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GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM OF MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

OCTOBER 27, 2023

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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, October 27, 2023, at 10:02 a.m., with President Thériault presiding. A remote audio option for public participation was available.

- (1) <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>: President Michael Thériault.
- (2) <u>**ROLL CALL</u>**: Secretary of the District Amorette M. Ko-Wong. [00:27 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]</u>

Directors Present (16): Directors Conroy, Dorsey, Engardio, Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Thériault. **Directors Absent (3)**: Directors Moulton-Peters, Pahre and Safaí.

Staff Present: General Manager Denis Mulligan; Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire; Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong; Attorneys Kimon Manolius, Alexandra Atencio, David Casarrubias; Deputy General Manager/Bridge Division David Rivera; Deputy General Manager/Ferry Division Michael Hoffman; Deputy General Manager/Administration and Development Kellee Hopper; Deputy District Engineer John Eberle; Executive Administrator to the General Manager Justine Bock; Senior Board Analyst Elizabeth Eells.

(3) <u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u>: Director Chris Snyder [02:22 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

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(4) <u>PUBLIC COMMENT:</u> [02:45 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

The following individuals spoke under Public Comment:

- David Herrera, Bus Operator (in person)
- Shane Weinstein, Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), Local 1575 (in person)
- John Holden, Bus Operator (in person)
- Robert Kaufman, Bus Operator (in person)
- Dave Rhody, The Climate Reality Project (in person)
- Kymberlyrenée Gamboa, Sacramento County resident (remotely)
- David Pilpel, San Francisco resident (remotely)
- James Lindsay, Bus Operator and ATU (remotely)

[26:01 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

President Thériault and General Manager Denis Mulligan thanked the speakers for their public comments. Mr. Mulligan responded to the comments. He said he would address the comment about the Golden Gate Transit Amalgamated Retirement Plan (GGTARP) in item 10.A. He expressed appreciation for Ms. Gamboa's and her family's comments for the past 10 years. He confirmed that the Suicide Deterrent System (SDS) is already making a difference and the District would hold an event to commemorate its completion in the future. He expressed appreciation to Mr. Lindsay for his leadership in labor bargaining and Mr. Herrera for his service. He confirmed that the District supports direct communication between employees and their respective unions.

Director Thier stated that she would be recusing herself for Agenda Item Nos. 8.B.1 and 8.B.2.

(5) <u>CONSENT CALENDAR</u>: [31:34 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Directors RABBITT/RODONI 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, Dorsey, Engardio, Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Thériault.
NOES (0):	None.
ABSENT (3):	Directors Moulton-Peters, Pahre and Safaí.

(A) <u>Approve the Minutes of the following Meetings</u>:

- (1) Building and Operating Committee of September 21, 2023;
- (2) Finance-Auditing Committee of September 21, 2023;
- (3) Rules, Policy and Industrial Relations Committee of September 21, 2023; and,

(4) Board of Directors of September 22, 2023.

(B) <u>Ratification of Previous Actions by the Auditor-Controller</u> <u>Resolution No. 2023-061</u> (as detailed in the October 26, 2023, Finance-Auditing Committee meeting)

- (1) Ratifies Commitments and/or Expenditures
- (2) Ratifies Previous Investments
- (3) Authorizes Reinvestments
- (4) Accepts Investment Report for September 2023

Adopted

Carried

(6) <u>REPORTS OF OFFICERS</u>:

(A) <u>General Manager</u> [32:34 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Mr. Mulligan presented the General Manager Report. He highlighted a few items in his report including: 1) Golden Gate Ferry recreational travel including special event ridership; 2) Bridge traffic and bus transit ridership; and 3) recognition of Fernando Quiroz Guzman for his District service.

[36:42 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

President Thériault commented about the San Francisco Giants and ferry ridership. He said that he looks forward to having the employee recognition resume before he leaves office. He inquired about the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Conference.

Mr. Mulligan responded to the President's comments and inquiry. He added to his report and spoke about the Bus Roadeo on October 7, 2023; and the APEC Leaders' Week, November 11-17.

[38:14 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Director Snyder inquired about President Biden's attendance at the APEC conference.

Mr. Mulligan responded to the inquiry.

(B) <u>Attorney</u> [38:46 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

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

(1) <u>Closed Session</u>

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

 (a) <u>Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation</u> Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) <u>Report of Hanson Bridgett, LLP</u>
(i) In re Toll Bridges Litigation: Sumatra Kendrick, an individual; Michelle Kelly, an individual and on behalf of herself and those similarly situated, v. Bay Area Toll Authority, Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District, Xerox State and Local Solutions, Inc.; and Conduent State and Local Solutions, Inc.

San Francisco Superior Court; Case Numbers CGC-17-562613, consolidated with CGC-18-568084.

 William Montgomery v. Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District, San Francisco Superior Court, Case No. CGC-18-568084, United States District Court, Northern District of California, Case No. 3:18-cv-05518-RS.

(C) <u>District Engineer</u> [39:15 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Deputy District Engineer John Eberle presented the District Engineer Report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken. He provided an update on a few projects including the:

- Corte Madera Ecological Preserve (CMER)
- Toll Plaza Pavement Overlay
- Administration Building Elevator
- Suicide Deterrent System

[40:32 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Director Thier commented about the CMER update. She expressed her goals of avoiding the use of herbicides at the site and repeating the process of cutting the pampas grass if necessary in the future. She requested that staff obtain a cost estimate for this work and the District approve an Amendment if necessary.

Director Mastin agreed with Director Thier's comments.

President Thériault requested an update about the Seismic Retrofit Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) procurement.

Mr. Eberle and Mr. Mulligan responded to the Director's comments. Mr. Mulligan confirmed that staff can bring an Amendment, which would ban the use of herbicides, back to the Board through the Building and Operating Committee. Mr. Eberle reviewed the status of the Seismic Retrofit CMCG process.

(7) <u>OTHER REPORTS</u>:

There were no Other Reports to discuss.

(8) <u>REPORT OF COMMITTEES</u>:

(A) <u>Meeting of the Transportation Committee/Committee of the Whole</u> [46:52 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

October 26, 2023 Chair Elbert Hill

President Thériault stated that the following items were discussed at the Transportation Committee meeting of the prior day.

(1) <u>Approve Updates to the Agency Safety Plan for Golden Gate Transit</u> [47:06 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Directors HILL/RABBITT

Resolution No. 2023-062 approves updates to the Agency Safety Plan (ASP) for Golden Gate Transit (GGT), as follows:

- (a) Delegates authority to the General Manager, as the Accountable Executive, to designate roles in GGT's ASP; and,
- (b) Approves GGT's ASP, revision 3.0 dated October 2023, in compliance with the Federal Transit Administration's Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Rule.

Adopted

 AYES (16): Directors Conroy, Dorsey, Engardio, Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Thériault.
NOES (0): None.

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

(B) <u>Building and Operating Committee/Committee of the Whole</u> [48:35 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording] <u>October 26, 2023</u> Chair Patricia Garbarino

President Thériault stated that the Building and Operating Committee met and discussed these items the day before.

[Director Thier recused herself for Agenda Item Nos. 8.B.1 and 8.B.2 and departed.]

(1) <u>Approve Actions Relative to Professional Services Agreement No.</u> 2011-B-2, *Design Services for the Golden Gate Bridge Physical Suicide* <u>Deterrent System</u>, with HNTB Corporation [49:18 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Directors GARBARINO/GIUDICE

<u>Resolution No. 2023-063</u> approves the following actions relative to the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) No. 2011-B-2, *Design Services for the Golden Gate Bridge Physical Suicide Deterrent System*:

- (a) Authorizes execution of the Second Addendum to the Twelfth Amendment to PSA No. 2011-B-2 with HNTB Corporation (HNTB), in an amount notto-exceed \$1,400,000 for continuation of the construction engineering design support services during construction of the *Golden Gate Bridge Physical Suicide Deterrent System Construction* (Project #1526); and,
- (b) Authorizes an increase in the amount of \$1,400,000 in the FY 2023/24 Bridge Division Capital Budget, relative to Project #1526, to be financed with District reserves, for a revised total Project #1526 budget of \$218,912,868.

Adopted

AYES (15): Directors Conroy, Dorsey, Engardio, Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder and Stefani; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Thériault.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (4): Directors Moulton-Peters, Pahre, Safaí and Thier.

(2) <u>Approve Actions Relative to Professional Services Agreement No.</u> 2010-B-1, *Golden Gate Suspension Bridge Seismic Retrofit Design* <u>Services</u>, with HDR Engineering, Inc. [51:02 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Directors GARBARINO/SNYDER

<u>Resolution No. 2023-064</u> approves the following actions relative to Professional Services Agreement (PSA) No. 2010-B-1, *Golden Gate Suspension Bridge Seismic Retrofit Design Services*:

- (a) Authorizes execution of the Thirteenth Amendment to PSA No. 2010-B-1, with HDR Engineering, Inc., Walnut Creek, CA, in an amount not-to-exceed \$351,150, for additional engineering design services associated with the *Golden Gate Suspension Bridge Seismic Retrofit Project*, (Project #1923); and,
- (b) Establishes a 10% contingency for the amendment in the amount of \$35,100,

with the understanding that sufficient funds are available in the FY 23/24 Bridge Division Capital Budget for Project #1923 to finance the Thirteenth Amendment to the PSA and its contingency.

Adopted

AYES (15): Directors Conroy, Dorsey, Engardio, Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder and Stefani; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Thériault.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (4): Directors Moulton-Peters, Pahre, Safaí and Thier.

[Director Thier returned.]

(3) <u>Authorize Payment Relative to Terminating Contract No. 2022-F-084,</u> <u>CARB Compliant Tier 4 Diesel Engines</u> [52:49 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Directors GARBARINO/HILL

Resolution No. 2023-065 authorizes payment of cancellation costs in the amount of \$299,576.00 to Pacific Power Group of Kent, WA, for the termination of Contract No. 2022-F-084, *CARB Compliant Tier 4 Diesel Engines*; with the understanding that sufficient funds are available in Ferry Division Capital Budget for Project #2240, *Spaulding Repower*.

Adopted

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

NOES (0): None.

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

(4) <u>Approve Actions Relative to the Naming of a New Ferry Vessel</u> [54:07 <u>Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording</u>]

Director Giudice thanked the Board members and staff for the cultural sensitivity that they showed throughout the naming process.

Directors GARBARINO/GIUDICE

<u>Resolution No. 2023-066</u> approve actions relative to the naming of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District's new ferry vessel as follows:

- (a) Rescinds Resolution No. 2023-031, which approved the selection of *Motor Vessel (M.V.) Olompali* for the new vessel and authorized the official filing of the name with the United States Coast Guard; and,
- (b) Approves naming the new ferry vessel the *M.V. Liwa* and authorizes staff to file the name with the United States Coast Guard.

Adopted

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

NOES (0): None.

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

(5) <u>Authorize Award of Contracts Relative to Request for Proposals No.</u> 2023-D-006, <u>Microsoft and VMWare Professional Services</u> [55:36 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Directors GARBARINO/GIUDICE

Resolution No. 2023-067 authorizes execution of five contracts pursuant to Request for Proposals No. 2023-D-006, *Microsoft and VMware Professional Services*, for on-call professional services for a three-year term, with two one-year option terms, exercisable at the District's sole discretion, with the understanding that the total annual spending across all five contracts will not exceed \$750,000 in any one year, for a total aggregate amount of \$3,750,000. The five recommended firms are as follows:

- (a) ePlus Technology, Inc., Herndon, VA (Contract No. 2023-D-006-01)
- (b) iShift LLC, Scottsdale, AZ (Contract No. 2023-D-006-02)
- (c) Zones, LLC, Auburn, WA (Contract No. 2023-D-006-03)
- (d) Softchoice Corporation, Chicago, IL (Contract No. 2023-D-006-04)
- (e) World Wide Technology, LLC, St. Louis, MO (Contract No. 2023-D-006-05)

Adopted

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

NOES (0): None. ABSENT (3): Directors Moulton-Peters, Pahre and Safaí.

(C) <u>Meeting of the Finance-Auditing Committee/Committee of the Whole</u> [57:29 <u>Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording</u>] <u>October 26, 2023</u> <u>Chair David Rabbitt</u>

President Thériault stated that committee met and discussed these items the day before.

(1) <u>Approve Establishment of a New Project, Spaulding Replacement</u> <u>Project, in the Fiscal Year 23/24 Ferry Division Capital Budget</u> [57:37 <u>Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording</u>]

President Thériault requested clarification on how the vessels will be powered.

Mr. Mulligan responded to the President's inquiry. He stated that the new vessels will be powered with the latest California Air Resources Board (CARB) compliant diesel engines and will likely be converted to electric propulsion when the technology allows the ferries to travel at a sufficiently fast speed.

Directors RABBITT/HILL

Resolution No. 2023-068 approves establishing a new Ferry Division Capital Project, Project #2446, *Spaulding Replacement Project*, in the Fiscal Year 23/24 Ferry Division Capital budget in the amount of \$63,000,000.

Adopted

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

NOES (0): None.

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

(2) <u>Authorize Execution of Contracts Relative to Request for Proposals No.</u> 2023-D-039, *Insurance Advisors and Brokerage Services* [01:00:21 Hour Mark on the Audio Recording]

Directors RABBITT/GIUDICE

Resolution No. 2023-069 approves the following actions relative to Request for Proposals No. 2023-D-039, *Insurance Advisors and Brokerage Services*:

- (a) Authorizes execution of a contract with USI Insurance Services, for a threeyear term, for a total not-to-exceed cost of \$384,000, with two additional one-year options for a total not to exceed cost of \$128,000 per option year, for the Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District's (District) Casualty and Property Insurance Program, effective November 1, 2023; and,
- (b) Authorizes execution of a contract with USI Insurance Services., for a threeyear term, for a total not-to-exceed cost of \$120,000, with two additional one-year options for a total not-to-exceed cost of \$40,000 per option year, for the District's Marine Insurance Programs, effective November 1, 2023;

with the understanding that requisite funds for these services are available in the District's FY 23/24 Operating Budget and future years will be budgeted accordingly.

Adopted

AYES (16): Directors Conroy, Dorsey, Engardio, Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani and Thier;

Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Thériault.

NOES (0): None.

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

(3) <u>Receive the Updated Five- and Ten-Year Financial Projection</u> [01:02:03 Hour Mark on the Audio Recording]

Directors RABBITT/RODONI

<u>Resolution No. 2023-070</u> receives the updated five- and ten-year financial projection, as detailed in the staff report.

Adopted

AYES (16): Directors Conroy, Dorsey, Engardio, Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Rabbitt, Rodoni, Snyder, Stefani and Thier; Second Vice President Hill; First Vice President Cochran; President Thériault.
NOES (0): None.

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

(9) <u>ADDRESSES TO BOARD</u>:

There were no Addresses to Board.

(10) <u>SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS</u>:

(A) <u>Golden Gate Transit Amalgamated Retirement Plan Update</u> [01:03:24 Hour Mark on the Audio Recording]

Mr. Mulligan introduced the update and provided information about the District's pension plans and Golden Gate Transit Amalgamated Retirement Plan (GGTARP). He explained the GGTARP structure and contributions, and spoke about the additional \$5.2 million contribution made by the District in the past fiscal year.

He indicated that Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) employees approved a recent Collective Bargaining Agreement, which establishes a pension working group. He spoke about a Rehabilitation Plan that would change ATU member benefits and contributions and improve the pension plan's financial condition.

He reviewed an example of how pension plans typically offer a reduced monthly pension payment when a retiree elects to, upon their death, continue their pension payments to their spouse. He noted that the GGTARP does not reduce a retiree's monthly pension to account for the additional cost of providing this benefit, particularly when the spouse is significantly younger than the retiree. He indicated that, in addition to contributing to the unfunded status of GGTARP, this approach is not fair to single retirees.

Cheiron, Inc. Consulting Actuary Graham Schmidt presented the GGTARP Update presentation.

[Director comments are spread throughout the presentation, begin at 01:14:39, 01:30:42, 01:31:18, 01:33:33, 01:34:07, 01:40:01, and continue until 02:08:42 Hours Mark on the Audio Recording]

Director Thier inquired about the GGTARP investment losses. Mr. Schmidt responded.

Director Mastin inquired about the permitted investments. President Thériault responded to his inquiry and stated that investments are not limited.

Director Snyder inquired about the payments made each year and the payments required to reduce the unfunded liability over 20 years. Mr. Schmidt responded.

Director Conroy requested additional clarity about the contribution amount that would be required to fully reduce the unfunded liability. Mr. Schmidt stated that his team estimates that annual payments of \$11.5 million from the employees and employer would be required to pay the current cost of the benefits and pay down the unfunded liability.

Director Thier requested clarification about what employees pay, the additional payment required and the payment's effect on the shortfall. Mr. Schmidt responded to her inquiry and stated that an additional payment of up to \$11.2 million would be required after the employee contribution is made depending on the size of the employee contribution.

[Director Stefani departed.]

President Thériault commented about the unfunded liability.

Director Grosboll inquired about the payroll and the factors that could contribute to an increased payroll. Mr. Schmidt responded.

President Thériault referred to slide 34, and the difference between the payments made by the District and the Actuarially Defined Contribution. He commented about the various roles of the involved parties including the GGTARP Board of Trustees, District and ATU, Local 1575. He stated that changes to the plan will have a minimal effect on the unfunded liability.

Director Rabbitt inquired about the factors that affect the GGTARP. Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Mulligan responded to his inquiry.

President Thériault spoke about changes the Board of Trustees made to the GGTARP, some of the circumstances that affected the investments and the process that resulted in changes being made to the GGTARP.

Director Mastin inquired about the District's current annual payment to the GGTARP. Mr. Mulligan, Mr. Wire and Mr. Schmidt responded to the inquiry.

Director Conroy commented that the District Board does not have direct control of the GGTARP Board of Trustees. She inquired about a possible restructuring plan that would help avoid having the GGTARP be underfunded. President Thériault and Mr. Mulligan responded to the inquiry. President Thériault reviewed the structure of the GGTARP Board of Trustees. He said that the Board of Trustees is comprised of 50% District Board members and 50% Amalgamated Transit Union representatives. He reviewed the challenges of this composition. Mr. Mulligan outlined the decision-making process for the Rehabilitation Plan. He stated the plan is part of the last Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the District and the Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1575. He said once the parties have agreed to the plan, the GGTARP Board of Trustees will be the decision makers who adopt the plan. He spoke about the possibility that the Board of Trustees could adopt a plan that turns over management of the pension to the District.

Director Snyder spoke about his experience with pension plans and the complexity of the current GGTARP structure. He said the GGTARP has reached a key juncture and the situation should be addressed. He spoke about the related laws, which include the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA) and the Pension Protection Act. He highlighted the distinction between public and private pension plans and expressed his enthusiasm for the Rehabilitation Plan. He suggested that the stakeholders consider restructuring the GGTARP so that there are automatic mechanisms that help drive an adequate funding level.

President Thériault commented that the key parties including the union and District would have to agree to the governance restructure.

Director Conroy inquired about how a GGTARP restructure could occur. Mr. Mulligan responded that legal documents define the GGTARP governance structure. He said that the parties would have to agree to a governance restructure and he expressed his hope that the parties would embrace an approach that is tied to a solution.

Director Conroy further inquired about how the Board could take action to demonstrate that it supports the Rehabilitation Plan and GGTARP governance restructure. Mr. Mulligan stated that he understands the Board has an interest in having staff communicate with the Board of Trustees about GGTARP governance changes that would involve a solution to the pension plan's under funding.

[Director Conroy departed.]

Director Rodoni expressed appreciation to Mr. Schmidt and President Thériault. He said that he would like to understand the District's legal responsibilities and risks that are associated with the GGTARP. President Thériault responded that the GGTARP counsel and District counsel differ in their views of the District's legal responsibility.

Director Rodoni suggested that the Board could benefit from a history of GGTARP including its governance and structure. Mr. Mulligan confirmed that staff and attorneys could arrange to present a history of GGTARP including its governance and structure, and

the District's legal agreement. Thereafter at a future meeting, the Board could have a closed session discussion about a Rehabilitation Plan to require changes.

Director Grosboll requested a regular agenda item for an GGTARP Update from the General Manager or a Committee. He pointed out that the District would have to include appropriate GGTARP funding in the FY 2024/2025 budget, which would be presented in May and approved in June 2024.

President Thériault suggested that the GGTARP Update reflect the Rehabilitation Committee meeting content and discussions.

Director Thier inquired about how the Rehabilitation Plan would work. Mr. Mulligan responded that the Rehabilitation Plan, as agreed to between the District and ATU, indicates that the GGTARP would be developed, under the guidelines of the Pension Protection Act, like any other pension and would be advised by experts.

Director Thier expressed support for the District Board's continued involvement and the District to do something significant to get the plan fixed. She spoke about the challenges of the current GGTARP Board of Trustees structure and concluded that she is glad there is a path forward. She added that she hopes the Board can be part of the solution.

[02:09:00 Hours Mark on the Audio Recording]

The following individuals spoke under Public Comment:

- Shane Weinstein, President, ATU, Local 1575 (in person)
- Robert Kaufman, Bus Operator (in person)
- John Holden, Bus Operator (in person)
- Frank Gleason, Bus Operator (remotely)
- James Lindsay, Bus Operator and International Vice President, ATU (remotely)
- David Pilpel, San Francisco resident (remotely)

(11) <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u>

(A) <u>Closed Session</u> [02:27:24 Hours Mark on the Audio Recording]

Attorney Kimon Manolius, at the request of President Thériault, stated that the Board would convene in Closed Session, as permitted by the Brown Act, to discuss the matter listed on the Board Agenda as Closed Session, Item No. 6.B.1 as outlined above.

(B) Open Session [02:42:52 Hours Mark on the Audio Recording]

After Closed Session, President Thériault 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 general counsel regarding the matters listed on the Board Agenda as Item No. 6.B.1.

(12) <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

There was no New Business.

(13) <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u> [02:43:09 Hours Mark on the Audio Recording]

President Thériault stated that copies of Communications are available in the District Secretary's Office.

(14) ADJOURNMENT: [02:43:21 Hours Mark on the Audio Recording]

All business having been concluded <u>Directors HILL/SNYDER</u> moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned in honor of Jacqueline Bandettini, Sire Daveigh Porchia, Senator Dianne Feinstein and the Lewiston, Maine mass shooting victims, at 12:46 p.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Amorette M. Ko-Wong

Secretary of the District

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