

**REGIONAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 2023**

The Regional Government Services Authority held a regular meeting of the Board of Directors on February 16, 2023 via teleconference. The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Members Present: Hilary Straus, Chair
Liz Habkirk, Vice Chair
Dan Buckshi, Member
Steve Rogers, Member
Dan Schwarz, Member
Linda Smith, Member
Ed Tewes, Member

Members Absent: None

Other Attendees: Richard Averett, Executive Director
Sophia Selivanoff, Deputy Executive Director for Client Services
Rich Oppenheim, Administrative Services Manager
Gina Schuchard, Interim Deputy CFO
Lindsay Rice, Accounting Manager
Chris Paxton, Interim Human Resources Manager
Ashley Metzger, Senior Advisor, Communications and Engagement
Cherie Johnson, Senior Human Resources Advisor
Tiffany Buraglio, Executive Assistant

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

1:17 p.m. Member Rogers joined the meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of **February 17, 2022** Minutes

B. Adopt Resolution **RGSBOD2023-01** Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings Under the Brown Act as Amended by Assembly Bill 361 (2021)

There was a group discussion around the upcoming expiration of AB361 and how JPA virtual meetings would function after that date. Staff is planning to revert to pre-AB361 Brown Act procedures, listing location of Members participating in the meeting.

Action: Moved and seconded (Smith/Habkirk) to approve consent agenda.

AYES: Straus, Habkirk, Buckshi, Rogers, Schwarz, Smith, Tewes

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

4. TREASURER’S REPORT - None

5. OLD BUSINESS - None

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointment of Edward Tewes to serve on Executive Committee for the duration of his service on the Board of Directors

Executive Director Averett explained that Edward Tewes’ appointment might be short-lived as the City of Soledad was in the process of seeking a new City Manager, but that the City would be able to maintain its member benefits by maintaining representation in the interim.

Action: Moved and seconded (Rogers/Habkirk) to appoint Edward Tewes to serve on Executive Committee for the duration of his service on the Board of Directors

AYES: Straus, Habkirk, Buckshi, Rogers, Schwarz, Smith

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Tewes

- B. Appointment of Julie Baldia to serve on Executive Committee as Alternate Member. Member Rogers announced his date for stepping away as Yountville Town Manager to be March 31 and that the Town anticipated having a replacement in the May/June timeframe. Julia Baldia is currently the Deputy Director of Human Resources and IT for the Town, and has managed some RGS contracts in the past. Member Rogers stated he hopes to encourage the new Town Manager to stay connected and participating with RGS. Julie Baldia will continue the Town's participation with RGS until a replacement Town Manager is chosen.

Action: Moved and seconded (Habkirk/Buckshi) to appoint Julie Baldia to serve on Executive Committee as Alternate Member

AYES: Straus, Habkirk, Buckshi, Rogers, Schwarz, Smith, Tewes

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

- C. Approval of Resolution **RGSBOD2023-02** to Oppose Initiative 1935
Human Resources Advisor Metzger announced Initiative 1935 will be available on the November 2024 ballot. The measure would impact RGS' clients' ability to obtain services from RGS. If passed, RGS would share the adoption of the resolution with interested trade groups. Executive Director Averett also noted that he hoped that RGS' support for local agencies would be reciprocated in the future.

A question was asked if this Initiative would have a direct impact on RGS' business. Advisor Metzger indicated that the Initiative could have a direct negative impact on RGS' business because the Initiative would make it more difficult for public agencies to contract with RGS for services. Executive Director Averett also noted that RGS has not taken a position on legislation many times in the past, but this particular Initiative would cause an impact to RGS business and could open up RGS' fee setting to challenges.

It was asked if RGS had been reached out to directly for their support. Executive Director Averett stated that the JPA has not been reached out to because RGS is not a member of the various trade agencies.

Action: Moved and seconded (Buckshi/Rogers) to approve Resolution **RGSBOD2023-02** to oppose Initiative 1935.

AYES: Straus, Habkirk, Buckshi, Rogers, Schwarz, Smith, Tewes

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND MEMBER REPORTS

- A. Executive Director: Executive Director Averett recognized the service of Member Rogers for the past 12 years and stated that Staff greatly appreciated his service.
B. Members: All members expressed their thanks for Member Rogers.

8. **ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m. The next regular meeting date is scheduled for May 19, 2023.