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GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM OF MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

FEBRUARY 28, 2025

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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, February 28, 2025, at 10:01 a.m., with President Cochran presiding. A remote audio option for public participation was available.

(1) CALL TO ORDER: President Gerald D. Cochran.

(A) Oaths of Office [01:02 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong administered Oaths of Office to the following new Board members:

- (i) Gregory Hardeman
- (ii) Danny Sauter

Ms. Ko-Wong welcomed the new Board members to the District and asked if the new Directors would like to say a few words.

Director Hardeman stated that it is an honor to be on the Board and that, as a native San Franciscan, he looks forward to keeping the iconic Bridge and all its entities flourishing. He said he looks forward to working with the other members of the Board.

Director Sauter stated he is pleased to join Board and added that he represents the northeast corner of San Francisco. He also said he has been a San Francisco resident for approximately 12 years, and looks forward to protecting the Bridge and working with other members of the Board.

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- (2) **ROLL CALL:** Secretary of the District Amorette M. Ko-Wong. **[04:12 Minute Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Directors Present (13): Directors Conroy, Engardio, Garbarino, Giudice, Hardeman, Hernández, Mastin, Rodoni, Sauter, Snyder and Thier; First Vice President Hill; President Cochran.

Directors Absent (4): Directors Dorsey, Moulton-Peters and Pahre; Second Vice President Rabbitt.

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

Staff Present: General Manager Denis Mulligan; Auditor-Controller Jennifer Mennucci; 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 Division 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.

Copies of all reports are 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.

- (3) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Director Chris Snyder. **[05:23 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

- (4) **PUBLIC COMMENT:** **[05:47 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

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

The following individuals spoke under Public Comment:

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

President Cochran thanked the speakers for their comments.

- (5) **CONSENT CALENDAR:** **[13:34 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

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

AYES (13): Directors Conroy, Engardio, Garbarino, Giudice, Hardeman, Hernández, Mastin, Rodoni, Sauter, Snyder and Thier; First Vice President Hill; President Cochran.

NOES (0): None.

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ABSENT (4): Directors Dorsey, Moulton-Peters and Pahre; Second Vice President Rabbitt.

(A) Approve the Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (1) Building and Operating Committee of January 23, 2025;
- (2) Finance-Auditing Committee of January 23, 2025;
- (3) Governmental Affairs and Public Information Committee of January 23, 2025; and,
- (4) Board of Directors of January 24, 2025.

Carried

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

Resolution No. 2025-013 (as detailed in the February 27, 2025, Finance-Auditing Committee meeting)

- (1) Ratify Commitments and/or Expenditures
- (2) Ratify Previous Investments
- (3) Authorize Reinvestments
- (4) Accept Investment Report of January 2025

Adopted

(6) REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

(A) General Manager [14:10 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Mr. Mulligan highlighted a few items in the report including: 1) Bridge traffic, and Bus and Ferry ridership; 2) Fiscal challenges; 3) Senate Bill 125 Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) funding and budget stop gap measure; 4) MTC Regional Transportation Measure (State Senator Scott Weiner); 5) Recent Federal Executive Orders and Directives; and 6) Employee Recognition: Senior Information Systems Manager Joe Leong.

Director Hernández expressed appreciation for the report. She commented about the Bridge electrical system issue and repairs, and expressed support for staff's efforts to address the issues. Mr. Mulligan responded and provided information about the Bridge electrical issue.

Director Thier commented about the Golden Gate Transit Amalgamated Retirement Plan (GGTARP) pension financial condition. Mr. Mulligan and President Cochran responded.

Director Snyder spoke about his participation in the GGTARP pension financial condition subcommittee.

(B) Attorney [37:40 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

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

(C) District Engineer [37:58 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

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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 few projects including:

- Suicide Deterrent System
- Vista Point Trail Improvement
- San Rafael Parking Lot Improvements
- Sausalito Landside Improvement

(7) OTHER REPORTS:

There were no Other Reports to discuss.

(8) REPORT OF COMMITTEES: [10:41 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

[Director Thier recused herself and departed.]

**(A) Building and Operating Committee/Committee of the Whole [39:42 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]
February 27, 2025
Chair Patricia Garbarino**

(1) Approve Actions Relative to Execution of Professional Services Agreement No. 2024-B-014, Bridge Inspection Services, with HDR Engineering, Inc. [39:58 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Directors GARBARINO/MASTIN

Resolution No. 2025-014 approves the following actions relative to the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) No. 2024-B-014, *Bridge Inspection Services*:

- Authorizes execution of PSA No. 2024-B-014, with HDR Engineering, Inc., Walnut Creek, CA, in an amount not-to-exceed \$10,982,580, to perform two cycles of the Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations Part 650 mandated bridge inspections at the Golden Gate Bridge; and,
- Establishes a 10% contingency for PSA No. 2024-B-014 in the amount of \$1,098,258;

with the understanding that sufficient funds are available in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/25 Bridge Division Operating Budget to finance the estimated \$1,428,000 FY 2024/25 expenses under PSA No. 2024-B-014.

Adopted

AYES (12): Directors Conroy, Engardio, Garbarino, Giudice, Hardeman, Hernández, Mastin, Rodoni, Sauter and Snyder; First Vice President Hill; President Cochran.

NOES (0): None.

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ABSENT (5): Directors Dorsey, Moulton-Peters, Pahre and Thier; Second Vice President Rabbitt.

[Director Thier returned.]

- (B) Finance-Auditing Committee/Committee of the Whole [41:28 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]
February 27, 2025
Director Hernández**

- (1) Approve Renewal of The Marine Insurance Program [41:50 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Directors HERNÁNDEZ/GIUDICE

Resolution No. 2025-015 approves the Marine Insurance Program, effective February 20, 2025, as follows;

- (a) Renews Protection & Indemnity coverage with the Steamship Mutual Protection and Indemnity Club (Club) for a one-year term, with a limit of \$1 billion for each occurrence/annual aggregate in excess of the expiring per occurrence deductible of \$55,000 and increased annual aggregate deductible of \$415,000 for a total premium of \$540,436;
- (b) Renews Hull & Machinery, Increased Value and War coverage including Terrorism and Risk Insurance Act (TRIA) coverage with Ascot, Travelers, The Hartford and Liberty for a one-year term, with insured hull limits per values in excess of improved deductibles of \$150,000 – \$200,000 depending on vessel, for a total premium of \$255,740;
- (c) Renews Marine General Liability coverage with Liberty Mutual for a one-year term, with a limit of \$1 million occurrence and \$2 million aggregate, in excess of a per occurrence deductible of \$10,000 for a total premium of \$35,900;
- (d) Binds Excess Marine General Liability Insurance program with Navigators, Liberty, Core Specialty, Great American, Endurance, and Continental for a one-year term with a liability limit of \$50 million for each occurrence/annual aggregate in excess of a \$10,000 self-insured retention (SIR) for a total premium of \$124,419; and,
- (e) Binds Vessel Pollution Liability coverage with Great American for a one-year term, with a limit of \$5 million for a total premium of \$6,920.

These recommendations are made with the understanding that the requisite funds will be available in the FY 25/26 Operating Budget for the appropriate District divisions.

Adopted

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AYES (13): Directors Conroy, Engardio, Garbarino, Giudice, Hardeman, Hernández, Mastin, Rodoni, Sauter, Snyder and Thier; First Vice President Hill; President Cochran.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (4): Directors Dorsey, Moulton-Peters and Pahre; Second Vice President Rabbitt.

- (2) **Authorize Execution of an Amendment to Contract No. 2023-D-075, Grants Management Professional Services [42:50 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Directors HERNÁNDEZ/HILL

Resolution No. 2025-016 authorizes execution of an amendment to Contract No. 2023-D-075, *Grants Management Professional Services*, to provide additional on-call professional support services in the amount of \$700,000, for a total aggregate not-to-exceed amount of \$1.5 million, provided funding is available within the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District's annual budget.

Adopted

AYES (13): Directors Conroy, Engardio, Garbarino, Giudice, Hardeman, Hernández, Mastin, Rodoni, Sauter, Snyder and Thier; First Vice President Hill; President Cochran.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (4): Directors Dorsey, Moulton-Peters and Pahre; Second Vice President Rabbitt.

- (3) **Authorize the General Manager to Execute Agreements with Values of Up To \$250,000 [43:49 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Directors HERNÁNDEZ/THIER

Resolution No. 2025-017 authorizes the General Manager to pursue and execute agreements, and related amendments, that authorize the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) to accept, or bind the District to provide, funds or in-kind services valued at up to \$250,000 per contract. This delegation would apply to transactions including, but not limited to, grant agreements, funding agreements, memoranda of understanding, interagency agreements, and cooperative agreements.

Adopted

AYES (13): Directors Conroy, Engardio, Garbarino, Giudice, Hardeman, Hernández, Mastin, Rodoni, Sauter, Snyder and Thier; First Vice President Hill; President Cochran.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (4): Directors Dorsey, Moulton-Peters and Pahre; Second Vice President Rabbitt.

- (4) **Renew Annual Delegation of Investment Management Authority to the Auditor -Controller as per Rule XI, Investment Policy, of *The Rules of The Board*** [44:44 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Directors HERNÁNDEZ/GIUDICE

Resolution No. 2025-018 renews the annual delegation of investment management authority to the Auditor-Controller for FY 25/26 as per RULE XI, INVESTMENT POLICY, Section E, Delegation of Authority, of the *Rules of the Board*, and as provided for in California Government Code Section 53607.

Adopted

AYES (13): Directors Conroy, Engardio, Garbarino, Giudice, Hardeman, Hernández, Mastin, Rodoni, Sauter, Snyder and Thier; First Vice President Hill; President Cochran.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (4): Directors Dorsey, Moulton-Peters and Pahre; Second Vice President Rabbitt.

(9) **ADDRESSES TO BOARD:**

There were no Addresses to Board.

(10) **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

There was no Special Order of Business

(11) **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no Unfinished Business

(12) **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business.

(13) **COMMUNICATIONS** [45:42 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

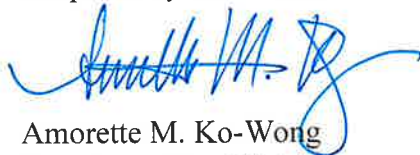
President Cochran stated that copies of Communications are available from the District Secretary's Office.

(14) **ADJOURNMENT:** [45:59 Minute Mark on the Audio Recording]

All business having been concluded **Directors CONROY/GIUDICE** moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned in honor of Mike Kerns, Paul John Morales and Francis Xavier "F.X." Crowley at 10:55 a.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amorette M. Ko-Wong", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Amorette M. Ko-Wong
Secretary of the District

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