

**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, March 17, 2016** in Suite 1650, 175 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois pursuant to notice.

Chairman Dillard called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

ROLL CALL

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

Board members absent (2): Anderson and Buchanan

Approval of minutes from the meeting held on January 21, 2016

Director Totten moved, and Director Ross seconded that the minutes from the meeting held on January 21, 2016 be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

14 Ayes: Coulson, DeWitte, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Hobson, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Totten, Troiani, and Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Anderson and Buchanan

Chairman Dillard started the meeting by congratulating Leanne Redden on being named one of a handful of recipients of the COMTO “Women Who Move the Nation” award at their national convention the previous day.

Executive Director’s Report

Ms. Redden reported that the RTA is owed \$269.3 million by the state of Illinois and that the cost of short term borrowing YTD is \$418,007.00. In Springfield, the Governor introduced his FY 2017 proposed budget in February. Although the budget relied on almost \$3 billion of new revenue that currently does not exist, the budget did contain full funding for transit in our region. In conjunction with the Governor's proposed budget, Senate Bill 2789 was introduced which would give the Governor the authority to stop statutory transfers of funds and prevent continuing appropriations for state fiscal years 2016 and 2017. The bill was given a subject matter hearing and the RTA opposed the bill. Also, IDOT has introduced SB 2527 which would codify the federal designation of IDOT as the rail safety oversight agency over the CTA. Currently, the RTA has this designation, but following reforms made to the safety oversight program under MAP-21, IDOT has chosen to take this function over. The RTA is working with IDOT regarding the language and details of the bill.

Approved by Board of Directors
April 21, 2016

Ms. Redden then discussed the March 15th Primary elections and how it affected the region. Congresswoman Tammy Duckworth is running for U.S. Senate thus her seat, the 8th Congressional District, will have Raja Krishnamoorthi versus Pete DiCanni - so there is guaranteed a change in representation there. Also, there will be a few changes in Springfield. There will also be 3 new Senators representing the region and 5 new members of the General Assembly after the November elections.

Turning to federal news, Ms. Redden reminded the Board that the FAST Act took some important steps in the way of funding. Public transportation funding increased almost 10% from FY15 to FY16 and almost 18% over the life of the bill, the tax parity issue was resolved later in December on a permanent basis and the PTC mandate was delayed 2-4 years, all of which is important to the region. However, the long-term sustainable funding source that would allow for much greater federal funding was not identified in the FAST Act and that continues to be critical to the RTA. Smith Dawson and Andrews is working with RTA on communicating with the region's federal delegation to support key programs that are important to maintaining and growing the RTA system.

Ms. Redden said the RTA celebrated Black History Month with the help of our board members and the CTA. Directors Melvin and Lewis offered their perspectives on what the month means to them by serving as guest bloggers on the RTA blog, Ride On. She also reminded the Board that Friday March 18th was Transit Employee Appreciation Day.

Ms. Redden stated the RTA was pleased to take part in the Ride Lake County Central Pace Dial-a-Ride Service ribbon cutting ceremony earlier this month at the Mundelein Village Hall. The RTA provided \$164,000 from our Section 5310 program to go toward this service to help to improve mobility for older adults and people with disabilities.

Lastly, Ms. Redden announced the RTA is once again the recipient of the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its 2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). This is the 21st year in a row.

Quarterly RTACAB Update

The RTACAB held its first quarter meeting on January 19, 2016. Chairman Greg Polman presided over the meeting and gave an update to the Board. Mr. Polman expressed his enthusiasm over the new structure of RTACAB and its focus on obtaining community input on the full spectrum programs and services offered by the RTA.

Mr. Polman reported that at the January meeting, Mr. VanDekreke provided a brief background of the Integrated Mobility Management Program, which includes a new contract with a vendor to run RTA's ADA Paratransit Certification and Travel Training programs allowing the RTA to create a community based model of service operations utilizing current RTA staff. This model was created to increase convenience for the region's customers, to be more cost-effective and more in-line with RTA's national peers. The RTA issued an RFP in August 2015 and received five proposals. Mr. VanDekreke reported that the contract, and the proposed vendor, would be presented to the RTA Board for approval during the January Board meeting.

Ms. Judy L. Shanley, Assistant Vice-President of Education & Youth Transition Co-Director with the National Center for Mobility Management Easter Seals (NCMM) provided a presentation on current MCMM initiatives. Specifically, NCMM is currently in the process of identifying partners with local organizations and/or municipalities to identify mobility management projects that would focus on the design and delivery of transportation services in partnership with the transit system's customers. Ms. Shanley indicated that Mobility Management activities should begin with a community vision in which the entire transportation network - public transit, private operators, cycling, walking, volunteer drivers, and others - works together with customers, planners, and stakeholders to deliver the transportation options that best meet the community's needs. Ms. Shanley indicated that she would like to begin working with the RTACAB and the RTA staff to explore ways NCMM could provide support to such initiatives in the Chicagoland area. RTA Staff indicated that they would follow-up with Ms. Shanley on identifying ways to partner with her organization.

Consent Items

Director DeWitte moved, and Director Durante seconded that the resolutions listed below be adopted.

2016-04	These resolutions certify the operating financial results for each Service Board and the region as a whole, through the fourth quarter of 2015. Based on data available to date, staff expects that the system-generated revenue recovery ratio, the Service Board recovery ratios, and the operating deficits at the CTA, Metra, Pace Suburban Service, and Regional ADA Paratransit will be substantially in accordance with the adopted budgets.
2016-05	
2016-06	
2016-07	
2016-08	

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

14 Ayes: Coulson, DeWitte, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Hobson, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Totten, Troiani, and Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Anderson and Buchanan

Contract/Procurement Items

There were several items for consideration. They were all voted on separately.

Ordinance authorizing a contract for Grant Close-Out audits

Director Troiani moved, and Director Pang seconded that the following ordinance be adopted.

2016-09 This Ordinance authorizes a five-year contract for the performance of Close-out Audits of completed Grants. The RTA provides capital grants to the Service Boards to purchase, construct, or rehabilitate equipment and facilities.

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

14 Ayes: Coulson, DeWitte, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Hobson, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Totten, Troiani, and Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Anderson and Buchanan

Ordinance selecting a fiduciary to the CTA Retiree Health Care Trust Board of Trustees and to the CTA Retirement Plan Board of Trustees

In response to Directors Hobson and Coulson noting the recent Sun-Times/Better Government Association report about the CTA Supplemental Retirement Plan, Ms. Lacombe explained that the RTA's responsibilities began with the RTA funding and reform legislation of 2008 and that the RTA receives a report following each monthly meeting of the CTA Pension and Healthcare Trust. To Director Hobson's question about what recourse, besides one Trustee vote, the RTA would have if a similar early retirement arrangement were to be proposed, Ms. Lacombe stated that it would be discussed at a Board meeting should it happen. In response to Director Coulson's request to stop the practice of excessive pension payouts, Chairman Dillard stated that he would seek greater authority over the CTA pension plan if further abuses occur.

Director Troiani moved, and Director Melvin seconded that the following ordinance be adopted.

2016-10 This ordinance reappoints Mr. Joseph J. Burke to the Board of Trustees of the Retirement Plan for Chicago Transit Authority Employees, as well as the Board of Trustees of the Retiree Health Care Trust for Chicago Transit Authority Employees effective April 1, 2016. The ordinance also provides that the Authority may enter into a five-year contract with Mr. Burke to compensate him for his time and reimburse him for reasonable expenses, for a total amount not-to-exceed \$200,000.

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

14 Ayes: Coulson, DeWitte, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Hobson, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Totten, Troiani, and Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Anderson and Buchanan

Ordinance authorizing a contract for federal consulting services

Director Pang moved, and Director Melvin seconded that the following ordinance be adopted.

2016-11 This ordinance authorizes work with Smith Dawson & Andrews (SDA) to provide federal legislative consulting services. SDA will also provide the RTA with monthly policy updates regarding relevant federal legislative and regulatory issues. SDA will manage the Getting America to Work Campaign (GATW) which integrates public affairs with a government affairs strategy to target communicates with a broad base of policymakers in Congress. This contract will not exceed \$525,000 for a three-year term.

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

14 Ayes: Coulson, DeWitte, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Hobson, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Totten, Troiani, and Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Anderson and Buchanan

Ordinance authorizing a contract for local consulting services

Director Troiani moved, and Director DeWitte seconded that the following ordinance be adopted.

2016-12 This ordinance is for Local Consulting Services (Andrew Plummer). This ordinance authorizes the Contractor to represent the RTA at local government meetings as directed by the Manager of External Affairs and advise the RTA on matters affecting the agency's interests that occur at those meetings. The amount of this contract will not exceed \$60,000 per year for a two-year term.

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

14 Ayes: Coulson, DeWitte, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Hobson, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Totten, Troiani, and Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Anderson and Buchanan

Ordinance authorizing contracts with Financial Advisors

Director Melvin moved, and Director Frega seconded that the following ordinance be adopted.

2016-13 This ordinance will authorize negotiation of contracts with firms and consortiums to serve as financial advisors to the RTA.

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

14 Ayes: Coulson, DeWitte, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Hobson, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Totten, Troiani, and Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Anderson and Buchanan

Ordinance authorizing a contract for RTA Board meeting services

Director Lewis moved, and Director Fuentes seconded that the following ordinance be adopted.

2016-14 This ordinance authorizes the execution of a three-year contract 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 RTA utilized the governmental joint purchasing agreement clause on the City of Chicago's contract with Granicus to implement and operate the platform since December 2014. This contract will be directly between the RTA and Granicus, and will be for an amount not-to-exceed \$114,732.

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

14 Ayes: Coulson, DeWitte, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Hobson, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Totten, Troiani, and Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Anderson and Buchanan

Special Action Item

Ordinance appointing a Treasurer to the Authority

Director Pang moved, and Director Ross seconded that the following ordinance be adopted.

2016-15 This ordinance appoints a Treasurer to the Authority.

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

14 Ayes: Coulson, DeWitte, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Hobson, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Totten, Troiani, and Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Anderson and Buchanan

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the public portion of the meeting of the Board of Directors, Ms. Lacombe cited the exception for the closed session as IOMA Section 2(c)(5) and Section 2(c)(11). Chairman Dillard requested that the Board adjourn from Executive Session as there was no action to come out. Director Ross moved and Director Durante seconded that the meeting move into Executive Session and adjourn from there. The motion carried on the following voice vote:

14 Ayes: Coulson, DeWitte, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Hobson, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Totten, Troiani, and Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Anderson and Buchanan

The public portion of the meeting ended at 11:30 a.m.

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Secretary of the Authority