



Minutes

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

The Board of Directors of the Regional Transportation Authority met on Thursday, May 16, 2024, pursuant to notice. Chairman Dillard called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. He then recited the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call – [watch video](#)

Board members present (14): Andalcio, Carey, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Holt, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Sager, Yonan, and Chairman Dillard

Board members absent (1): Lewis

Approval of minutes from the meetings held on March 21, 2024 – [watch video](#)

No questions or comments from RTA Board members.

Director Groven moved, and Director Sager seconded that the minutes from the public meeting and executive session held on March 21, 2024, be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

14 Ayes: Andalcio, Carey, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Holt, Lewis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Sager, and Chairman Dillard

1 Absent: Lewis

1 Present: Yonan

Public Comment – [watch video](#)

John Paul Jones and Keano Gottlicher/Commuters Take Action provided written public comment which was read into the record by the Board Secretary.

Executive Director’s Report – [watch video](#)

Executive Director Leanne Redden provided an update on conferences she attended to discuss the work the agency has been engaged in, a legislative update, and discussed the Transportation Tuesdays webinar series starting on May 28.

Update on the activities of the RTA Transit Access Citizens’ Advisory Board – [watch video](#)

Jackie Forbes, Chairperson of the RTA Citizens’ Advisory Board, provided an update on the work of the Board.

Chairman Dillard asked questions or provided comments following the presentation.

Transit is the Answer update – [watch video](#)

Peter Kersten, Program Manager, Strategic Plan Implementation, Heather Mullins, Division Manager, Local Planning and Program Management, and Rob Nash, Director, Government Affairs, provided an update on implementation activities, including the Public Transit Safety and Security Summit, follow up on public comment from the February RTA Board meeting on the Chicago Avenue and Halsted bus lanes, and other planning, legislative, communication, and finance updates.

Directors Gorman, Carey, Sager, Pang, Melvin, Ross, Andalcio, and Chairman Dillard asked questions or provided comments following the presentation.

Resolutions certifying financial results – first quarter 2024 – [watch video](#)

Maulik Vaishnav, Senior Deputy Executive Director, Planning and Capital Programming, and Doug Anderson, Manager, Budget and Analysis, presented resolutions certifying the operating financial results of CTA, Metra, Pace Suburban Service, ADA Paratransit, and the Region as a whole, through the first quarter of 2024, are in substantial accordance with the budget adopted on December 14, 2023. Additionally, staff provided an update on data reporting related to the 2023 transit “omnibus” package.

Director Carey asked questions or provided comments following the presentation.

Director Groven moved, and Director Fuentes seconded that the proposed ordinances be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

13 Ayes: Andalcio, Carey, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Holt, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Sager, and Chairman Dillard

1 Absent: Lewis

1 Present: Yonan

Amendment of the 2024-2028 Capital Program, and approval of 2024 Federal Funding Allocation Agreements – [watch video](#)

Brian Lowenberg, Manager, Capital Programs, presented an ordinance approved the attachments to the 2024 Federal Funding Allocation Agreements between Northeastern Illinois, Northwestern Indiana, and Southeastern Wisconsin, and an ordinance incorporating changes in projects, program revenue, and expenses for CTA, Pace, and Metra.

Director Groven asked questions or provided comments following the presentation.

Director Ross moved, and Director Sager seconded that the proposed ordinances be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

13 Ayes: Andalcio, Carey, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Holt, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Sager, and Chairman Dillard

1 Absent: Lewis

1 Present: Yonan

Ordinance approving the 2025 budget call for the annual operating budget, two-year financial plan, and five-year capital program – [watch video](#)

Bill Lachman, Treasurer, Budget and Financial Analysis Manager, and Mr. Lowenberg presented a proposed ordinance that approved and released the 2025 Budget and Capital Program Call (the “Budget Call”), including the 2025 Operating Budget, 2026-2027 Two-Year Financial Plan, and 2025-2029 Five-Year Capital Program.

Director Coulson asked questions or provided comments following the presentation.

Director Sager moved, and Director Gorman seconded that the proposed ordinance be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

13 Ayes: Andalcio, Carey, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Holt, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Sager, and Chairman Dillard

1 Absent: Lewis

1 Present: Yonan

Contracts/Expenditure Items – [watch video](#)

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

Ordinance authorizing a contract for Managed Security Services Provider

Ordinance authorizing the purchase of excess liability insurance policies by the RTA Loss Financing Plan/Joint Self-Insurance Fund

Ordinances authorizing contracts for commercial banking services and bond trustee services

Ordinance authorizing a contract for printing and mailing of maps

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

13 Ayes: Andalcio, Carey, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Holt, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Sager, and Chairman Dillard

1 Absent: Lewis

1 Present: Yonan

Approval of travel expenses reimbursement(s) – [watch video](#)

Director Andalcio moved, and Director Carey seconded that the proposed ordinance be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

13 Ayes: Andalcio, Carey, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Holt, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Sager, and Chairman Dillard

1 Absent: Lewis

1 Present: Yonan

New Business – [watch video](#)

Chairman Dillard announced the next RTA Board of Directors meeting is Thursday, June 20, at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT – [watch video](#)

There being no further business to come before the public session of the Board, Chairman Dillard asked RTA General Counsel Allison Noback to cite the exceptions for the closed session. Ms. Noback cited IOMA Section 2(c)(21) as the exception.

Director Fuentes then moved, and Director Melvin seconded that the meeting move into Executive Session and adjourn from there.

The motion carried on the following voice vote:

14 Ayes: Andalcio, Carey, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Holt, Kotel, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Sager, Yonan, and Chairman Dillard

The Board meeting ended at 11:09 a.m.

Joey-Lin Silberhorn

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Secretary of the Authority