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GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM OF MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

JANUARY 24, 2020

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, January 24, 2020, at 10:03 a.m., President Pahre presiding.

- (1) **CALL TO ORDER:** 10:03 a.m.
- (2) **ROLL CALL:** Secretary of the District Amorette M. Ko-Wong

Directors Present (13): Directors Arnold, Fewer, Fredericks, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Hill, Mastin, Moylan, and Yee; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.

Directors Absent (4): Directors Belforte, Rabbitt, Sears and Sobel.

[Note: On this date, there were two 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; Attorney Kimon Manolius; Deputy General Manager/Bridge Division Steve Miller; Deputy General Manager/Ferry Division James Swindler.

Visitors Present: Dave Rhody, The Climate Realty Project; Manuel Gamboa, Sacramento County Resident.

- (3) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Director Sandra Lee Fewer
- (4) **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
 - (A) **Public Comment**

Dave Rhody, The Climate Realty Project, thanked the Board for its actions committing the District to the reduction of greenhouse emissions.

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Mr. Rhody encouraged the Board to create a Climate Change Advisory Committee that would continue its work until the average reading of atmospheric Carbon dioxide (CO₂) on Earth is stabilized.

Manuel Gamboa, Sacramento County Resident, thanked the District for support of the Suicide Deterrent System (SDS) construction project. He noted that he understands the construction is behind schedule, but is progressing. He stated he and his family and others will celebrate its completion. He added that he has been excited to see the many recent videos of the Bridge used to advertise the upcoming Super Bowl. In those videos the construction of the SDS is not obvious but he could see it because he knew to look for it. He expressed his hope that the commercials will stop the fears that the SDS will detract from the beauty of the Bridge.

(5) CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

AYES (13): Directors Arnold, Fewer, Fredericks, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Hill, Mastin, Moylan, and Yee; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (4): Directors Belforte, Rabbitt, Sears and Sobel.

(A) Approve the Minutes of the following Meetings

- (1) Building and Operating Committee of December 19, 2019
- (2) Finance-Auditing Committee of December 19, 2019;
- (3) Rules, Policy and Industrial Relations Committee of December 20, 2019;
- (4) Governmental Affairs and Public Information Committee of December 20, 2019; and,
- (5) Board of Directors of December 20, 2019.

Carried

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

Resolution No. 2020-001 (as detailed in the January 23, 2020 Finance-Auditing Committee meeting)

- (1) Ratify Commitments and/or Expenditures
- (2) Ratify Previous Investments
- (3) Authorize Investments
- (4) Accept Investment Report December 2019

Adopted

(6) REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

(A) General Manager

- (1) **Presentation of Awards**

Presentation of Twenty-Five Year Service Award to Ewa Z. Bauer-Furbush, District Engineer, District Division

President Pahre presented a Twenty-Five Year Service Award to Ewa Z. Bauer-Furbush, District Engineer, District Division, for her years of dedicated service to the District, and expressed her congratulations on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Presentation of Twenty-Year Service Award to Ronald C. Willits, Heavy Duty Mechanic, Bridge Division

President Pahre presented a Twenty-Year Service Award to Ronald C. Willits, Heavy Duty Mechanic, Bridge Division, for his years of dedicated service to the District, and expressed her congratulations on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Presentation of Twenty-Year Service Award to Stephanie Kemp LaRue, Human Resources Manager, District Division

President Pahre presented a Twenty-Year Service Award to Stephanie Kemp LaRue, Human Resources Manager, District Division, for her years of dedicated service to the District, and expressed her congratulations on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Presentation of Employee of the Month Award for December 2019 to Colin McDermott, Director of Ferry Operation, Ferry Division

President Pahre presented the Employee of the Month Award for December 2019 to Colin McDermott, Director of Ferry Operation, Ferry Division, and expressed her congratulations on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Recognition of the M.V. Mendocino Ferry Crew

President Pahre recognized and thanked Captain Curtis Brown, Vessel Master; Dino Cobrador, Captain/Mate; Cameron Blackwell, Senior Deckhand; Anthony Conway, Senior Deckhand; and Harvey Stafford, Casual Deckhand, for their heroic actions on January 17, 2020 in the life-saving rescue of a sailor, in dire need of assistance.

(2) Video Entitled *What We Do: On Duty with Bridge Patrol*

Mr. Mulligan presented the video *What We Do: On Duty with The Bridge Patrol*. The video features Bridge Captain David Rivera, and Bridge Patrol Officers Louis Bautista and Jared Tagliabue describing the unique challenges encountered daily by the Security Department. A copy of the video is available at: <https://vimeo.com/386385220/3313be2f2a> (Duration 5:21).

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(3) Report of the General Manager

Mr. Mulligan stated that all items contained in the written General Manager's Report are informational only. A copy of the General Manager's Report is available on the District's web site or upon request from the Office of the District Secretary.

Mr. Mulligan added one item to his written report. He said that the District rarely has bus accidents, but there was one earlier this week that is under investigation. He stated he would report back to the Board when facts are known. He noted that any time the District has an accident, staff wants to make sure there is a thorough investigation, and the District can learn from the incident.

(B) Attorney

(1) Report of the Attorney

Attorney Kimon Manolius stated that all items contained in the written Attorney's Report are informational. A copy of the Attorney's Report is available on the District's web site or upon request from the Office of the District Secretary.

(2) Closed Session

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

(a) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)

Report of Hanson Bridgett, LLP

- (i) Michael Saliani v. Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District, San Francisco Superior Court; Case Number CGC-14-540384.
- (ii) Pamela Moore v. Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District, San Francisco Superior Court; Case No. CGC-15-549048.
- (iii) Kristin Freeland and Michael Jefferson v. Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District, San Francisco Superior Court; Case No. CGC-16-550947.

He noted the District will not discuss the following matter listed on the Board Agenda as Item No. 6.B.1.b:

(b) Conference with Labor Negotiator

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Report of Hanson Bridgett, LLP

Negotiations with the Amalgamated Transit Union, Local No. 1575

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(C) District Engineer

(1) Report of the District Engineer

Ms. Bauer-Furbush stated that all items contained in the Engineer's Report are informational only. A copy of the Engineer's Report is available on the District's web site or upon request from the Office of the District Secretary.

Ms. Bauer-Furbush reported on the status of the Suicide Deterrent System (SDS) project. She said the contractor has been picking up speed on the installation of the net supports, and as of today, reached the 50% completed mark for the net supports installed on the suspension bridge. She also stated that the contractor has finished smaller platforms and will soon begin installation of the net supports on the north approach viaduct.

(7) OTHER REPORTS:

There were no "Other Reports" to discuss.

(8) REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

**(A) Meeting of the Finance-Auditing Committee/Committee of the Whole
January 23, 2020
Vice Chair Alice Fredericks**

**(1) Authorize Budget Increase and Increase in the Contracts Amount
Relative to Contract No. 2018-D-096, Grants Management Professional
Services**

Directors FREDERICKS/COCHRAN

Resolution No. 2020-002 authorizes a budget increase in the amount of \$200,000, with a corresponding increase in the contracts amount, relative to Contract No. 2018-D-096, *Grants Management Professional Services* in order to fund additional on-call grant development and professional support services.

Adopted

AYES (13): Directors Arnold, Fewer, Fredericks, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Hill, Mastin, Moylan, and Yee; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (4): Directors Belforte, Rabbitt, Sears and Sobel.

(9) ADDRESSES TO BOARD:

There were no "Addresses to Board" to discuss.

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(10) SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

(A) Authorize a Resolution of Appreciation to Shamann Walton in Recognition of his Dedicated Service as Director of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District Board

Director Hernández spoke about the accomplishments of Director Walton who, due to his many obligations, has made the decision to resign as a Member of the Board of Directors. She said, Director Walton is an inspiration to her and many others. She noted he steps up at every opportunity to fight and be a vocal advocate for the disadvantaged. She also stated he is an advocate for San Francisco citizens in the areas of quality of life improvement, safety, education and academic achievement, and employment opportunities. She noted he was a wonderful addition to this Board and a testament as to why diversity is so important on and to this Board.

Directors HERNÁNDEZ/THERIAULT

Resolution No. 2020-003 approves the preparation and presentation of a Resolution of Appreciation to Shamann Walton in recognition of his dedicated service as a Golden Gate Bridge District Director.

Adopted

AYES (13): Directors Arnold, Fewer, Fredericks, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Hill, Mastin, Moylan, and Yee; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (4): Directors Belforte, Rabbitt, Sears and Sobel.

Carried

(11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

(A) Closed Session

Attorney Kimon Manolius, at the request of President Pahre, stated that the Board would convene in Closed Session, as permitted by the Brown Act, to discuss the matters listed on the Board Agenda as Closed Session, Items No. 6.B.1.a.

(B) Open Session

After Closed Session, President Pahre 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, regarding the items listed as Closed Session outlined above. He reported that the Board was briefed by counsel and there was nothing to report.

(12) NEW BUSINESS:

There was no “New Business” to discuss.

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(13) COMMUNICATIONS:

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:

All business having been concluded, **Directors HERNÁNDEZ/THERIAULT** moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 10:53 a.m. in honor of Braynard Brian Ramirez, Michael Davenport and Thomas P. Gilliss.

Carried

AYES (13): Directors Arnold, Fewer, Fredericks, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Hill, Mastin, Moylan, and Yee; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (4): Directors Belforte, Rabbitt, Sears and Sobel.

Respectfully submitted,



Amorette M. Ko-Wong
Secretary of the District

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