transit Division Mona Babauta; Deputy District Engineer John Eberle; Executive Administrator to the General Manager Justine Bock; Senior Board Analyst Elizabeth Eells.

A copy of the report is available on the District's web site at <https://www.goldengate.org/district/board-of-directors/meeting-documents> or upon request from the Office of the District Secretary.

[Director Hernández arrived.]

**(3) State Update from the District's Legislative Advocates, Platinum Advisors, LLC
[02:26 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

The District's Sacramento Legislative Advocates Beau Biller and Steve Wallauch from Platinum Advisors, LLC presented the report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was required.

Chair Cochran and Directors Theriault, Hill and Snyder commented and inquired about the report. Chair Cochran inquired about the high-speed rail budget appropriation. Director Theriault commented that he believes San Francisco Supervisor Matt Haney, and former San Francisco Supervisor and former District Director David Campos are the leading candidates for Assemblymember Chiu's soon to be vacant seat. He suggested the District's legislative advocacy team closely watch AB 984. Director Hill inquired about AB 984 and AB 629. Director Snyder expressed appreciation for the report. He concurred with Director Theriault's view about the leading candidates for Assemblymember Chiu's soon to be vacant position, and said he understood the Governor would likely set the election for mid-February 2022.

Mr. Wallauch responded to the Chair's and Directors' comments and inquiries. Mr. Mulligan added to Mr. Wallauch's comments about AB 629.

(4) Public Comment [25:33 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

There was no Public Comment.

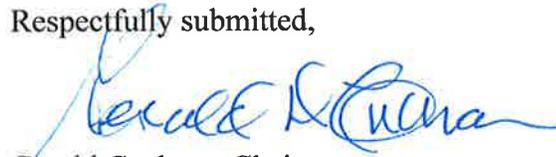
(5) Adjournment [26:21 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

All business having been concluded, **Directors GARBARINO/HILL** moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Carried

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Respectfully submitted,



Gerald Cochran, Chair
Governmental Affairs and Public Information Committee

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