

**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, December 13, 2018 in Suite 1650, 175 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois pursuant to notice.

Chairman Dillard called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Prior to the roll being called, Chairman Dillard announced that Anthony Anderson has been replaced on the Board by Alexandra Holt, who was unable to make the meeting due to previous schedule conflicts. He stated that she would be introduced at the next Board meeting.

ROLL CALL

Board members present (14): Coulson, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Groven, Higgins, Kotel, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Sager, Chairman Dillard

Board members absent (2): Fuentes, Holt

Approval of minutes from the meeting held on November 28, 2018

Director Melvin moved, and Director Magalis seconded that the minutes from the meeting held on November 28, 2018 be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

14 Ayes: Coulson, Durante, Frega, Groven, Higgins, Kotel, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Sager, Troiani, Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Fuentes, Holt

Public Comment

Mr. Garland Armstrong relayed an incident and expressed concern over the securement of wheelchairs on CTA buses. He shared a recent incident and recommended that specific training be provided to drivers on proper securement for wheelchairs of all types. Chairman Dillard responded that his concern would be shared with the CTA, as well as Pace to ensure similar incidences do not occur in the future.

**APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FEBRUARY 21, 2019**

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Leanne Redden reported that through the end of November, the State owes the RTA \$423.6 million of ASA, AFA, and PTF. The State is 16 months behind on ASA, 17 months behind on AFA and the equivalent of 7.8 months behind on PTF. The year-to-date cost of short-term debt is \$6.4 million.

In Washington, the U.S. Congress has until December 21st to pass seven appropriations bills including the Transportation-Housing & Urban Development (T-HUD), which funds federal transportation programs.

The Illinois General Assembly is scheduled to return to Springfield on January 7th for a two-day lame duck session. The inauguration of the 101st General Assembly is on January 9th and the inauguration for executive officers, including the governor, takes place on January 14th.

Local Planning staff, with the cooperation of the Service Boards and CMAP, recently completed the process of selecting projects for the Access to Transit program. Ten projects have been selected to move on to the next stage in the funding process, which is applying for federal CMAQ funds that would cover 80% of the \$5.9 million total budget. These projects propose a variety of improvements to the multi-modal environment around rail stations and bus stops, including elements like crosswalks, sidewalks, warming shelters, bike parking, ADA accessibility improvements and wayfinding signage. Although projects have been selected, funding is contingent upon selection to the CMAQ program. Those applications are due in February.

Ms. Redden then reported on the various events where she and the Service Board leaders appeared and talked about the regional funding needs. All four leaders were featured on a panel at a City Club of Chicago breakfast and also appeared on WTTW's Chicago Tonight.

Finally, Ms. Redden congratulated the Communications Department staff on recently winning several MarCom awards. MarCom is an organization that recognizes excellence in communications.

Consent Agenda

Director Magalis moved, and Director Groven seconded the adoption of the following ordinances from the Consent Agenda:

2018-66 This ordinance is the amendment to the 2018-2022 Capital Program and incorporates changes in program revenue and expenses for CTA and Metra. The Pace Capital Program remains unchanged.

- 2018-67 This ordinance approves CTA's request to reprogram ICE funds from one previously programmed project to another.
- 2018-68 This ordinance approves the 2019 Operating Budgets, 2020-2021 Financial Plans, and 2019-2023 Capital Programs of the Service Boards and the Authority, including the RTA Agency. This recommendation is made following a review of the proposed 2019 Budgets with the Service Boards at a special meeting of the Finance Committee of the Board held on November 28th at which the Service Boards presented their proposed budgets and capital programs and provided responses to questions from the RTA Board. The budgets, financial plans, and capital programs defined by the ordinance are balanced, adhere to the funding amounts and recovery ratios adopted by the RTA Board in August, and meet the required recovery ratio for the region.

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

14 Ayes: Coulson, Durante, Frega, Groven, Higgins, Kotel, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Sager, Troiani, Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Fuentes, Holt

Contracts/Expenditure Items

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

- 2018-69 This ordinance authorizes the execution of a contract amendment with Granicus, Inc. to continue providing the RTA with a platform for the management and online delivery of Board meeting documents and audio/video streams. The proposed contract amendment will extend the current contract by one year, from February 28, 2019 to February 28, 2020; and increase the contract amount by \$43,117.08, from \$114,732.00 to \$157,849.08.

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

14 Ayes: Coulson, Durante, Frega, Groven, Higgins, Kotel, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Sager, Troiani, Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Fuentes, Holt

Special Action Items

Director Sager moved, and Director Pang seconded the adoption of the following ordinance as submitted:

2018-70 This ordinance amends Ordinance 2018-52 authorizing the RTA to acquire a parcel of land with a common address of 1825-1929 North La Fox Street, South Elgin, Illinois 60177 (the Subject Property), using its authority to exercise eminent domain on behalf of Pace. The amended ordinance is necessary to more fully and accurately describe the Subject Property in order to meet any related legal requirements.

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

14 Ayes: Coulson, Durante, Frega, Groven, Higgins, Kotel, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Sager, Troiani, Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Fuentes, Holt

Chairman Dillard stated that the next meeting of the RTA Board of Directors was scheduled for January 17, 2019. He then expressed his gratitude to the Board and staff for their hard work throughout the year and extended his wishes for the holidays.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Directors, Chairman Dillard requested a motion and second to adjourn. Director Lewis moved, and Director Higgins seconded that the Board adjourn.

The motion carried on the following voice vote

14 Ayes: Coulson, Durante, Frega, Groven, Higgins, Kotel, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Sager, Troiani, Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Fuentes, Holt

The meeting ended at 9:40 a.m.

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