



Agenda Item No. (5)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2023

(5) CONSENT CALENDAR:

(A) Approve the Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (1) Transportation Committee of December 15, 2022;
- (2) Building and Operating Committee of December 15, 2022;
- (3) Finance-Auditing Committee of December 15, 2022;
- (4) Rules, Policy, and Industrial Relations Committee of December 16, 2022;
- (5) Governmental Affairs and Public Information Committee of December 16, 2022; and,
- (6) Board of Directors of December 16, 2022.

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, December 2022

Resolution

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**MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE/
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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Honorable Board of Directors
Golden Gate Bridge, Highway
and Transportation District

Honorable Members:

A meeting of the Transportation Committee/Committee of the Whole (Committee) of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) was held virtually/remotely on Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 9:02 a.m., Chair Arnold presiding.

- (1) **Call to Order:** 9:02 a.m. **[00:36 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**
- (2) **Roll Call:** Secretary of the District Amorette M. Ko-Wong. **[00:34 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

Committee Members Present (8): Chair Arnold; Vice Chair Hill; Directors Mastin, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder and Thier; President Theriault.

Committee Member Absent (0): None.

Other Directors Present (6): Directors Cochran, Conroy, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández and Pahre.

Committee of the Whole Members Present (14): Directors Arnold, Conroy, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Theriault.

Committee of the Whole Members Absent (2): Directors Giudice and Stefani.

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

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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 James Swindler; Deputy General Manager/Administration and Development Kellee Hopper; Director of Planning Ron Downing; Principal Planner David Davenport; Executive Administrator to the General Manager Justine Bock; Senior Board Analyst Elizabeth Eells.

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(3) Report of District Advisory Committees [04:00 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

(a) Advisory Committee on Accessibility; (b) Bus Passengers Advisory Committee; (c) Ferry Passengers Advisory Committee; and (d) Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee

The staff report was for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

The following individual spoke under public comment: **[04:46 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

- David Pilpel, San Francisco Resident

(4) Discussion and Action to Adopt the Final Short-Range Transit Plan for Regional Bus, Ferry, and Paratransit Service Prepared for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for Fiscal Years 2022/23 Through 2027/28 [06:17 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Director of Planning Ron Downing introduced the staff report, and Principal Planner David Davenport presented the staff report. Mr. Davenport explained the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) financial scenarios and staff's rationale for adding a fourth scenario with District projections.

General Manager Denis Mulligan requested the Committee approve the Short-Range Transit Plan (SRTP) so the District would remain eligible to receive funding from the MTC, and spoke further about the importance of all the scenarios.

He expressed appreciation for all those who contributed to the SRTP and the scenarios including Mr. Davenport, Mr. Downing, Deputy General Manager/Bus Transit Division Mona Babauta and her team, Deputy General Manager/Ferry Division Jim Swindler and his team, and Auditor-Controller Joe Wire and his team. He noted the information will be used to advocate for additional funds for operating bus and ferry services.

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[14:04 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Chair Arnold inquired about staff's goals for presenting the fourth scenario to MTC.

Director Grosboll inquired about the passenger complaints on page 38 and asked if the complaints had been addressed. He expressed appreciation for the improvement in the Mechanical Failure Rate on page 37.

[Director Rabbitt arrived.]

Director Rodoni inquired if the five year SRTP can be revisited periodically.

Director Mastin expressed appreciation for the addition of the fourth scenario. He inquired about the Passenger No-Shows and Late Cancellations on page 38.

Director Hill expressed appreciation for the fourth financial scenario.

Director Thier expressed appreciation for the SRTP, and especially the fourth scenario and 3.4.2. Equity Considerations on page 50. She spoke about the importance of equity considerations and providing transportation to those who have limited means. She acknowledged the amount of work that goes into a document like the SRTP.

Chair Arnold expressed appreciation for the fourth financial scenario. She spoke about the impact of the pandemic and importance of the additional scenario. She expressed appreciation for staff's contributions.

Mr. Mulligan and Mr. Davenport responded to the inquiries. Mr. Mulligan stated that staff would like MTC to be aware of staff's financial projections. He confirmed that the SRTP would be reviewed each year. Mr. Davenport and Mr. Mulligan explained that the Passenger No-Shows and Late Cancellations are passenger metrics, spoke about some of the industry trends and confirmed that staff is working to improve these metrics.

The following individual spoke under public comment: **[22:37 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

- David Pilpel, San Francisco Resident

[26:30 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Director Rabbitt responded to the public comment.

(a) Action by Committee

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

RECOMMENDATION

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE/COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
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The Transportation Committee/Committee of the Whole recommends that the Board of Directors adopt the Final Short-Range Transit Plan for Fiscal Years 2022/23 through 2027/28 for submission to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

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AYES (14): Directors Arnold, Conroy, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Theriault.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (2): Directors Giudice and Stefani.

(5) Monthly Report on Bridge Traffic, Transit Ridership Trends, and Transit Service Performance [30:09 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

General Manager Denis Mulligan presented the staff report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken. He stated that staff anticipates that Bridge traffic and transit will remain about the same during the winter. He said the office vacancy rate is 25% in San Francisco, and as a result, these results are unlikely to change in the near future.

[31:34 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Director Rabbitt inquired about the office vacancy rate in San Francisco and trend of working from home. He said he understands the President is contemplating the District's strategic plan, and how the District could assist San Francisco to re-open.

Director Pahre commented about how Bridge traffic and revenue is down, the District's financial constraints, and the public's requests for more service. She spoke about the challenge of these competing forces, and said she looks forward to seeing the District's strategic plan.

Director Hill commented about the available space in San Francisco.

Mr. Mulligan responded to the Director's inquiry. He clarified that about 25% of office space is vacant. In addition, companies have space which is not necessarily being used, and management is not yet sure how many employees will be willing to return to the office. He highlighted that tourism returned in the past year and is anticipated to return further in the upcoming year.

(6) Monthly Report on Activities Related to Marin Transit [37:19 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

General Manager Denis Mulligan presented the staff report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken. He indicated that Marin Transit staff has approached District staff about the possibility of leasing some unused District buses.

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(7) Public Comment

There was no public comment.

(8) Adjournment [38:56 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

President Theriault encouraged those in attendance to join him and applaud Chair Arnold who had led her last Transportation Committee meeting.

Chair Arnold expressed appreciation for the applause. She stated that she has been a member of the Golden Gate Bridge District Board for over a decade, the District is a great organization and those involved are doing a wonderful job. She noted that the COVID-19 pandemic was unexpected. She wished everyone well and said she would miss them.

All business having been concluded, **Directors HILL/THIER** moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Arnold, Chair
Transportation Committee

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**MINUTES OF THE BUILDING AND OPERATING COMMITTEE/
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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Honorable Board of Directors
Golden Gate Bridge, Highway
and Transportation District

Honorable Members:

A meeting of the Building and Operating Committee/Committee of the Whole (Committee) of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) met in regular session held virtually/remotely on Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 9:52 a.m., Chair Garbarino presiding.

- (1) Call to Order:** 9:52 a.m. **[00:32 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**
- (2) Roll Call:** Secretary of the District Amorette M. Ko-Wong. **[01:16 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

Committee Members Present (9): Chair Garbarino; Vice-Chair Mastin; Directors Cochran, Conroy, Hernández, Pahre, Rabbitt and Thier; President Theriault.

Committee Members Absent (0): None.

Other Directors Present (4): Directors Grosboll, Hill, Rodoni and Snyder.

Committee of the Whole Members Present (13): Directors Conroy, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Theriault.

Committee of the Whole Members Absent (3): Directors Arnold, Giudice, and Stefani.

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

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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 James Swindler; Deputy General Manager/Administration and Development Kellee Hopper; Director of Planning Ron Downing; Manager of Traffic Engineering and Transit Facilities Ray Santiago; Executive Administrator to the General Manager Justine Bock; Senior Board Analyst Elizabeth Eells.

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(3) Approve the San Rafael Transit Center Replacement Project; Certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Project; Approval of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Findings and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program [04:10 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Director of Planning Ron Downing introduced the staff report. He introduced and expressed appreciation for a number of key contributors including Manager of Traffic Engineering and Transit Facilities Ray Santiago, Vice President and Project Manager Adam Dankberg of Kimley Horn, Vice President Maggie Townsley and Senior Environmental Planner Shilpa Trisal of ICF, President Lisbet Sunshine of Civic Edge Consulting, and President Eileen Goodwin of Apex Strategies. The team members reviewed the presentation that is included in the staff report.

Mr. Downing confirmed that the project team believes the Final EIR meets all requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

[Directors Conroy and Rabbitt Departed.]

[32:12 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Chair Garbarino expressed appreciation for the presentation and commended the team for their hard work.

Director Grosboll stated he supports the preferred alternative, which appears to be the safest. He expressed appreciation for the team's work on the project and especially the outreach.

Director Thier expressed support for the project and commended the team for their efforts. She said that the San Rafael Transit Center (SRTC) project is critical, and operations have outgrown the site. She encouraged a strong community design effort and continued collaboration between the District and City of San Rafael. She spoke about the SRTC becoming a landmark in the area, and offered her assistance.

Director Hernández stated she has been involved in the project for many years. She spoke about outreach to stakeholders, and expressed appreciation for the collaboration between the District, City of San Rafael and other stakeholders such as those in the Canal area. She thanked those who gave her the opportunity to get involved in the project. She said she believes the SRTC will provide a very large benefit to the community, and expressed support for continued input.

Chair Garbarino echoed Director Hernández's comments.

Director Rodoni echoed Director Thier's comment to offer assistance with the project. He expressed appreciation for the project team's efforts and the collaboration with the City of San Rafael. He also expressed his belief that the partners are aligned, and the project will create a new SRTC that is a really beautiful part of San Rafael.

Director Pahre expressed appreciation for Director Hernández's efforts on the project, spoke about the pivotal role she played, and how she helped the key stakeholders have more of a voice. She thanked Director Hernández for her contributions. She commended the project team's work with the City of San Rafael, and said the team had developed the right solution.

Director Hill stated that he has been assured that he does not have a conflict of interest and can participate in this item. He asked if the Marin County Bicycle Coalition had expressed support for the project.

Director Snyder echoed the other Directors' comments, and expressed his enthusiasm for the project. He said that the new SRTC will be beneficial, serve as a bridge between Marin and Sonoma counties, and be a place where he is comfortable bringing his family. He noted that Director Hernández has been an inspiration to many people on the project.

Chair Garbarino expressed appreciation for Director Snyder's comments about his family. She acknowledged the contributions of the Canal Alliance staff including its Chief Executive Officer Omar Carrera.

Mr. Mulligan confirmed that the Marin County Bicycle Coalition supports the preferred alternative.

The following individuals spoke under public comment: **[45:37 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

- David Pilpel, San Francisco Resident
- Aaron Burnett, Canal Alliance
- Anne Grey, Vivalon
- Kevin Hagerty, League of Women Voters of Marin County

[52:50 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Chair Garbarino expressed appreciation for the SRTC project and positive comments made about the Final EIR.

(a) Action by the Committee

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

RECOMMENDATION

The Building and Operating Committee/Committee of the Whole recommends that the Board of Directors approve the San Rafael Transit Center Replacement Project (Project) and take actions relative to the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Project. These actions include:

- adopting the Final EIR;
- approving findings and approving a mitigation monitoring and reporting program;
- certifying that the document meets all the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and then,
- approving the Project and selecting the Move Whistlestop Alternative as the preferred Project alternative.

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AYES (11): Directors Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rodoni, Snyder and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Theriault.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (5): Directors Arnold, Conroy, Giudice, Rabbitt and Stefani.

**(4) Status Report from Board Appointee(s) on Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit Board
[54:32 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

Chair Garbarino provided a Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) Board status report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken. Director Pahre added to her report.

[1:00:51 Hour Mark on the Video Recording]

Director Thier expressed appreciation for the Directors' contributions to SMART.

(5) Status Report on Engineering Projects [1:01:37 Hour Mark on the Video Recording]

District Engineer Ewa Bauer-Furbush presented a status report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

[1:02:01 Hour Mark on the Video Recording]

Director Mastin inquired about the number of contractors who attended the pre-bid meeting for the Suicide Deterrent System Rescue Training Net that is referenced on page 16 of the Report (page 46 of the meeting packet).

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Director Hernández commented about the Bridge inspections and expressed appreciation for staff's efforts to complete the work. She inquired about the status of the elevator project.

President Theriault stated that although Ms. Ko-Wong and her team are doing most of the work related to securing a location for future off-site meetings, he also has some work to do.

Ms. Bauer-Furbush responded to the Director's inquiry. She said that the District did not receive any bids for the Suicide Deterrent System Rescue Training Net, staff followed up and asked why bids were not submitted, and learned many contractors are very busy. She indicated that staff will give contractors advance warning and reissue the Notice Inviting Bids.

Ms. Bauer-Furbush indicated that the control system of the elevator at the Toll Plaza Administration Building has been delayed at least about a month, and as a result, the best case scenario is that the elevator will be completed and inspected by the end of March. She added that the Board and staff should plan to have at least one and possibly two meetings off of District premises.

(6) Public Comment

There was no public comment.

(7) Adjournment [1:07:49 Hour Mark on the Video Recording]

All business having been concluded, **Directors PAHRE/MASTIN** moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Garbarino, Chair
Building and Operating Committee

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**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE-AUDITING COMMITTEE/
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Honorable Members:

A meeting of the Finance-Auditing Committee/Committee of the Whole (Committee) of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) met in regular session held virtually/remotely on Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 11:06 a.m., with Vice Chair Pahre presiding until the arrival of Chair Rabbitt.

- (1) **Call to Order:** 11:06 a.m. **[00:23 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**
- (2) **Roll Call:** Secretary of the District Amorette M. Ko-Wong. **[01:17 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

Committee Members Present (8): Chair Rabbitt; Vice Chair Pahre; Directors Cochran, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández and Mastin; President Theriault.

Committee Members Absent (0): None.

Other Directors Present (4): Directors Garbarino, Hill, Snyder and Thier.

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

Committee of the Whole Members Absent (4): Directors Arnold, Conroy, Rodoni and Stefani.

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

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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 James Swindler; Deputy General Manager/Administration and Development Kellee Hopper; Director of Risk Management and Safety Kelli Vitale; Executive Administrator to the General Manager Justine Bock; Senior Board Analyst Elizabeth Eells.

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[Chair Rabbitt arrived.]

(3) Ratification of Previous Actions by the Auditor-Controller [03:39 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

PFM Senior Managing Consultant Wale Kajopaiye presented the Investment Report.

[10:32 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Vice Chair Pahre expressed appreciation to the PFM team and District staff for their efforts.

(a) Action by the Committee

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

RECOMMENDATION

The Finance-Auditing Committee/Committee of the Whole recommends that the Board of Directors approve the following actions:

- (i) There are no commitments and/or expenditures to ratify for the period of November 1, 2022 through November 30, 2022;
- (ii) Ratify investments made during the period November 8, 2022 through December 5, 2022;
- (iii) Authorize the reinvestment, within the established policy of the Board, of any investments maturing between December 5, 2022 and January 16, 2023 as well as the investment of all other funds not required to cover expenditures that may become available; and,
- (iv) Accept the Investment Report for November 2022.

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AYES (12): Directors Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rabbitt, Snyder and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Theriault.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (4): Directors Arnold, Conroy, Rodoni and Stefani.

(4) Authorize Budget Adjustment(s) and/or Transfer(s)

No actions required authorization.

(5) Authorize Actions Related to Grant Programs

No actions required authorization.

(6) Approve Actions Relative to the Renewal of Vision, Dental, Life Insurance and Employee Assistance Plans [13:03 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

[Directors Grosboll, Hernández and Snyder stated they have potential conflicts relative to the above listed item, recused themselves and departed.]

Deputy General Manager/Administration and Development Kellee Hopper presented the staff report.

[17:06 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Chair Rabbitt expressed appreciation for the report and staff's work. He inquired about the cost trend increases from year to year, and commented about what he thought were acceptable increases each year.

Ms. Hopper responded to the Chair's inquiry.

(a) Action by the Committee

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

RECOMMENDATION

The Finance-Auditing Committee/Committee of the Whole recommends that the Board of Directors approve premium rates for the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District's (District) Vision, Dental, Life Insurance and Employee Assistance plans for the 2023 Plan Year, at an overall estimated renewal cost of \$2,990,000. Requisite funding is included in the FY 22/23 Operating Budget and will be budgeted accordingly in the FY 23/24 Operating Budget.

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AYES (6): Chair Rabbitt; Vice Chair Pahre; Directors Cochran, Giudice and Mastin; President Theriault.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (2): Directors Grosboll and Hernández.

Chair Rabbitt expressed appreciation for staff's work on the insurance and employee assistance plans.

[Directors Grosboll, Hernández and Snyder returned.]

(7) Status Report on the FY 22/23 Budget [20:15 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire presented the staff report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken. He highlighted that the report included updated Bridge, Bus and Ferry revenues.

Chair Rabbitt expressed appreciation for the update on the District's finances.

(8) Monthly Review of Golden Gate Bridge Traffic/Tolls and Bus and Ferry Transit Patronage/Fares (for Four Months Ending October 2022) [22:09 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire presented the staff report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken. He reviewed the Bridge traffic, and bus and ferry ridership results, and associated revenue for the month. He highlighted that Bridge, bus and ferry revenues are slightly lower than prior months, and staff had anticipated this would be the result starting in October. He reviewed the changes in revenues and expenses from prior years.

(9) Monthly Review of Financial Statements (for Four Months Ending October 2022) [26:22 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

(a) Statement of Revenue and Expenses

(b) Statement of Capital Programs and Expenditures

Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire presented the staff reports, which were for informational purposes only and no actions were taken. He pointed out District expenses are about \$2.5 million more than revenues each month. He reviewed progress on capital projects.

[30:01 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Chair Rabbitt stated that he thought the whole Board would like to see positive financial results.

Ms. Ko-Wong stated that Mr. Pilpel would like to speak on Agenda Item No. 7.

Chair Rabbitt stated he would like to take Public Comment before the Closed Session.

(10) **Public Comment** [30:19 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

The following individual spoke under public comment regarding Agenda Item No. 7:

- David Pilpel, San Francisco Resident

Chair Rabbitt stated that the Board shares Mr. Pilpel's concerns about the District's finances and thanked him for his comments.

Chair Rabbitt thanked Vice Chair Pahre for presiding over the meeting until his arrival.

(11) **Closed Session** [33:45 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Attorney Kimon Manolius, at the request of Chair Rabbitt, stated that the Committee would convene in Closed Session, as permitted by the Brown Act, to discuss the following matter listed on the Agenda as Item No. 10(a):

- (a) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)
Report of Athens Administrators, Inc.
(i) *John Walker v. Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District.*

[00:24 Minutes Mark on the Closing Video Recording]

After Closed Session, Chair Rabbitt called the meeting to order in Open Session with a quorum present. Attorney Kimon Manolius stated that the Committee had met in Closed Session, as permitted by the Brown Act, to discuss the above listed matter. He reported that the Committee gave guidance to legal counsel about how to proceed with the matter.

(12) **Adjournment** [00:46 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

All business having been concluded **Directors PAHRE/SNYDER** moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

David Rabbitt, Chair
Finance-Auditing Committee

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- (2) Roll Call:** Secretary of the District Amorette M. Ko-Wong. **[01:09 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

Committee Members Present (6): Chair Hernández; Directors Cochran, Garbarino, Grosboll and Hill; President Theriault.

Committee Members Absent (2): Vice Chair Arnold; Director Conroy.

Other Directors Absent (4): Directors Mastin, Pahre, Snyder and Thier.

Committee of the Whole Members Present (10): Directors Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Snyder and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Theriault.

Committee of the Whole Members Absent (6): Directors Arnold, Conroy, Giudice, Rabbitt, Rodoni and Stefani.

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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/Administration and Development Kellee Hopper; Executive Administrator to the General Manager Justine Bock; Senior Board Analyst Elizabeth Eells.

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(3) Approve Juneteenth as a Paid Holiday for All District Employees and District Officers [03:07 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

General Manager Denis Mulligan presented the staff report. He stated that under the laws regarding represented employees, management is required to offer to meet and confer with the affected unions about any changes. He reviewed the significance of Juneteenth.

[05:10 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Director Thier, Garbarino and Hernández expressed support for approving Juneteenth as a paid holiday.

Director Garbarino stated that at her company, they had offered the Juneteenth holiday to employees in exchange for another holiday due to fiscal considerations. She encouraged Board members to continue to consider the fiscal ramifications of their decisions.

Mr. Mulligan stated that sometimes it takes money to do the right thing.

Chair Hernández echoed the sentiments.

The following individual spoke under public comment: **[07:46 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

- David Pilpel, San Francisco Resident

(a) Action by Committee

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

RECOMMENDATION

The Rules, Policy and Industrial Relations Committee/Committee of the Whole recommends that the Board of Directors approve the following actions for all Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) employees and District officers,

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effective January 1, 2023:

- (a) Approve the federal holiday of Juneteenth (June 19) as a District observed paid holiday;
- (b) Authorize staff to engage in the meet-and-confer process with represented employee bargaining units; and,
- (c) Update applicable District policies accordingly.

Action by the Board at its meeting of December 16, 2022 – Resolution

AYES (10): Directors Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Snyder and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Theriault.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (6): Directors Arnold, Conroy, Giudice, Rabbitt, Rodoni and Stefani.

(4) Public Comment

There were no public comments.

(5) Adjournment [10:38 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

All business having been concluded, **Directors HILL/MASTIN** moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:11 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
/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.

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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 via audio conferencing on Friday, December 16, 2022, at 9:15 a.m., Chair Cochran presiding.

- (1) Call to Order:** 9:15 a.m. **[00:22 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**
- (2) Roll Call:** Secretary of the District Amorette M. Ko-Wong. **[01:10 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Committee Members Present (6): Chair Cochran; Vice Chair Snyder; Directors Garbarino, Hernández and Hill; President Theriault.

Committee Members Absent (3): Directors Giudice, Rodoni and Stefani.

Other Directors Present (4): Directors Grosboll, Mastin, Pahre and Thier.

Committee of the Whole Members Present (10): Directors Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Snyder and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Theriault.

Committee of the Whole Members Absent (6): Directors Arnold, Conroy, Giudice, Rabbitt, Rodoni and Stefani.

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

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 Mona Babauta; 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) Approve the Implementation of the District's 2023 Legislative Platform [03:15 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

General Manager Denis Mulligan presented the staff report. He highlighted some key legislative priorities and stated that staff is seeking approval of the framework for the year.

[07:10 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Director Snyder expressed appreciation for being on the Committee and working with staff on the District's lobbying efforts. He inquired about Regional Measure 3, the Larkspur Ferry Channel and the meeting with Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg. He noted the District's legislative lobbying program is very important.

Director Hill expressed support for Alexander Avenue safety improvements.

Mr. Mulligan responded to the Directors' comments and inquiries. He said that the Regional Measure 3 lawsuit is expected to be heard in the next year. He clarified that, if the California Supreme Court rules in favor of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), the Regional Measure 3 funds would go to MTC acting as the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA), and indicated that such funds would be used for the specific projects included in the Regional Measure 3 voter pamphlet.

The following individual spoke under public comment: **[15:38 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

- David Pilpel, San Francisco Resident

(a) Action by the Committee

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

RECOMMENDATION

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The Governmental Affairs and Public Information Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approve the implementation of the 2023 Legislative Platform as attached to the staff report.

Action by the Board at its meeting of December 16, 2022 – Resolution

AYES (10): Directors Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Snyder and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Theriault.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (6): Directors Arnold, Conroy, Giudice, Rabbitt, Rodoni and Stefani.

(4) Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

(5) Adjournment [18:44 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

All business having been concluded, **Directors THERIAULT/HERNÁNDEZ** moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald Cochran, Chair
Governmental Affairs and Public Information Committee

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GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM OF MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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The Board of Directors (Board) of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) met in regular session held virtually/remotely on Friday, December 16, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., President Theriault presiding.

- (1) **CALL TO ORDER:** President Michael Theriault. [00:23 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]
- (2) **ROLL CALL:** Secretary of the District Amorette M. Ko-Wong. [1:07 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Directors Present (15): Directors Arnold, Conroy, Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Theriault.

Directors Absent (1): Director Rabbitt.

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

Staff Present: General Manager Denis Mulligan; Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire; District Engineer Ewa Bauer-Furbush; Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong; Attorneys Kimon Manolius and Joseph Moore; Deputy General Manager/Bridge Division David Rivera; Deputy General Manager/Bus Transit Division Mona Babauta; Deputy

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General Manager/Ferry Division James Swindler; Deputy General Manager/Administration and Development Kellee Hopper; Director of Risk Management and Safety Kelli Vitale; Executive Administrator to the General Manager Justine Bock; Senior Board Analyst Elizabeth Eells.

(3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Director Patty Garbarino [03:37 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

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[Director Rodoni arrived.]

(4) PUBLIC COMMENT: [04:05 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

President Theriault inquired about the number of people who were present to make public comments. Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong responded there are two members of the public who want to speak.

President Theriault confirmed that the callers could have three minutes each in which to make their comments.

The following individuals spoke under Public Comment: [04:33 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

- Kymberlyrenée Gamboa, Sacramento County Resident
- David Pilpel, San Francisco Resident
- Shane Weinstein, Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), Local 1575

[06:07 and 10:48 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

President Theriault thanked Ms. Gamboa and the other speakers for their comments.

General Manager Denis Mulligan responded to the public comments. He expressed appreciation to Ms. Gamboa for her comments and advocacy of the Suicide Deterrent System.

He thanked Mr. Pilpel for his comments and review of District documents.

He expressed appreciation for Mr. Weinstein's comments.

(5) CONSENT CALENDAR: [11:40 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Ms. Ko-Wong presented the Consent Calendar and confirmed that she would remove the "s" after individual in the Board of Director Minutes in the Consent Calendar on page 29.

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Directors PAHRE/THIER moved and seconded to approve the Consent Calendar with “individuals” changed to “individual” on page 29. All items were approved by the following vote of the Board of Directors:

AYES (15): Directors Arnold, Conroy, Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Theriault.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (1): Director Rabbitt.

(A) Approve the Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (1) Transportation Committee of November 17, 2022;
- (2) Building and Operating Committee of November 17, 2022;
- (3) Finance-Auditing Committee of November 17, 2022; and,
- (4) Board of Directors of November 18, 2022.

Carried

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

Resolution No. 2022-098 (as detailed in the December 15, 2022 Finance-Auditing Committee meeting)

- (1) Ratifies Commitments and/or Expenditures
- (2) Ratifies Previous Investments
- (3) Authorizes Reinvestments
- (4) Accepts Investment Report for November 2022

Adopted

(6) REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

(A) General Manager [13:23 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

- (1) **Approve a Revision to the 2022 Master Ordinance for Parking Lots at the Golden Gate Bridge** [13:54 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Mr. Mulligan presented the staff report, explained why the action is necessary, and indicated another revision to the Master Ordinance may be necessary in the future to add an additional holiday.

President Theriault inquired about the possibility of taking public comment on this item.

Ms. Ko-Wong confirmed that the public had the opportunity to make comments during Agenda Item No. 4 Public Comment.

Directors COCHRAN/GARBARINO

Ordinance No. 2022-004 approves a revision to the 2022 Master Ordinance, Section 1.I., **PARKING PRIVILEGES AND RESTRICTIONS, Subsection (3)(a), PARKING FACILITIES AT THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE**, to delete the third paragraph and replace with the following text:

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“Parking fees apply on District observed Administrative Holidays (New Year’s Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, President’s Day, Cesar Chavez Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day after Thanksgiving and Christmas Day).”

Adopted

AYES (15): Directors Arnold, Conroy, Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Theriault.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (1): Director Rabbitt.

(2) General Manager Report [17:02 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Mr. Mulligan presented the General Manager Report. He recognized Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program Administrator Artemisé Davenport who received the “Member of the Year” Award from The Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO). He spoke about Ms. Davenport’s enthusiasm for her work, and recognition by her colleagues.

He provided an update on the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the District. He said Bridge revenues remain down about \$1 million per week and highlighted that commute travel remains down. He indicated District representatives would work with the City and County of San Francisco, the business community and transit operators to bring back trips to downtown San Francisco.

He recognized Sylvia Calderon and Donald Whitten, Jr. for their District service.

[21:41 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Directors Thier, Hill and Hernández acknowledged and expressed appreciation for the contributions of Ms. Davenport.

Director Hernández also acknowledged the contributions of Ms. Calderon and Mr. Whitten, Jr.

(B) Attorney [23:39 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

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

(1) Closed Session

Attorney Manolius reported that two Closed Sessions, listed on the Board Agenda as Item No. 6.A. Attorney, would take place just prior to the conclusion of this meeting:

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- a) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)
Report of Athens Administrators, Inc.
John Walker v. Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District.
- b) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)
Report of Hanson Bridgett, LLP
One Potential Case with Shimmick Construction Company, Inc./Danny's Construction Company LLC, a Joint Venture.

(C) District Engineer [24:25 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

District Engineer Ewa Bauer-Furbush presented the District Engineer Report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken. She highlighted some key developments of the Suicide Deterrent System (SDS) project, Toll Plaza Administration Building Elevator project, Larkspur Ferry Terminal and Dredging project and the SDS Rescue Training Net project.

(7) OTHER REPORTS:

There were no Other Reports to discuss.

(8) REPORT OF COMMITTEES: [29:26 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

- (A) Meeting of the Transportation Committee/Committee of the Whole [29:44 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]
December 15, 2022
Chair Judy Arnold**

President Theriault stated that the following item was discussed at the Transportation Committee meeting of the day before.

Chair Arnold thanked staff for the presentation regarding the Short-Range Transit Plan of the day before, and said the Plan reflects a lot of thoughtful work.

- (1) Discussion and Action to Adopt the Final Short-Range Transit Plan for Regional Bus, Ferry, and Paratransit Service Prepared for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for Fiscal Years 2022/23 Through 2027/28 [30:30 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

Directors ARNOLD/HILL

Resolution No. 2022-099 adopts the Final Short-Range Transit Plan for Fiscal Years 2022/23 through 2027/28 for submission to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

Adopted

AYES (15): Directors Arnold, Conroy, Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández Mastin, Pahre, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Theriault.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (1): Director Rabbitt.

(B) Meeting of the Building and Operating Committee/Committee of the Whole
[32:19 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]
December 15, 2022
Chair Patricia Garbarino

President Theriault stated that the following item was discussed at the Building and Operating Committee meeting of the day before.

Chair Garbarino thanked staff for the presentation regarding the San Rafael Transit Center Replacement project of the day before, and said the presentation reflects many years of hard work to get to this stage of the project.

(1) Approve the San Rafael Transit Center Replacement Project;
Certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the
Project; Approval of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
Findings and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program [33:13
Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Directors GARBARINO/HERNÁNDEZ

Resolution No. 2022-100 approves the San Rafael Transit Center Replacement Project (Project) and takes actions relative to the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Project. These actions include:

- adopting the Final EIR;
- approving findings and approving a mitigation monitoring and reporting program;
- certifying that the document meets all the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and then,
- approving the Project and selecting the Move Whistlestop Alternative as the preferred Project alternative.

Adopted

AYES (15): Directors Arnold, Conroy, Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Theriault.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (1): Director Rabbitt.

(C) **Meeting of the Finance-Auditing Committee/Committee of the Whole [35:05 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**
December 15, 2022
Vice Chair Barbara Pahre

President Theriault stated the following item was discussed at the Finance-Auditing Committee meeting of the day before. He asked if any Directors wanted to recuse themselves and leave the meeting.

[Directors Grosboll, Hernández and Snyder stated they have potential conflicts relative to the item listed below, recused themselves and departed.]

(1) **Approve Actions Relative to the Renewal of Vision, Dental, Life Insurance and Employee Assistance Plans [36:57 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**

Directors PAHRE/GIUDICE

Resolution No. 2022-101 approves premium rates for the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District's (District) Vision, Dental, Life Insurance and Employee Assistance plans for the 2023 Plan Year, at an overall estimated renewal cost of \$2,990,000. Requisite funding is included in the FY 22/23 Operating Budget and will be budgeted accordingly in the FY 23/24 Operating Budget.

Adopted

AYES (12): Directors Arnold, Conroy, Garbarino, Giudice, Mastin, Pahre, Rodoni, Stefani and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Theriault.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (4): Director Grosboll, Hernández, Rabbitt and Snyder.

[Directors Grosboll, Hernández and Snyder returned.]

(D) **Meeting of the Rules, Policy and Industrial Relations Committee/Committee of the Whole [39:07 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]**
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Chair Sabrina Hernández

President Theriault stated that the following item was discussed at the Rules, Policy and Industrial Relations Committee meeting of earlier that day.

Chair Hernández stated that this item was brought previously to the Committee and the Committee members had requested that the item be refined in order to appropriately and respectfully honor the holiday and accurately reflect the District's values with employees. She said those goals have been achieved and she thanked staff for their work on the item.

- (1) **Approve Juneteenth as a Paid Holiday for All District Employees and District Officers** [40:35 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Directors HERNÁNDEZ/SNYDER

Resolution No. 2022-102 approves the following actions for all Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) employees and District officers, effective January 1, 2023:

- (a) Approves the federal holiday of Juneteenth (June 19) as a District observed paid holiday;
- (b) Authorizes staff to engage in the meet-and-confer process with represented employee bargaining units; and,
- (c) Updates applicable District policies accordingly.

Adopted

AYES (15): Directors Arnold, Conroy, Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Theriault.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (1): Director Rabbitt.

- (E) **Meeting of the Governmental Affairs and Public Information Committee/Committee of the Whole** [42:19 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]
December 16, 2022
Chair Gerald Cochran

President Theriault stated that the following item was discussed at the Governmental Affairs and Public Information Governmental Affairs and Public Information Committee meeting of earlier that day

[Director Conroy recused herself from participating in the item listed below and departed.]

- (1) **Approve the Implementation of the District's 2023 Legislative Platform** [43:16 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Directors COCHRAN/HILL

Resolution No. 2022-103 approves the implementation of the 2023 Legislative Platform as attached to the staff report.

Adopted

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AYES (15): Directors Arnold, Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Theriault.
NOES (0): None.
ABSENT (2): Directors Conroy and Rabbitt.

[Director Conroy returned.]

(9) ADDRESSES TO BOARD:

There were no Addresses to the Board.

(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 [44:58 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Ms. Ko-Wong presented the staff report. She said that she and others are working to secure a location for the Board and Committees' meetings in March and April. She promised that she and President Theriault would brief the Board when more information is available.

Directors PAHRE/GUIDICE

Resolution No. 2022-104 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 (15): Directors Arnold, Conroy, Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Theriault.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (1): Director Rabbitt.

(B) Consider Possible Action to Terminate the Suspension of Board Procedural Rules and Policies for COVID-19 Related Emergency Actions [47:07 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

Mr. Mulligan presented the staff report.

Directors GIUDICE/GARBARINO moved and seconded to continue consideration of this item until the next Board meeting.

Carried

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AYES (15): Directors Arnold, Conroy, Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Theriault.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (1): Director Rabbitt.

(C) Authorize a Resolution of Appreciation to Judy Arnold in Recognition of her Dedicated Service as Director of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District Board [48:41 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

President Theriault stated that Director Arnold is attending her last Board meeting as a Director and she concludes her service as a Marin County Supervisor on December 31, 2022.

Director Garbarino expressed appreciation for Director Arnold and her service which began on May 13, 2011. She reviewed Director Arnold's contributions to the Board including serving as Chair of the Transportation Committee, Chair of the Nomination of the Officers of the Board Advisory Committee, former Chair of the Rules, Policy and Industrial Relations Committee, and serving on numerous committees including the Suicide Deterrent System Advisory Committee and Review of Officers of the District Advisory Committee. She noted that Director Arnold has faithfully served on the Board while also serving as a Marin County Supervisor for District 5. She reviewed some of her other community service including the Novato City Council, Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit Board of Directors, Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners and Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Board. In addition, she noted that Director Arnold authored and published children's books. She thanked her for her contributions, guidance and diplomacy. She made the motion for the Resolution of Appreciation for her leadership, guidance and friendship.

Director Snyder said he had worked with Director Arnold for many years. He said he had worked with her on many issues including some that were contentious. He spoke about her deliberative process, and how she listens and proposes workable solutions. He said that he has appreciated watching her leadership style and thanked her for her service.

Director Thier spoke about her long relationship with Director Arnold, and her status as a role model for women in politics. She also spoke about her willingness to listen and propose solutions. She said that she had enjoyed the times they have worked together and would miss those opportunities. She expressed hope that Director Arnold would remain active and engaged.

Director Cochran said that he has known Director Arnold for many years. He thanked her for her candor and work on many committees. He wished her well.

Director Pahre expressed appreciation for Director Arnold. She said that when people ask her questions she frequently refers them to Judy Arnold because Director Arnold knows many people, is very knowledgeable and gets things done. She also said that her election

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slogan, “Judy gets it done” is very apt. She reviewed some of the many things Director Arnold has accomplished including how she helped get things done for the Bridge, recruited staff members to key agencies, and facilitated getting land donated to appropriate agencies. She noted that Director Arnold is a role model for being senatorial, and said she hopes someone recruits her to be a lobbyist.

Director Rodoni invited everyone to attend a celebration on Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at 9 am. He said that the Board of Supervisors are holding a special meeting and would be celebrating Director/Supervisor Arnold. He said that he has been friends with Director Arnold for over 40 years and he would have much more to say about her at the celebration.

Director Grosboll said that he is one of three former Board Presidents. He spoke about Director Arnold’s activity on committees, cooperative attitude and willingness to assist when asked. He added that he has enjoyed working with her, and thanked her for her contributions.

Director Hernández congratulated Director Arnold and expressed appreciation for serving with her. She echoed the other comments about Director Arnold’s contributions, and said she admires what she has been able to achieve on the Board and in the community. She wished her well.

President Theriault spoke about Director Arnold’s close relationship with former Director Sears and said she would also have many wonderful things to say. He said Director Arnold has been a radiant presence on the Board, looks even better now and wished her well. He thanked her for her service.

Director Hill expressed appreciation for the fine example Director Arnold has set as Chair of the Transportation Committee.

Director Arnold expressed appreciation for the President’s and Directors’ comments. She said the District is very well run, and she has loved working with the District. She said that she will miss everybody.

Ms. Ko-Wong expressed appreciation for Director Arnold and her support.

Directors GARBARINO/GIUDICE

Resolution No. 2022-105 approves the preparation and presentation of a Resolution of Appreciation to Judy Arnold in recognition of her dedicated service as a Golden Gate Bridge District Director.

Adopted

AYES (14): Directors Conroy, Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Theriault.

NOES (0): None.

ABSTENTIONS (1): Director Arnold.

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ABSENT (1): Director Rabbitt.

(D) Report from the Chair of the Nomination of Officers of the Board of Directors for 2022 Advisory Committee [1:05:14 Hour Mark on the Video Recording]

(1) Approve the Selection of Officers of the Board of Directors for 2023 [1:05:40 Hour Mark on the Video Recording]

Chair Arnold presented the Advisory Committee's Report. She reviewed the Committee's recommendation for the Officers of the Board for the Year 2023:

President Michael Theriault;
First Vice President Gerald Cochran; and
Second Vice President Elbert Hill.

Directors ARNOLD/MASTIN

Resolution No. 2022-106 approves the selection of Officers of the Board of Directors for the Year 2023: President Michael Theriault, First Vice President Gerald Cochran and Second Vice President Elbert Hill.

Adopted

AYES (15): Directors Arnold, Conroy, Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Theriault.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (1): Director Rabbitt.

(11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

(A) Closed Session [1:09:11 Hour Mark on the Video Recording]

Attorney Kimon Manolius, at the request of President Theriault, 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, Item No. 6.A. Attorney as outlined above.

(B) Open Session [00:21 Minutes Mark on the Closing Video Recording]

After Closed Session, President Theriault 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, was briefed by general counsel regarding the matter listed on the Board Agenda as Item No. 6.A. Attorney, and gave appropriate direction. With regards to Item No. 6.A. Attorney, the Board was briefed and there is nothing further to report.

(12) NEW BUSINESS:

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There was no New Business.

(13) COMMUNICATIONS: [01:03 Minutes Mark on the Video 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: [01:15 Minutes Mark on the Video Recording]

All business having been concluded Directors GIUDICE/MASTIN moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned in honor of Bruce Arnold, Michael (Mike) Hardeman and John Ralph Hampson at 12:17 p.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Amorette M. Ko-Wong
Secretary of the District

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.B.

**RATIFICATION OF PREVIOUS ACTIONS BY THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
FINANCE-AUDITING COMMITTEE OF JANUARY 26, 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 January 26, 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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