

**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, July 16, 2015** in Suite 1650, 175 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois pursuant to notice.

Chairman Dillard called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

ROLL CALL

Board members present (14): Anderson, Buchanan, Coulson (phone), DeWitte, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Hobson, Magalis, Pang, Ross, Totten, Troiani, and Chairman Dillard

Board members absent (2): Lewis and Melvin

Approval of minutes from the meetings held on June 25, 2015

Director DeWitte moved, and Director Frega seconded that the minutes from the meetings held on June 25, 2015 be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

14 Ayes: Anderson, Buchanan, Coulson (phone), DeWitte, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Hobson, Magalis, Pang, Ross, Totten, Troiani, and Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Lewis and Melvin

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Redden began by reporting that as of May, the State of Illinois owes the RTA \$283.9 million.

Ms. Redden then gave an update on the work in Washington DC. House Republicans were looking to pass an extension of the HTF through the end of the year in order to put together a six-year deal after the August Recess. The proposal for the needed \$8 billion contains a grab-bag of small-ball revenue measures. Both Republicans and Democrats in the Senate are exploring options for a long-term transportation bill. Transit parity has been put on the back burner while there have been discussions about comprehensive tax reform. Working with Senator Hatch, there may be a vehicle to attach our parity language in the short-term, as we have done in the past. No matter what, we will still try to work to get permanent parity language included as part of a must pass bill. Also, Santa Cruz Metro joined the GATW coalition solidifying our base in the San Francisco Bay area.

Finally, Ms. Redden introduced new CTA President Dorval Carter, who gave a brief presentation on his new role with the CTA.

**APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AUGUST 20, 2015**

Information Items

Ms. Reyna-Hickey provided a summary of the Service Board financial results for the year-to-date through May 2015. Ms. Reyna-Hickey stated that regional unemployment was unchanged in May at 6.4%. RTA system ridership through May was 2.2% unfavorable to budget and 1.1% lower than prior year. Pace Suburban Service had the greatest unfavorable ridership variance of 9.4% due to lower gas prices, severe winter weather, and the discontinuation of cash transfers in 2014. Operating revenue was 1.6% unfavorable to budget due to a modest shortfall in fare revenue and lower accrual of the State reduced fare reimbursement. However, public funding results are strengthening, with April sales tax projected to exceed budget by 3%. Regional operating expenses were 2.0% favorable to budget through May, with fuel savings representing about one-third of the variance. The system net result was \$18.1 million favorable to budget mainly due to good Service Board expense performance, a \$4 million improvement from last month's report. The regional recovery ratio of 49.5% was 0.3 percentage points unfavorable to budget due primarily to the lower reported level of reduced fare funding.

Director Hobson asked when the Board will see a peer comparison to give the ridership losses some context? Ms. Reyna-Hickey responded that peer comparisons for ridership will be included with the quarterly performance measures update in August, and in the quarterly financial report to be provided at the next Board meeting. She expects RTA to compare quite favorably on a relative basis, as we saw in the first quarter.

Director Hobson followed by asking if the lower accruals for reduced fare funding is being driven by the uncertainty of the State budget process? Ms. Reyna-Hickey replied this was correct and explained that the Service Boards do not want to continue to accrue funding that may not materialize because this could result in a significant negative adjustment later in the year.

Mr. Michael VanDeKreke provided an update on the development of a new model of service delivery of the programs housed within the Mobility Services Department. This new model will integrate multiple RTA programs that serve people with disabilities and older adults into a one-stop approach to streamline service delivery and create conveniences for our customers. He provided an overview of the project and then informed the Board of activities that have occurred to date to move this project forward. One of these initiatives was the procurement of the Bronner Group to provide project management services to implement this new approach. The Bronner Group, one of eleven firms pre-qualified to provide project management services for the RTA, won the competitive procurement based on having the lowest bid and the highest rated technical approach from the task order selection committee. The Bronner Group is a Chicago-based DBE firm and the task order amendment will be for an amount not to exceed \$134,080 over a 15-month period. Mr. VanDeKreke asked the board to approve this task order amendment, which was the next item on the Board agenda.

Contract Items

Director Pang moved, and Director Magalis seconded that the item below be adopted as submitted.

2015-30 This ordinance authorizes an amendment to the contract with Bronner Group for project management services. The amendment would award Bronner Group the task of providing project management services for the implementation of the new Integrated Mobility Management Program for a cost not to exceed \$134,080.00.

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

14 Ayes: Anderson, Buchanan, Coulson (phone), DeWitte, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Hobson, Magalis, Pang, Ross, Totten, Troiani, and Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Lewis and Melvin

Special Action Items

Director Totten moved, and Director Ross seconded that the item below be adopted as submitted.

2015-31 Resolution proclaiming July 26, 2015 Americans with Disabilities Awareness Day.

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

14 Ayes: Anderson, Buchanan, Coulson (phone), DeWitte, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Hobson, Magalis, Pang, Ross, Totten, Troiani, and Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Lewis and Melvin

ADJOURNMENT

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

14 Ayes: Anderson, Buchanan, Coulson (phone), DeWitte, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Hobson, Magalis, Pang, Ross, Totten, Troiani, and Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Lewis and Melvin

The meeting ended at 9:50 a.m.

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