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GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM OF MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

NOVEMBER 15, 2024

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The Board of Directors (Board) of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) met in regular session in the Board Room, Administration Building, Golden Gate Bridge Toll Plaza, San Francisco, CA, on Friday, November 15, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., with President Cochran presiding. A remote audio option for public participation was available.

- (1) **CALL TO ORDER:** President Gerald D. Cochran.
- (2) **ROLL CALL:** Secretary of the District Amorette M. Ko-Wong. **[00:20 Minute Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Directors Present (16): Directors Conroy, Engardio, Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani, Thériault and Thier; Second Vice President Rabbitt; First Vice President Hill; President Cochran.

Directors Absent (3): Directors Dorsey, Moulton-Peters and Safaí.

Staff Present: General Manager Denis Mulligan; Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire; District Engineer John Eberle; Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong; Attorney Kimon Manolius; Deputy General Manager/Bridge Division David Rivera; Deputy General Manager/Bus Transit Les Belton; 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) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Director James Mastin. **[01:44 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

[Directors Conroy and Snyder arrived]

- (4) **PUBLIC COMMENT:** **[02:20 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong introduced Public Comment.

The following individual spoke under Public Comment:

- Dave Rhody, The Climate Reality Project (in person)

President Cochran thanked the speaker for his comments.

- (5) **CONSENT CALENDAR:** **[07:20 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

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

AYES (16): Directors Conroy, Engardio, Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani, Thériault and Thier; Second Vice President Rabbitt; First Vice President Hill; President Cochran.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (3): Directors Dorsey, Moulton-Peters and Safaí.

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

- (1) Transportation Committee of October 24, 2024;
- (2) Building and Operating Committee of October 24, 2024;
- (3) Finance-Auditing Committee of October 24, 2024;
- (4) Rules, Policy and Industrial Relations Committee of October 25, 2024; and,
- (5) Board of Directors of October 25, 2024.

Carried

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

Resolution No. 2024-071 (as detailed in the November 14, 2024, Finance-Auditing Committee meeting)

- (1) Ratify Commitments and/or Expenditures
- (2) Ratify Previous Investments
- (3) Authorize Reinvestments
- (4) Accept Investment Report of October 2024

Adopted

- (6) **REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

- (A) **General Manager** **[07:58 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

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Mr. Mulligan highlighted a few items in the report including: 1) Bridge Traffic; 2) Bus and Ferry ridership; 3) Expressed appreciation to Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi; and 4) Employee of the month Michael Domenichelli.

(B) Attorney [11:15 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Attorney Kimon Manolius presented the Attorney Report, which was for informational purposes only.

He reported that the District reached agreement with Shimmick Construction Company, Inc./Danny's Construction Company, LLC - Joint Venture (SDJV) for the *Golden Gate Bridge Physical Suicide Deterrent System and Wind Retrofit* project, and the terms include:

- (i) A \$97 million payment, \$25 million of which has already been paid, and the remainder of which will be paid to SDJV before the end of the year;
- (ii) Removal of the permanent travelers installation from the project scope of work;
- (iii) A Change Order to implement the settlement with a revised project budget to account for the payment, and with the reduced scope, an increased project budget of \$91,032,600; and,
- (iv) The field work will be completed by December 31, 2025 and the whole project will be completed by December 1, 2026.

(1) Closed Session

Attorney Manolius reported that a Closed Session, listed on the Board Agenda as Item No. 6.B.1.a. would take place just prior to the conclusion of this meeting:

- (a) Appointment of Officer
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)
Title: Auditor-Controller

(C) District Engineer [12:40 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

District Engineer John Eberle presented the District Engineer Report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken. He provided an update about a number of projects including the San Rafael Bus and Employee Parking Lot and Seismic Retrofit wind tunnel testing.

(7) OTHER REPORTS:

There were no Other Reports to discuss.

(8) REPORT OF COMMITTEES: [14:12 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

- (A) Transportation Committee/Committee of the Whole [14:18 Minute Mark on the Audio Recording]
November 14, 2024
Chair Elbert Hill

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- (1) **Approve Updates to the Agency Safety Plan for Golden Gate Transit**
[14:51 Minute Mark on the Audio Recording]

Directors HILL/MASTIN

Resolution No. 2024-072 approves updates to the Agency Safety Plan, revision 4.0 dated November 2024, for Golden Gate Transit, in compliance with the Federal Transit Administration's Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Rule.

Adopted

AYES (16): Directors Conroy, Engardio, Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani, Thériault and Thier; Second Vice President Rabbitt; First Vice President Hill; President Cochran.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (3): Directors Dorsey, Moulton-Peters and Safaí.

- (B) **Building and Operating Committee/Committee of the Whole** **[15:18 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**
November 14, 2024
Chair Patty Garbarino

- (1) **Approve Award of Contract No. 2024-D-031, *Bus/Pivot On-Site Medical Trailer*** **[15:30 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Directors GARBARINO/THIER

Resolution No. 2024-073 approves award of Contract No. 2024-D-031, *BUS/PIVOT On-Site Medical Trailer*, to Mobile Modular of Livermore, CA in the amount of \$380,505.

Adopted

AYES (16): Directors Conroy, Engardio, Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani, Thériault and Thier; Second Vice President Rabbitt; First Vice President Hill; President Cochran.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (3): Directors Dorsey, Moulton-Peters and Safaí.

- (C) **Finance-Auditing Committee/Committee of the Whole** **[16:20 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**
November 14, 2024
Chair David Rabbitt

- (1) **Authorize Lease of Buses to Napa Valley Transportation Authority and Others** **[16:38 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Directors RABBITT/PAHRE

Resolution No. 2024-074 authorizes a lease of four buses to Napa Valley

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Transportation Authority and grant the General Manager authority to enter similar leases with other public transit agencies.

Adopted

AYES (16): Directors Conroy, Engardio, Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani, Thériault and Thier; Second Vice President Rabbitt; First Vice President Hill; President Cochran.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (3): Directors Dorsey, Moulton-Peters and Safaí.

(2) Receive the Independent Auditor's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Year Ending June 30, 2024, as Submitted by Eide Bailly, LLP [17:35 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Directors RABBITT/GIUDICE

Resolution No. 2024-075 receives the Independent Auditor's financial reports as submitted by Eide Bailly, LLP, for the following:

- (a) The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the year ending June 30, 2024; and,
- (b) The Independent Auditor's Communication Letter regarding matters related to the audit.

Adopted

AYES (16): Directors Conroy, Engardio, Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani, Thériault and Thier; Second Vice President Rabbitt; First Vice President Hill; President Cochran.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (3): Directors Dorsey, Moulton-Peters and Safaí.

(3) Receive the Annual Report of the OPEB Retirement Investment Trust Board [18:20 Hour Mark on the Audio Recording]

Directors RABBITT/THIER

Resolution No. 2024-076 receives the Annual Report of the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Retirement Investment Trust Board. This report summarizes the OPEB Retirement Investment Trust Board's annual review of its investment policy, service personnel and Charter.

Adopted

AYES (16): Directors Conroy, Engardio, Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani, Thériault and Thier; Second Vice President Rabbitt; First Vice President Hill; President Cochran.

NOES (0): None.

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ABSENT (3): Directors Dorsey, Moulton-Peters and Safaí.

- (D) Rules, Policy, and Industrial Relations Committee/Committee of the Whole**
[18:58 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]
November 14, 2024
Chair Sabrina Hernández

- (1) Approve Actions Relative to the Establishment of a Professional Development Program for Non-Represented Job Classifications** **[19:10 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Directors HERNÁNDEZ/HILL

Resolution No. 2024-077 approves a Professional Development Program for non-represented job classifications, and have the General Manager implement the program in accordance with the guidelines discussed below. This action will not increase the number of positions in the District but is intended to provide ladders of growth and opportunity for staff.

Adopted

AYES (16): Directors Conroy, Engardio, Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani, Thériault and Thier; Second Vice President Rabbitt; First Vice President Hill; President Cochran.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (3): Directors Dorsey, Moulton-Peters and Safaí.

- (E) Governmental Affairs and Public Relations Committee/Committee of the Whole** **[19:56 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**
November 15, 2024
Chair Chris Snyder

- (1) Approve the Implementation of the District's 2025 Legislative Platform** **[20:13 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Directors SNYDER/GIUDICE

Resolution No. 2024-078 approves the implementation of the 2025 Legislative Platform as attached to the staff report.

Adopted

AYES (16): Directors Conroy, Engardio, Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani, Thériault and Thier; Second Vice President Rabbitt; First Vice President Hill; President Cochran.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (3): Directors Dorsey, Moulton-Peters and Safaí.

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(9) ADDRESSES TO BOARD:

There were no Addresses to Board.

(10) SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

- (A) Approve the 2025 Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District's Board of Directors Meeting Schedule [20:56 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong presented the staff report.

Directors HILL/THÉRIAULT

Resolution No. 2024-079 approves the *2025 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule* as detailed in the staff report.

Adopted

AYES (16): Directors Conroy, Engardio, Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani, Thériault and Thier; Second Vice President Rabbitt; First Vice President Hill; President Cochran.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (3): Directors Dorsey, Moulton-Peters and Safaí.

(11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (A) Closed Session [22:25 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Attorney Manolius, at the request of President Cochran, 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, Items No. 6.B.1.a. as outlined above.

(B) Open Session

After Closed Session, President Cochran 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, and received a report from the District's Review of Officers Committee regarding the matters listed on the Board Agenda as Item No. 6.B.1.a.

He stated the Board reached consensus on the appointment of Jennifer Mennucci as the District Auditor-Controller with the terms outlined below.

Directors RABBITT/GARBARINO

Resolution No. 2024-080 approves the appointment of Jennifer Mennucci as the Auditor-Controller, effective November 18, 2024, and authorizes execution of an Employment Agreement for a five-year term, an annual salary of \$319,012.88, and an annual contribution of \$9,000 a year to a deferred compensation account.

Adopted

AYES (16): Directors Conroy, Engardio, Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani, Thériault and Thier; Second Vice President Rabbitt; First Vice President Hill; President Cochran.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (3): Directors Dorsey, Moulton-Peters and Safai.

(12) NEW BUSINESS [25:30 Minutes of the Audio Recording]

There was no New Business

(13) COMMUNICATIONS [25:30 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

President Cochran stated that copies of Communications are available from the District Secretary's Office.

(14) ADJOURNMENT: [25:37 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

All business having been concluded **Directors GARBARINO/MASTIN** moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned in honor of Former Auditor-Controller John J. Quigley and Janet Lomba at 10:36 a.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,



Amorette M. Ko-Wong
Secretary of the District

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