



Agenda Item No. (5)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024

(5) CONSENT CALENDAR:

(A) Approve the Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (1) Building and Operating Committee of January 25, 2024;
- (2) Finance-Auditing Committee of January 25, 2024;
- (3) Rules, Policy, and Industrial Relations Committee of January 25, 2024;
- (4) Governmental Affairs and Public Information Committee of January 26, 2024 and,
- (5) Board of Directors Meeting of January 26, 2024.

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, January 2024

Resolution

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MINUTES OF THE BUILDING AND OPERATING COMMITTEE/

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

Honorable Members:

The Building and Operating Committee (Committee) 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 Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 9:02 a.m., with Chair Garbarino presiding. A remote audio option for public participation was available.

- (1) **Call to Order:** 9:02 a.m.
- (2) **Roll Call:** Secretary of the District Amorette M. Ko-Wong. **[00:45 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Committee Members Present (6): Chair Garbarino; Vice Chair Rodoni; Directors, Giudice, Mastin and Pahre; President Cochran.

Committee Members Absent (3): Directors Conroy, Rabbitt and Thériault.

Other Directors Present (2): Directors Hernández and Hill.

Staff Present: Acting General Manager and Deputy General Manager/Administration and Development Kellee Hopper; 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 Les Belton; Deputy General Manager/Ferry Division Michael Hoffman; Executive Administrator to the General Manager Justine Bock; Senior Board Analyst Elizabeth Eells.

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[Director Hernandez arrived.]

(3) **Approve Actions Relative to Professional Services Agreement (PSA) No. 2014-FT-13, Wetland Restoration Design and Permitting Support Services Project, with WRA, Inc.**
[02:10 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

District Engineer Ewa Bauer-Furbush presented the staff report.

[06:40 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Director Hill inquired about the reference to the use of herbicides on page 4.

Chair Garbarino thanked Ms. Bauer-Furbush for the report.

Director Mastin stated that eliminating the possibility of using herbicides is a significant step on the part of the District and thanked Ms. Bauer-Furbush and her team for pursuing the change.

Director Giudice commented that the use of herbicides was a last resort and inquired about the necessity for the Amendment.

Chair Garbarino observed that the cost could be due to more labor being required.

Director Hernández commented about increased frequency of some of the work, and the increased work associated with the possible use of excavators and biological monitoring. She thanked Ms. Bauer-Furbush for her work on the project.

Ms. Bauer-Furbush pointed out the difference between the original and revised Scope of Work on pages 4 and 5 and clarified the revised scope of work removes the use of herbicides. She said that the Board of Directors (Board) requested staff eliminate the possibility of using herbicides and bring an Amendment to the Board that removes the herbicides from the scope of work. She added that the increased cost is due to the possible use of mechanical equipment, and more staff time and confirmed that the funds would only be used to pay for necessary work.

(a) **Action by the Committee**

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

RECOMMENDATION

The Building and Operating Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approve actions relative to removing any possible use of herbicides from Professional Services Agreement (PSA) No. 2014-FT-13, *Wetland Restoration Design and Permitting Support Services Project*, with WRA, Inc. (WRA), as follows:

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- (i) Authorize the execution of the First Addendum to the Sixth Amendment to PSA No. 2014-FT-13, in an amount not-to-exceed \$167,000, for invasive weed control associated with Project #2041, *Corte Madera Marsh Restoration Construction*;
- (ii) Authorize a contingency for this amendment in the amount of \$16,700, equal to 10% of the amendment amount; and,
- (iii) Authorize an increase in the amount of \$183,700 in the FY 2023/24 Ferry Division Capital Budget for Project #2041, for a revised total project budget of \$3,389,185, to be financed from the District reserves.

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Refer to Finance-Auditing Committee Meeting of January 25, 2024**

AYES (6): Chair Garbarino; Vice Chair Rodoni; Directors Giudice, Mastin and Pahre; President Cochran.
NOES (0): None.
ABSENT (3): Directors Conroy, Rabbitt and Thériault.

(4) Port Security Grant Program (Bay Ferry VI) Presentation [15:24 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Deputy General Manager/Ferry Division Michael Hoffman presented a PowerPoint presentation and video regarding the Bay Ferry VI 2023 training, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

[28:29 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Chair Garbarino thanked Mr. Hoffman for the presentation.

Director Mastin asked if the training is unique to the District and motivation for the training. He expressed appreciation for all the agencies that participated in the training.

Director Pahre expressed appreciation for the presentation and the training.

Chair Garbarino commented about the presentation and expressed appreciation for the effort.

Director Mastin commented about the video and said it shows the multi-agency participation.

Mr. Hoffman responded to the inquiries and confirmed the training is unique.

(5) Status Report from Board Appointee(s) on Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit Board [36:35 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

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

[42:58 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

President Cochran inquired about the right-of-way that was given to SMART by the District.

Director Pahre explained that SMART acquired additional land to implement the pedestrian bicycle path.

Director Mastin inquired about SMART's participation in the Clipper Start program.

Director Pahre spoke about SMART's participation in the Clipper Start program and said additional information is available on the SMART website at <https://www.sonomamarintrain.org>.

Director Hill commented about challenges cyclists face when using the pathways.

Director Pahre responded that SMART has spent time improving wayfinding signs.

Chair Garbarino added that cyclists have expressed appreciation for the service they receive from SMART.

(6) Status Report on Engineering Projects [47:49 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

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

(7) Public Comment

There were no public comments.

(8) Adjournment [48:41 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

All business having been concluded, Directors GIUDICE/MASTIN moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:51 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 Board of Directors
Golden Gate Bridge, Highway
and Transportation District

Honorable Members:

The Finance-Auditing Committee (Committee) 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 Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 10:04 a.m., with Vice Chair Pahre presiding until the arrival of Chair Rabbitt. A remote audio option for public participation was available.

- (1) **Call to Order:** 10:04 a.m.
- (2) **Roll Call:** Secretary of the District Amorette M. Ko-Wong. **[00:44 Minute Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Committee Members Present (7): Chair Rabbitt; Vice Chair Pahre; Directors Giudice, Hernández, Mastin and Rodoni; President Cochran.

Committee Members Absent (2): Directors Dorsey and Grosboll.

Other Directors Present (1): Director Hill.

Staff Present: Acting General Manager and Deputy General Manager/Administration and Development Kellee Hopper; 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 Les Belton; Deputy General Manager/Ferry Division Michael Hoffman; Budget and Electronic Revenue Director Jennifer Mennucci; Risk Management and Safety Director Kelli Vitale; Executive Administrator to the General Manager Justine Bock; Senior Board Analyst Elizabeth Eells.

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(3) **Ratification of Previous Actions by the Auditor-Controller** [01:35 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

PFM Asset Management (PFM) Managing Director Monique Spyke presented the Investment Report.

[07:48 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Director Mastin inquired about the definition of layoffs and quits in the Quits vs. Openings chart (page 13).

Director Hill commented and inquired about the electric vehicle marketplace.

Ms. Spyke responded to the inquiries.

[Chair Rabbitt arrived.]

(a) **Action by the Committee**

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

RECOMMENDATION

The Finance-Auditing Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approves the following actions:

- (i) There are no commitments and/or expenditures to ratify for the period of December 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023;
- (ii) Ratify investments made during the period December 4, 2023 through January 15, 2024;
- (iii) Authorize the reinvestment, within the established policy of the Board, of any investments maturing between January 16, 2024 and February 12, 2024, 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 December 2023.

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AYES (7): Chair Rabbitt; Vice Chair Pahre; Directors Giudice, Hernández, Mastin and Rodoni; President Cochran.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (2): Directors Dorsey and Grosboll.

Vice Chair Pahre turned the meeting over to Chair Rabbitt.

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

(a) **Budget Increase in the FY 23/24 Ferry Division Capital Budget for Project #2041, Corte Madera Marsh Restoration Construction [12:58 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

(i) **Action by the Committee**

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

RECOMMENDATION

The Finance-Auditing Committee recommends, in concurrence with the Building and Operating Committee at its meeting on January 25, 2024, that the Board of Directors authorize an increase in the FY 23/24 Ferry Division Capital Budget, in the amount of \$183,700 for Project # 2041, *Corte Madera Marsh Restoration Construction*.

Action by the Board at its meeting of January 26, 2024 – Resolution Refer to Building and Operating Committee Meeting of January 25, 2024
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AYES (7): Chair Rabbitt; Vice Chair Pahre; Directors Giudice, Hernández, Mastin and Rodoni; President Cochran.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (2): Directors Dorsey and Grosboll.

(5) **Authorize Actions Related to Grant Programs**

No actions required authorization.

(6) **Approve Actions Regarding the Public Outreach Process Relative to Presenting Toll Options for a Potential Toll Increase on the Golden Gate Bridge [14:00 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Director of Budget and Electronic Revenue Jennifer Mennucci presented the staff report.

[17:38 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Chair Rabbitt inquired about how the proposed outreach differs from what was done in the past, and commented about the increased prevalence of virtual events.

Director Giudice commented about the Bridge Toll Rates attachment, which has a toll comparison chart (page 43). He spoke about his goal to ensure Bridge users are able to bear the cost. He stated that he believes Option 1 would help the District maintain sufficient revenue.

Chair Rabbitt commented about increased costs and the necessity to raise revenue due to increasing costs.

Director Hernández expressed appreciation for the report. She inquired about the materials that would be available for people who speak different languages other than English. She also inquired about people who change travel modes as a result of higher tolls. She explained her goal is to ensure that other less expensive modes of travel are available to those who cannot afford the higher tolls.

Director Pahre commented about the proposal and the shortfall.

Director Hill commented about the availability and higher costs of auto insurance.

Chair Rabbitt stated that the people who travel across the Bridge by car, bus and ferry are all District customers.

Ms. Mennucci responded to the inquiries. She said that this year, staff is emphasizing virtual open houses because the format allows more people to attend. She said that all presentations will be available in Spanish and Spanish translators will be at the events. She also said that other language translations will be available.

(a) Action by the Committee

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

RECOMMENDATION

The Finance-Auditing Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approve actions relative to a proposed toll increase, as follows:

- (i) Authorize staff to present for public review several toll options, with the understanding that any action to modify the existing toll structure will take place only after an extensive public outreach process takes place intended to fully inform the public of the District's range of services and the finances required to support future operational and capital programs;
- (ii) Authorize staff to conduct virtual informational open houses as listed below, for the purpose of providing information, answering questions, and receiving input from the public about the proposed toll increase options under consideration.

Virtual Open House Dates
Wednesday, February 14, 2024
Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 15, 2024
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The public will have an opportunity to participate online. People will be able to hear about the proposed toll plans, have their questions answered, and submit public comments; and,

- (iii) Authorize staff to set a Public Hearing for Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., in the Board Room, Administration Building, Golden Gate Bridge Toll Plaza, San Francisco.

**Action by the Board at its meeting of January 26, 2024 – Resolution
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AYES (7): Chair Rabbitt; Vice Chair Pahre; Directors Giudice, Hernández, Mastin and Rodoni; President Cochran.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (2): Directors Dorsey and Grosboll.

(7) Status Report on the FY 23/24 Budget [26:10 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire presented the staff report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken. He spoke about the District’s revenue and expenses (page 47).

Chair Rabbitt inquired about the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding, deadlines and requirements. He observed other organizations have rapidly used up their one-time federal funding, and expressed appreciation for staff’s discipline with the budget.

Mr. Wire responded that the ARP spending deadline is in the future and the legislative intent is to have organizations spend the funding rapidly. He added that the District expects to use up the one-time funding in the current year.

(8) Monthly Review of Golden Gate Bridge Traffic/Tolls and Bus and Ferry Transit Patronage/Fares (for Five and Six Months Ending November 2023 and December 2023) [32:14 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire presented the staff report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken. He reviewed the December results (page 57). He pointed out that Bridge traffic has increased and is higher than budgeted. He reviewed the Bridge, Bus and Ferry traffic and transit ridership charts (page 59-60).

Director Mastin commented, and inquired about the Bridge traffic numbers on page 57 and the relationship to the toll increase options.

Chair Rabbitt inquired about projected Bridge traffic and transit ridership. He also inquired about a possible additional data point that could take into account the effect of the increased

Consumer Price Index (CPI) on revenue.

Director Hill inquired about the possibility of taking tolls in both directions.

Mr. Wire responded to the inquiries. He encouraged directors to reach out to staff about the calculations. He projected that Bridge traffic and ferry ridership would increase further. He responded that staff would look into the possibility of adding an additional data point related to CPI. He said that taking tolls in both directions is an initiative that was raised in the strategic planning process and could possibly increase revenue.

(9) **Monthly Review of Financial Statements (for Five and Six Months Ending November 2023 and December 2023) [45:44 Minutes Mark on the Audio 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 reviewed FY 23/24 revenue and expenses, (pages 63 and 64) and indicated the District's revenue is still higher than expenses. He pointed to the Capital Report (page 81).

(10) **Review of the District's FY 23/24 Second Quarterly Report of Judgments or Settled Claims [49:18 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Risk Management and Safety Director Kelli Vitale presented the staff report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

Chair Rabbitt expressed appreciation for staff's work on the matters.

(11) **Review of the Auditor-Controller's FY 23/24 Second Quarterly Report on Authorized Budget Adjustments and Budget Transfers Under the General Manager's Authority [50:20 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire presented the staff report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

(12) **Review of the Auditor-Controller's FY 23/24 Second Quarterly Report on Procurement Actions Under the General Manager's Authority [51:00 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire presented the staff report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

(13) **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

(14) **Adjournment [51:44 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

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Chair Rabbitt expressed appreciation for Mr. Wire and his entire staff for their good work.

All business having been concluded Directors PAHRE/RODONI moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

David Rabbitt, Chair
Finance-Auditing Committee

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MINUTES OF THE RULES, POLICY AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE/

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Honorable Board of Directors
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and Transportation District

Honorable Members:

The Rules, Policy, and Industrial Relations Committee (Committee) 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 Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 11:01 a.m., with Chair Hernández presiding. A remote audio option for public participation was available.

- (1) **Call to Order:** 11:01 a.m.
- (2) **Roll Call:** Secretary of the District Amorette M. Ko-Wong. **[00:18 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Committee Members Present (9): Chair Hernández; Vice Chair Moulton-Peters; Directors Hill and Pahre; President Cochran. Directors Giudice, Mastin, Rabbitt and Rodoni were appointed Committee Members Pro Tem for this meeting only.

Committee Members Absent (4): Directors Conroy, Garbarino, Grosboll and Thier.

Staff Present: Acting General Manager and Deputy General Manager/Administration and Development Kellee Hopper; 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 Les Belton; Deputy General Manager/Ferry Division Michael Hoffman; Executive Administrator to the General Manager Justine Bock; Senior Board Analyst Elizabeth Eells.

Chair Hernandez appointed all Board members present to be Committee Members Pro Tem.

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(3) Approve Actions Relative to the Compliance and Employee Relations' Unit in the Administration and Development Division [01:24 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

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

[06:30 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Director Mastin inquired about who is performing the Senior Analyst role.

Director Rabbitt commented about Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) responsibilities at the County of Sonoma. He inquired about which departments are performing the DBE responsibilities at the District.

Chair Hernandez commented about Ms. Spencer's and Ms. Davenport's workload and expressed concern about having only one person who backs up these two key staff members.

Chair HERNANDEZ/Director MOULTON-PETERS moved and seconded to amend the motion and direct staff to provide a quarterly report about the implementation of the new positions.

Director Rabbitt requested clarification about the reporting timeline.

Chair Hernandez clarified that she'd like to receive the report for no less than one year.

MOTION TO AMEND RECOMMENDATION

Directors HERNANDEZ/MOULTON-PETERS moved and seconded to amend the recommendation to include that staff is directed to provide a quarterly report to the Committee for no less than one year regarding the status of the implementation of these positions.

AYES (9): Chair Hernández; Vice Chair Moulton-Peters; Directors Giudice, Hill, Mastin, Pahre, Rabbitt and Rodoni; President Cochran.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (4): Directors Conroy, Garbarino, Grosboll and Thier.

Director Pahre expressed support for position reclassifications and inquired about the comparative analysis for the proposed new positions.

President Cochran inquired about the Compensation Study Results on page 7.

Attorney Manolius asked if those present have any questions about the amended recommendation.

Chair Hernandez reviewed the recommendation as outlined below under Recommendation and Director Moulton-Peters agreed to the amendment.

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Ms. Hopper responded to the inquiries. She said the Senior Analyst duties are currently being performed by the other staff. She stated that the DBE Manager will view various activities at the District through a lens of equity. She confirmed that staff did a comparative analysis, which supports the salary reclassifications. She explained that the compensation is based on the job description and new position duties were added that were not part of the description during the Compensation Study.

(a) Action by Committee

Staff recommended and the Committee concurred by motion made and seconded by **Directors MOULTON-PETERS/RODONI** to forward the following recommendation to the Board of Directors for its consideration:

RECOMMENDATION

The Rules, Policy and Industrial Relations Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approve the following actions relative to the establishment of an EEO Compliance and Workforce Inclusion Department, as follows:

- (i) Retitle and reclassify the Manager, EEO and Compliance position to Director of EEO & Workforce Inclusion with an annual salary range of \$157,269 to \$190,070, not including benefits;
- (ii) Retitle and reclassify the DBE Administrator position to Manager, DBE and Workforce Inclusion with an annual salary range of \$133,411 to \$161,262, not including benefits;
- (iii) Retitle and reclassify the Leaves Analyst position to Administrator, Leaves of Absence with an annual salary range of \$117,354 to \$141,876, not including benefits;
- (iv) Establish one Senior Analyst, EEO/DBE position with an annual salary range of \$104,978 to \$126,963, not including benefits; and,
- (v) Adjust the Table of Organization accordingly.

With the understanding that staff is directed to provide a quarterly report for no less than one year regarding the status of the implementation of these positions.

The annual fiscal impact of these proposed changes is estimated at \$290,498, including benefits. Additional salary and benefit expenses associated with this recommendation will be budgeted accordingly in future fiscal years.

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AYES (9): Chair Hernández; Vice Chair Moulton-Peters; Directors Giudice, Hill, Mastin, Pahren, Rabbitt and Rodoni; President Cochran.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (4): Directors Conroy, Garbarino, Grosboll and Thier.

(4) Approve Actions Relative to the Table of Organization in the Ferry Division [17:34 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Deputy General Manager/Ferry Michael Hoffman presented the staff report.

[25:00 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Director Hill commented about the changes and inquired about possible future changes.

Director Mastin suggested that the benefits be included along with the compensation on pages 6 and 7 (pages 14 and 15 of the meeting materials).

Director Hill expressed support for Director Mastin's comment.

Director Rodoni inquired about the timing for making the changes.

Director Pahre inquired about the possibility of internal promotions.

Director Rabbitt commented about his fiscally conservative outlook. He acknowledged the prudence of an organizational investment to ensure the District has sufficient staff to provide ferry services.

President Cochran expressed appreciation for the presentation and inquired about the possibility of making the changes in the next fiscal year. He noted that the District is in the process of considering a toll increase, and he would prefer staff wait to make these changes.

Chair Hernandez expressed appreciation for the report and the inclusion of a training element in the reorganization. She commented about the importance of safety.

Directors HILL/MASTIN moved and seconded to amend the recommendation to be effective as of July 1, 2024.

In light of the information that the recruitment process takes time to implement, Director Hill withdrew his motion.

Director Hill asked how much the District would be affected by a delay of a few months.

Chair Hernandez requested comments from Mr. Wire.

Director Pahre reviewed the reasons why staff do not want to wait to implement the reorganization. She stated that the District is starting a process to increase tolls for the upcoming five years, and expressed concern about the public's perception of the reorganizations alongside of a toll increase.

Director Giudice inquired about the organization chart and the positions (page 18), and how the duties and workload would be assigned.

Directors HILL/MASTIN withdrew their motion.

Director Rabbitt inquired about salary savings from other open positions.

Mr. Hoffmann responded to the inquiries. He said that he believes the Ferry Division will have sufficient resources with the reorganization. He said that the Division does have increased responsibilities already and staff plans to move forward with the reorganization as soon as it is approved. He confirmed that some internal candidates could apply for the positions. He agreed that staff could wait to implement the changes, and emphasized that the District could really use the additional staff. He pointed out the next fiscal year will begin in a few months on July 1, 2024. Mr. Wire added that the recruitment process is lengthy and will likely take many months. Mr. Hoffman stated that the Vessel Operations Manager and Maritime Program Manager are key positions. Mr. Wire said the Board could ask staff to delay the process of hiring all the positions.

(a) Action by Committee

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

RECOMMENDATION

The Rules, Policy and Industrial Relations Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approve the following actions relative to the Table of Organization in the Ferry Division:

- (i) Within the Ferry Operations Department, establish three new operational positions that will report directly to the Director of Ferry Operations:
 - (a) Add one Vessel Operations Manager position at an annual salary range of \$123,094 to \$148,824, not including benefits;
 - (b) Add one Maritime Program Manager position at an annual salary range of \$123,094 to \$148,824, not including benefits;
 - (c) Add one Ferry Operations Specialist position at an annual salary range of \$98,883 to \$119,496, not including benefits;
- (ii) Within the Ferry Engineering and Maintenance Department, make the following changes:
 - (a) Add one Ferry Maintenance Planner position at an annual salary range of \$110,053 to \$132,974, not including benefits, to report directly to the Manager of Ferry Maintenance;
 - (b) Eliminate one vacant Ferry Projects Administrator position at an annual salary range of \$126,693 to \$153,088, not including benefits; and,
- (iii) Amend the Ferry Division Table of Organization, accordingly, as detailed in the staff report.

It is anticipated that it will take approximately six months to hire the new positions, which would result in minimal fiscal impact in the current fiscal year, which could be offset through salary savings. The annual fiscal impact of these proposed changes is estimated at

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\$678,752, including benefits. Additional salary, and benefit, expenses associated with this recommendation will be budgeted accordingly in future fiscal years.

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AYES (9): Chair Hernández; Vice Chair Moulton-Peters; Directors Giudice, Hill, Mastin, Pahre, Rabbitt and Rodoni; President Cochran.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (4): Directors Conroy, Garbarino, Grosboll and Thier.

(5) Public Comment

There were no public comments.

(6) Adjournment [40:40 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

All business having been concluded, **Directors HILL/MASTIN** moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Sabrina Hernández, Chair
Rules, Policy and Industrial Relations Committee

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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) met in regular session in the Board Room, Administration Building, Golden Gate Bridge Toll Plaza, San Francisco, CA, on Friday, January 26, 2024, at 9:30 a.m., with Chair Snyder presiding. A remote audio option for public participation was available.

- (1) **Call to Order:** 9:30 a.m.
- (2) **Roll Call:** Senior Board Analyst Elizabeth Eells

Committee Members Present (7): Chair Snyder; Vice Chair Giudice; Directors Garbarino, Hill, Rabbitt and Rodoni; President Cochran.

Committee Members Absent (2): Directors Dorsey and Safaí.

Other Directors Present (5): Directors Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre and Thier.

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

Committee of the Whole Members Absent (7): Directors Conroy, Dorsey, Engardio, Moulton-Peters, Safaí, Stefani, and Thériault.

Staff Present: Acting General Manager and Deputy General Manager/Administration and Development Kellee Hopper; 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 Les Belton; Deputy General Manager/Ferry Division Michael Hoffman; Executive Administrator to the General Manager Justine Bock; Senior Board Analyst Elizabeth Eells.

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(3) Authorize Execution of a Contract Relative to 2023-D-101, State Legislative Advocacy Services, with Platinum Advisors, LLC [1:35 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Acting General Manager and Deputy General Manager/Administration and Development Kellee Hopper presented the Staff Report.

[3:07 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Director Grosboll complimented Platinum Advisors, LLC (Platinum) on their work and inquired about the number of proposers to the RFP.

Chair Snyder concurred with Director Grosboll's comments and praised Platinum's efforts thus far for the District and looked forward to their help on the Seismic Retrofit Project.

Director Thier stated that she worked many years with Platinum and is impressed with their work.

Kellee Hopper responded to the comments and inquiries.

The following individual spoke under public comment: **[4:25 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

- David Pilpel, San Francisco resident (remotely)

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

RECOMMENDATION

The Government Affairs and Public Information Committee/Committee of the Whole recommends that the Board of Directors authorize execution of a contract relative to 2023-D-101, *State Legislative Advocacy Services*, with Platinum Advisors, LLC, Sacramento, CA, to provide legislative advocacy consultant services for a five-year term with five additional one-year options, to be exercised at the General Manager's discretion, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$764,000, with the understanding that requisite funds are available in the FY 23/24 District Division Operating Budget and will be budgeted accordingly in future years.

Action by the Board at its meeting of January 26, 2024 – Resolution

AYES (12): Directors Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rabbitt, Rodoni, and Thier; Second Vice President Rabbitt; First

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.NOES (0): Vice President Hill; President Cochran.
ABSENT (7): None.
Directors Conroy, Dorsey, Engardio, Moulton-Peters, Safaí, Stefani, and Thériault.

(4) Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

(5) Adjournment [9:19 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

All business having been concluded, Directors HERNÁNDEZ/RABBITT moved and seconded that the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Snyder, 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

JANUARY 26, 2024

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The Board of Directors (Board) of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) met in regular session in the Board Room, Administration Building, Golden Gate Bridge Toll Plaza, San Francisco, CA, on Friday, January 26, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., with President Cochran presiding. A remote audio option for public participation was available.

- (1) **CALL TO ORDER:** President Gerald D. Cochran.
- (2) **ROLL CALL:** Secretary of the District Amorette M. Ko-Wong. **[00:16 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

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

Directors Absent (4): Directors Dorsey, Moulton-Peters, Stefani and Thériault.

Staff Present: Acting General Manager and Deputy General Manager/Administration and Development Kellee Hopper; 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 Les Belton; Deputy General Manager/Ferry Division Michael Hoffman; Executive Administrator to the General Manager Justine Bock; Senior Board Analyst Elizabeth Eells.

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- (3) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Director Dick Grosboll [01:37 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

[02:09 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

President Cochran introduced some of his Del Norte County associates:

- Mr. Ward Stover, President of Stover Engineering
- Mrs. Debby Stover, Owner of Del Norte Office Supply
- The Honorable Bill Follett, Retired Del Norte County Superior Court Judge

He thanked them for honoring him by travelling from Del Norte County, at the Oregon border, to attend the meeting, and he gave them an opportunity to say a few words.

Mr. Stover made a few comments. He said that he last attended a District Board meeting when former Director John Fraser represented Del Norte County and became the President, which was 25 years ago. He expressed appreciation for President Cochran's new role.

Mr. Follett congratulated President Cochran on his new role.

Mrs. Stover congratulated President Cochran and said she is pleased to attend the meeting.

[Director Conroy arrived.]

- (4) **PUBLIC COMMENT:** [05:06 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

The following individuals spoke under Public Comment:

- Shane Weinstein, Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), Local 1575 (in person)
- Dave Rhody, The Climate Reality Project (in person)
- David Pilpel, San Francisco resident (remotely)
- Manuel Gamboa, Sacramento County resident (remotely)

[17:48 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

President Cochran thanked those who made public comments. Acting General Manager and Deputy General Manager/Administration and Development Kellee Hopper responded to the public comments. She indicated that the District is working to develop a Rehabilitation Plan for the Golden Gate Transit Amalgamated Retirement Plan (GGTARP) in solidarity with ATU. She thanked Dave Rhody for his climate change advocacy and said the District has a Climate Change component in its Strategic Plan, which is under development. She also thanked David Pilpel and said staff would follow up on his comments. In addition, she expressed appreciation for Manuel Gamboa and his family for their tireless advocacy related to the Suicide Deterrent System.

- (5) **CONSENT CALENDAR:** [19:16 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

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

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- AYES (14):** Directors Conroy, Engardio, Garbarino, Giudice, Grosboll, Hernández, Mastin, Pahre, Rodoni, Snyder and Thier; Second Vice President Rabbitt; First Vice President Hill; President Cochran.
- NOES (0):** None.
- ABSENT (5):** Directors Dorsey, Moulton-Peters, Safaí, Stefani and Thériault.

(A) Approve the Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (1) Transportation Committee of December 14, 2023;
- (2) Building and Operating Committee of December 14, 2023;
- (3) Finance-Auditing Committee of December 14, 2023;
- (4) Governmental Affairs and Public Information Committee of December 15, 2023; and,
- (5) Board of Directors of December 15, 2023.

Carried

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

Resolution No. 2024-001 (as detailed in the December 14, 2023, Finance-Auditing Committee meeting)

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

Adopted

(6) REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

(A) General Manager [19:56 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Ms. Hopper presented the General Manager Report. She highlighted a few items in the report including: 1) Bridge traffic and transit ridership; 2) Golden Gate Transit Bus Operator Class, which includes a number of apprentices; 3) Marin/Sonoma Transit Coordination; 4) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association; 5) Fitch Ratings that affirmed the District's A+/Stable Outlook status and expressed appreciation for the contributions of Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire and Director of Fiscal Resources Alice Ng; 5) Larkspur Ferry Terminal emergency repairs and 6) recognition of Del West, Madeline Chun, President Gerald "Jerry" D. Cochran, Director James Mastin and Yusef McNeil for their District service.

[Director Safaí arrived.]

(B) Attorney [35:59 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

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

(C) District Engineer [36:15 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

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District Engineer Ewa Bauer-Furbush presented the District Engineer Report, which was for informational purposes only and no action was taken. She provided updates on a few projects:

- Suicide Deterrent System (SDS) and Traveler System
- SDS Rescue Training Net
- Alexander Avenue Survey and Improvement Design Services
- Toll Plaza Pavement Overlay
- San Francisco Ferry Terminal Physical Security Improvement
- Larkspur Ferry Terminal Fuel Tank Rehabilitation
- San Rafael Parking Lot Improvements and Solar Panel Installation
- Corte Madera Ecological Reserve (CMER)

[44:13 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Director Thier expressed appreciation for working with the District's consultant WRA to remove the use of herbicides at the CMER.

(7) OTHER REPORTS:

There were no Other Reports to discuss.

(8) REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

**(A) Building and Operating Committee [44:46 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]
January 25, 2024
Chair Patricia Garbarino**

(1) Authorize an Amendment to Professional Service Agreement (PSA) No. 2014-FT-13, Wetland Restoration Design and Permitting Support Services Project, with WRA, Inc. [45:04 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Director Thier commented and thanked leadership and staff for their efforts on the Amendment.

Directors GARBARINO/THIER

Resolution No. 2024-002 approves actions relative to removing any possible use of herbicides from Professional Services Agreement (PSA) No. 2014-FT-13, *Wetland Restoration Design and Permitting Support Services Project*, with WRA, Inc. (WRA), as follows:

- (a) Authorizes the execution of the First Addendum to the Sixth Amendment to PSA No. 2014-FT-13, in an amount not-to-exceed \$167,000, for invasive weed control associated with the *Corte Madera Marsh Restoration Construction Project* (Project #2041);

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- (b) Authorizes a contingency for this amendment in the amount of \$16,700, equal to 10% of the amendment amount; and,
- (c) Authorizes an increase in the amount of \$183,700 in the FY 2023/24 Ferry Division Capital Budget for Project #2041, for a revised total project budget of \$3,389,185, to be financed from the District reserves.

Adopted

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

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (4): Directors Dorsey, Moulton-Peters, Stefani and Thériault.

Chair Garbarino expressed appreciation for the presentation by Deputy General Manager/Ferry Division Michael Hoffman the day before.

**(B) Meeting of the Finance-Auditing Committee [49:15 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]
January 25, 2024
Chair David Rabbitt**

President Cochran stated that the items were discussed at the Committee meeting of the day before.

(1) Approve Actions Regarding the Public Outreach Process Relative to Presenting Toll Options for a Potential Toll Increase on the Golden Gate Bridge [49:36 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]

Director Thier inquired about past public outreach, commented about Bridge traffic and expressed support for robust outreach to Bridge users.

President Cochran spoke about the District's outreach efforts and public participation in prior years.

Directors RABBITT/PAHRE

Resolution No. 2024-003 approves actions relative to a proposed toll increase, as follows:

- (a) Authorizes staff to present for public review several toll options, with the understanding that any action to modify the existing toll structure will take place only after an extensive public outreach process takes place intended to fully inform the public of the District's range of services and the finances required to support future operational and capital programs;
- (b) Authorizes staff to conduct virtual informational open houses as listed below, for the purpose of providing information, answering questions, and

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receiving input from the public about the proposed toll increase options under consideration.

Virtual Open House Dates

Wednesday, February 14, 2024, Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 15, 2024, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The public will have an opportunity to participate online. People will be able to hear about the proposed toll plans, have their questions answered, and submit public comments; and,

- (c) Authorizes staff to set a Public Hearing for Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., in the Board Room, Administration Building, Golden Gate Bridge Toll Plaza, San Francisco.

Adopted

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

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (4): Directors Dorsey, Moulton-Peters, Stefani and Thériault.

- (C) **Meeting of the Rules, Policy and Industrial Relations Committee [55:09 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording] January 25, 2024 Chair Sabrina Hernández**

- (1) **Approve Actions Relative to the Compliance and Employee Relations' Unit in the Administration and Development Division [55:22 Minutes Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Directors HERNÁNDEZ/GIUDICE

Resolution No. 2024-004 approves the following actions relative to the establishment of an EEO Compliance and Workforce Inclusion Department, as follows:

- (a) Retitles and reclassifies the Manager, EEO and Compliance position to Director of EEO and Workforce Inclusion with an annual salary range of \$157,269 to \$190,070, not including benefits;
- (b) Retitles and reclassifies the DBE Administrator position to Manager, DBE and Workforce Inclusion with an annual salary range of \$133,411 to \$161,262, not including benefits;
- (c) Retitles and reclassifies the Leaves Analyst position to Administrator, Leaves of Absence with an annual salary range of \$117,354 to \$141,876, not including benefits;
- (d) Establishes one Senior Analyst, EEO/DBE position with an annual salary range of \$104,978 to \$126,963, not including benefits; and,

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- (e) Adjusts the Table of Organization accordingly.

With the understanding that staff is directed to provide a quarterly report for no less than one year regarding the status of the implementation of these positions.

The annual fiscal impact of these proposed changes is estimated at \$290,498, including benefits. Additional salary and benefit expenses associated with this recommendation will be budgeted accordingly in future fiscal years.

Adopted

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

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (4): Directors Dorsey, Moulton-Peters, Stefani and Thériault.

- (2) **Approve Actions Relative to the Table of Organization in the Ferry Division [1:00:24 Hour Mark on the Audio Recording]**

Directors HERNÁNDEZ/HILL

Resolution No. 2024-005 approves the following actions relative to the Table of Organization in the Ferry Division:

- (a) Within the Ferry Operations Department, establish three new operational positions that will report directly to the Director of Ferry Operations:
- (i) Add one Vessel Operations Manager position at an annual salary range of \$123,094 to \$148,824, not including benefits;
 - (ii) Add one Maritime Program Manager position at an annual salary range of \$123,094 to \$148,824, not including benefits;
 - (iii) Add one Ferry Operations Specialist position at an annual salary range of \$98,883 to \$119,496, not including benefits;
- (b) Within the Ferry Engineering and Maintenance Department, make the following changes:
- (i) Add one Ferry Maintenance Planner position at an annual salary range of \$110,053 to \$132,974, not including benefits, to report directly to the Manager of Ferry Maintenance; and
 - (ii) Eliminate one vacant Ferry Projects Administrator position at an annual salary range of \$126,693 to \$153,088, not including benefits.
- (c) Amend the Ferry Division Table of Organization, accordingly, as detailed in the staff report.

It is anticipated that it will take approximately six months to hire the new positions, which would result in minimal fiscal impact in the current fiscal year, which could be offset through salary savings. The annual fiscal impact

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of these proposed changes is estimated at \$678,752, including benefits. Additional salary, and benefit, expenses associated with this recommendation will be budgeted accordingly in future fiscal years.

Adopted

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

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (4): Directors Dorsey, Moulton-Peters, Stefani and Thériault.

Chair Hernández expressed appreciation to the Committee for their thoughtful discussion.

**(D) Meeting of the Governmental Affairs and Public Information Committee/Committee of the Whole [1:01:41 Hour Mark on the Audio Recording]
January 26, 2024
Chair Chris Snyder**

(1) Authorize Execution of a Contract Relative to 2023-D-101, State Legislative Advocacy Services, with Platinum Advisors, LLC [01:01:51 Hour Mark on the Audio Recording]

Directors SNYDER/PAHRE

Resolution No. 2024-006 authorizes execution of a contract relative to 2023-D-101, *State Legislative Advocacy Services*, with Platinum Advisors, LLC, Sacramento, CA, to provide legislative advocacy consultant services for a five-year term with five additional one-year options, to be exercised at the General Manager's discretion, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$764,000, with the understanding that requisite funds are available in the FY 23/24 District Division Operating Budget and will be budgeted accordingly in future years.

Adopted

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

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (4): Directors Dorsey, Moulton-Peters, Stefani and Thériault.

Chair Snyder commented briefly about a recent event he attended with the White House, labor leaders and others in New York, and the group's discussion about the Inflation Reduction Act opportunities related to transit electrification and training labor. He encouraged District representatives to monitor and pursue the upcoming funding opportunities.

(9) **ADDRESSES TO BOARD:**

There were no Addresses to Board.

(10) **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

- (A) **Ratify Appointments by the Board President to Represent the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District on the Golden Gate Transit-Amalgamated Retirement Plan Board [1:04:33 Hour Mark on the Audio Recording]**

President Cochran presented the staff report.

Directors GIUDICE/GARBARINO

Resolution No. 2024-007 ratifies appointments by the President of the Board of Directors to represent the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) on other Boards, as follows:

Golden Gate Transit-Amalgamated Retirement Plan (GGTARP) Board
(2 seats to be filled)

Trustees: James Mastin (Replaces Trustee Michael Thériault)

Trustee: Dennis Rodoni (Replaces Trustee Gerald Cochran)

Term: February 1, 2024 to January 31, 2025

Adopted

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

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (4): Directors Dorsey, Moulton-Peters, Stefani and Thériault.

(11) **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no Unfinished Business.

(12) **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business.

(13) **COMMUNICATIONS [1:05:58 Hour Mark on the Audio Recording]**

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

(14) **ADJOURNMENT: [1:06:07 Hour Mark on the Audio Recording]**

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All business having been concluded **Directors GIUDICE/THIER** moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned in honor of Velia Natividad Dominguez and Nancy Gaffney and Harold “Sonny” Johnson at 11:09 a.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 FEBRUARY 22, 2024**

(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 February 22, 2024. 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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