



Agenda Item No. (5)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2023

(5) CONSENT CALENDAR:

(A) Approve the Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (1) Rules, Policy, and Industrial Relations Committee of April 28, 2023; and,
- (2) Governmental Affairs and Public Information Committee of April 28, 2023.

Motion

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

- (1) Ratify Commitments and/or Expenditures
- (2) Ratify Previous Investments
- (3) Authorize Investments
- (4) Accept Investment Report, April 2023

Resolution

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MINUTES OF THE RULES, POLICY AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

These minutes are supplemented by the audio recording that is posted online at:
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Honorable Board of Directors
Golden Gate Bridge, Highway
and Transportation District

Honorable Members:

A meeting of the Rules, Policy, and Industrial Relations Committee (Committee) of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) was held in the United Irish Cultural Center, St. Francis Room, 2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco, CA, on Thursday, April 28, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., Chair Hernández presiding. A remote audio option for public participation was available.

- (1) **Call to Order:** 9:00 a.m.
- (2) **Roll Call:** Secretary of the District Amorette M. Ko-Wong. **[00:11 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Committee Members Present (5): Chair Hernández; Vice Chair Garbarino; Directors Grosboll and Hill; President Thériault.

Committee Members Absent (3): Directors Conroy, Mastin and Pahre.

Other Directors Present (4): Directors Cochran, Giudice, Rabbitt and Thier.

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/Bridge Division David Rivera; Deputy General Manager/Bus Transit Division Mona Babauta; Deputy General Manager/Ferry Division Michael Hoffman; Deputy General Manager/Administration and Development Kellee Hopper; Executive Administrator to the General Manager Justine Bock; Senior Board Analyst Elizabeth Eells.

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(3) Report on a Memorandum of Understanding with the Marin Community College District for the Golden Gate Bus Coach Operator Apprenticeship Program [09:02 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Deputy General Manager/Bus Transit Division Mona Babauta presented the staff report and presentation.

She expressed appreciation to the program partners and others at the District including:

- Board members for their commitment to racial equity and ending systemic racism;
- Bus Operator mentors;
- Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 1575;
- Canal Alliance;
- California Transit Works;
- College of Marin;
- Santa Rosa Junior College;
- Human Resources Department; and
- District's legal team at Hanson Bridgett LLP.

She spoke about the effectiveness of the District's labor-management partnership with ATU Local 1575.

Mr. Mulligan expressed appreciation to Ms. Babauta, her team and all the involved partners. He said that the District has received \$1 million in grants for the program. He highlighted that Canal Alliance has also received a \$500,000 grant to support this program along with other programs.

[09:29 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Chair Hernández and Director Thier expressed appreciation for Ms. Babauta's report, the program, and the team's efforts.

Director Garbarino expressed appreciation for the program and the contributions of Canal Alliance. She commented about management opportunities for Bus Operators.

President Thériault expressed appreciation for updated Bus Operator requirements, which allow applicants to substitute the apprenticeship program for a high school diploma. He commented about the challenges of meeting the high school requirement.

Director Thier expressed appreciation for the professional development opportunities, and said that the program really supports the District's equity goals. She highlighted that she admires how the team has identified barriers to becoming Bus Operators and incorporated elements into the program to address those obstacles. She spoke about the many benefits of the program.

Director Hill inquired about opportunities for the apprentices to participate in the Bus Roadeo and he encouraged the Board members to attend the event.

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Chair Hernández expressed appreciation for the partnerships and spoke about the importance of the approach. She said she had met the first apprentice class at a Bus Operator appreciation event and observed the apprentices' eyes reflected hope and optimism for their future. She noted that as Bus Operators they will perform a valuable job and be able to provide for their families.

The following individual spoke under public comment: **[9:34 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

- John Holden, Bus Operator and San Francisco Resident

(4) Public Comment

There were no public comments.

(5) Adjournment [09:36 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

All business having been concluded, **Directors THÉRIAULT/GROSBOLL** moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Sabrina Hernández, Chair
Rules, Policy and Industrial Relations Committee

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MINUTES OF THE
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE
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Honorable Board of Directors
Golden Gate Bridge, Highway
and Transportation District

Honorable Members:

A meeting of the Governmental Affairs and Public Information Committee (Committee)/Committee of the Whole of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) was held at the United Irish Cultural Center, St. Francis Room, 2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco, CA, on Friday, April 28, 2023, at 9:38 a.m., Chair Cochran presiding. A remote audio option for public participation was available.

- (1) **Call to Order:** 9:38 a.m.
- (2) **Roll Call:** Secretary of the District Amorette M. Ko-Wong.

Committee Members Present (5): Chair Cochran; Directors Garbarino, Giudice, and Hill; President Thériault.

Committee Members Absent (3): Vice Chair Snyder; Directors Rodoni and Stefani.

Other Directors Present (6): Directors Dorsey, Grosboll, Hernández, Rabbitt, Safaí and Thier.

Committee of the Whole Members Present (11): Directors Dorsey, Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Rabbitt, Safaí and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Thériault.

Committee of the Whole Members Absent (8): Directors Conroy, Engardio, Mastin, Moulton-Peters, Pahre, Rodoni, Snyder and Stefani.

Staff Present: General Manager Denis Mulligan; Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire; Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong; Attorney Kimon Manolius; Deputy General Manager/Bridge Division David Rivera; Deputy General Manager/Bus Transit Division

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Mona Babauta; Deputy General Manager/Ferry Division Michael Hoffman; Deputy General Manager/Administration and Development Kellee Hopper; Executive Administrator to the General Manager Justine Bock; Senior Board Analyst Elizabeth Eells.

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(3) **State Update from the District's Legislative Advocates, Platinum Advisors, LLC**
[00:25 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Steve Wallauch of Platinum Advisors, LLC presented the State Update. He reviewed legislative activity related to the budget and tax revenue. He overviewed the California Transit Association (CTA) proposal for funding transit operations. He said that legislators may require transit operators to meet performance measures and submit reports in exchange for funding.

He reviewed the Brown Act related bills including Assembly Bill (AB) 557, AB 817, AB 1379, Senate Bill (SB) 411 and SB 537, and a few other bills.

[02:14 and 12:43 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Chair Cochran inquired about the effect of the delay in the tax returns and the scope of SB 411.

Mr. Wallauch responded to the Director's inquiries. He said that, as a result of the delayed tax returns and revenue, the state budget deficit could be as high as \$30 billion. He confirmed SB 411 applies to Los Angeles.

The following individuals spoke under public comment: **[09:55 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

- David Pilpel, San Francisco Resident (in person)
- Jim Mastin, as a member of the public, Director and Mendocino County Resident (remotely)

(4) **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Brown Act-Related Bills** **[13:42 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

General Manager Denis Mulligan presented the staff report. He highlighted some key legislation proposing to amend the Brown Act, including AB 817 and SB 537.

[Director Dorsey arrived.]

[16:48 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Directors GROSBOLL/HERNANDEZ moved and seconded to recommend that the Board support SB 537.

Directors GROSOLL/HERNANDEZ moved and seconded to amend their motion to recommend that the Board support SB 537 and AB 817.

Director Hill commented about increased attendance at the District's Advisory Committee meetings while such meetings were held by telephone and other electronic means (remotely).

Director Garbarino inquired about SB 537.

President Theriault inquired about the possibility that SB 537 and AB 817 could be amended.

Directors GROSOLL/HERNANDEZ moved and seconded to further amend their motion to recommend that the Board approve support for SB 537 and AB 817 as currently drafted and amended, and other bills relative to the Brown Act with similar goals: a) advisory committees could meet remotely and b) regional legislative body members could attend remotely if they have to travel a long way to reach the meeting in person.

Director Grosboll inquired about the SB 537 bill and the 40-mile rule.

Director Rabbitt said that his home is 41 miles away from the Board's current meeting location. He commented about the value of attending meetings in person and expressed support for AB 817.

Chair Cochran inquired about the possibility that SB 537 and AB 817 could change.

[Director Safaí arrived.]

Mr. Wallauch and Mr. Mulligan responded to the Directors' comments and inquiries. Mr. Wallauch said that the bills specify members that attend remotely must be seen (on video) as well as heard. Mr. Mulligan said that the Board could approve advocacy of bills with the same general goals of AB 817 and SB 537: a) advisory committees could meet remotely and b) regional legislative body members could attend remotely if they have to travel a long way to reach the in-person meeting. Mr. Wallauch clarified that, as amended, SB 537 states that if a meeting location is more than 40 miles away from a legislative body member's office, he or she can participate remotely. He acknowledged that the bills could change further.

The following individual spoke under public comment: **[23:44 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

- David Pilpel, San Francisco Resident (in person)
- Jim Mastin, as a member of the public, Director and Mendocino County Resident (remotely)

(a) Action by the Committee

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Staff recommended and the Committee concurred by motion made and seconded by **Directors GROSBOLL/HERNÁNDEZ** to forward the following recommendation to the Board of Directors for its consideration:

RECOMMENDATION

The Governmental Affairs and Public Information Committee/Committee of the Whole recommends that the Board of Directors approve support for Senate Bill 537 and Assembly Bill 817 as currently drafted and amended, and other bills relative to the Brown Act with similar goals: a) advisory committees could meet remotely and b) regional legislative body members could attend remotely if they have to travel a long way to reach the meeting in person.

Action by the Board at its meeting of April 28, 2023 – Resolution

AYES (11): Directors Dorsey, Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Rabbitt, Safaí and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Thériault.
NOES (0): None.
ABSENT (8): Directors Conroy, Engardio, Mastin, Moulton-Peters, Pahre, Rodoni, Snyder and Stefani.

(5) Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

(6) Adjournment [29:43 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

All business having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald Cochran, Chair
Governmental Affairs and Public Information Committee

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.B.

**RATIFICATION OF PREVIOUS ACTIONS BY THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
FINANCE-AUDITING COMMITTEE OF MAY 18, 2023**

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

(1) Staff Report

The previous actions by the Auditor-Controller were presented to the Finance-Auditing Committee for approval at the meeting of May 18, 2023. The staff report can be found on the District's web site at <https://www.goldengate.org/district/board-of-directors/meeting-documents>.

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