

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

The Board of Directors of the Regional Transportation Authority met in public session on Thursday, May 16, 2019 in Suite 1650, 175 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois pursuant to notice.

Chairman Dillard called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

**ROLL CALL**

**Board members present (13):** Coulson, Durante, Frega, Groven, Higgins, Holt, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Troiani (phone), Chairman Dillard

**Board members absent (3):** Fuentes, Kotel, Sager

**Approval of minutes from the meeting held on April 18, 2019**

Director Higgins moved, and Director Holt seconded that the minutes from the meeting held on April 18, 2019 be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

**13 Ayes:** Coulson, Durante, Frega, Groven, Higgins, Holt, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Troiani, Chairman Dillard

**3 Absent:** Fuentes, Kotel, Sager

**Executive Director's Report**

Ms. Redden reported that at the end of April, the State owes the RTA \$261.3 million of ASA, AFA, and PTF. The State is still 10 months behind on ASA, 10 months behind on AFA, the equivalent of 5.0 months behind on PTF and the YTD cost of short-term debt is \$1.8 million. Due to a larger than usual influx of revenue for the month of April, the State was able to pay a larger than usual portion of the outstanding debt owed to the RTA. While this is a positive sign, the RTA has spoken to the Comptroller's office and does not expect to see a similar influx of revenue during the next few months

She then briefed the Board on the Illinois General Assembly. Legislators have yet to come to an agreement on a number of large issues and while several capital infrastructure bills have been filed and discussed, it seems that the passage will be contingent on some of the other larger revenue and budget items. The General Assembly is entering its last two weeks of scheduled spring session with an adjournment date set for May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Ms. Redden then discussed federal issues the RTA is currently monitoring. On May 1 Congressman Mike Quigley testified before the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee during Members' Day and adopted some of the RTA priorities into his testimony for the record.

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On April 30<sup>th</sup>, President Trump met with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer and a few other senior Democratic lawmakers to discuss a potential infrastructure package.

Ms. Redden then told the Board about a the RTA's plans to adjust the agency's DBE goal to 16.2% for FFYs 2020-22. A meeting with stakeholders was held and on June 10<sup>th</sup> a public notice with links to the DBE goal methodology will be on the RTA's website. The RTA is accepting public comments through July 24, 2019.

And finally, Ms. Redden gave a wrap up of Get On Board Day. It was a successful event and that got quite a bit of good media coverage of it including: WGN radio and TV; WLS-TV; WBEZ and more.

#### **Update on activities of the RTA Citizens' Advisory Board**

RTA Transit Access Citizens Advisory Board (RTACAB) Chairman Greg Polman provided an update to the RTA Board of Directors. The RTACAB met on April 1st, 2019. Chairman Polman reported that at the April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, Mark Koljack provided highlights of the Mobility Services Department Year-End 2018 Statistics report. Mr. Polman then provided the Board with some highlights relating to eligible ADA Paratransit customers, visitors to one of four RTA/City of Chicago DFSS sites and RTA Ride Free Permits.

Mr. Polman explained that the RTACAB also received briefings from Susan Massel, Director, Marketing and Communications, about the first annual Get On Board Day; and Heather Tabbert Mullins, Local Planning and Program Management on the current RTA's 5310 Call for Projects.

#### **Consent Agenda Items**

Director Pang moved, and Director Ross seconded the adoption of the following resolutions and ordinances as submitted on the Consent Agenda:

2019-17	These resolutions certifying that the operating financial results of each Service Board and the region as a whole, through the first quarter of 2019, are substantially in accordance with budget. The system-wide operating deficit of the Service Boards, including Pace ADA Paratransit, was \$409.9 million. This result is \$5.5 million, or 1.3%, favorable to the adopted budget. The regional system-generated revenue recovery ratio of 47.1%, which excludes ADA Paratransit, was 0.6 percentage points unfavorable to budget.
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2019-22 This ordinance approves and releases the 2020 Budget and Capital Program Call (the "Budget Call"). The Budget Call defines the schedule and information requirements that the Service Boards must follow for the development of the 2020 Budget, which includes the 2020 Operating Budget, 2021-2022 Two-Year Financial Plan, and 2020-2024 Five-Year Capital Program. These requirements focus on ensuring that the RTA has sufficient information to adequately evaluate the Service Boards' budgets, coordinate resource allocation, and ultimately recommend adoption of the consolidated regional budget and capital program as outlined by the RTA Act.

The motion carried on the following leave for last unanimous roll call vote:

**13 Ayes:** Coulson, Durante, Frega, Groven, Higgins, Holt, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Troiani, Chairman Dillard

**3 Absent:** Fuentes, Kotel, Sager

**Contracts/Expenditure Items**

Director Durante moved, and Director Melvin seconded the adoption of the following ordinances, as well as the approval of Board travel expenditures as submitted:

2019-23 This ordinance authorizes the execution of 20 task order contracts, for the period from date of execution through February 14, 2022, to complete planning studies on behalf of municipalities and/or RTA Service Boards selected through the Community Planning program with a total RTA contribution not to exceed \$2,100,000. No funds are needed at this time to execute the task order contracts. However, the amount of each individual task order project budget will be determined when new projects are selected.

2019-24 This ordinance authorizing the purchase of excess liability insurance policies by the RTA's Loss Financing Plan/Joint Self-Insurance Fund. RTA's current policies expire on June 15, and renewal policies are required in order to ensure continuous coverage in the event of a claim. At the time of drafting, the RTA's broker continues to negotiate terms with underwriters, in order to further reduce the proposed premiums, however the total cost for coverage from 2019-2020 will not exceed \$5,645,775, plus applicable taxes.

The motion carried on the following leave for last unanimous roll call vote:

**13 Ayes:** Coulson, Durante, Frega, Groven, Higgins, Holt, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Troiani, Chairman Dillard

**3 Absent:** Fuentes, Kotel, Sager

Chairman Dillard stated that the next meeting of the RTA Board of Directors was scheduled for June 20, 2019.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION ITEM**

Director Durante pointed out that the Board was aware of the Executive Session item and recommended the discussion and action that was to come out could be addressed in open session. The Board acknowledged the recommendation. He then moved, and Director Melvin seconded the ordinance that would reappoint Kirk Dillard to the position of Chairman of the RTA Board for another 5-year term. Directors Magalis, Higgins and Pang also voiced an additional second and provided compliments and comments supporting their concurrence in reappointing Chairman Dillard for a second term. Chairman Dillard acknowledged the support and complimented the Board and staff for their support. The secretary then read the Ordinance into the record.

2019-25        This ordinance re-appoints Kirk W. Dillard to the position of Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Regional Transportation Authority for a term of five (5) years beginning August 1, 2019 and until his successor has been appointed and has qualified.

Director Durante moved, and Director Melvin seconded. The motion carried on the following leave for last unanimous roll call vote:

**13 Ayes:** Coulson, Durante, Frega, Groven, Higgins, Holt, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Troiani, Chairman Dillard

**3 Absent:** Fuentes, Kotel, Sager

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, Director Groven moved, and Director Lewis seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried on the following voice vote:

**13 Ayes:** Coulson, Durante, Frega, Groven, Higgins, Holt, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Troiani, Chairman Dillard

**3 Absent:** Fuentes, Kotel, Sager

The public portion of the Board meeting concluded at 9:55 a.m.

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Secretary of the Authority