

**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 21, 2019 in Suite 1650, 175 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois pursuant to notice.

Chairman Dillard called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Prior to the roll being called, Chairman Dillard introduced Alexandra Holt, who replaces Tony Anderson on the Board.

**ROLL CALL**

**Board members present (16):** Coulson, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Groven, Higgins, Holt, Kotel, Lewis, Magalis (phone), Melvin, Pang, Ross, Sager, Troiani (phone), Chairman Dillard

**Approval of minutes from the meeting held on February 21, 2019**

Director Sager moved, and Director Groven seconded that the minutes from the meeting held on February 21, 2019 be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

**16 Ayes:** Coulson, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Groven, Higgins, Holt, Kotel, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Sager, Troiani, Chairman Dillard

**Public Comment**

Mr. Garland Armstrong commented on the CTA “taggers” and how people need to be watchful and report them. He requested that the CTA train their drivers on how to assist the disabled passengers when needed.

**Executive Director’s Report**

Ms. Leanne Redden Leanne Redden reported that in the month of March, the State owes the RTA \$392.0 million. The State is 8 months behind on ASA; 18 months behind on AFA and the equivalent of 7.1 months behind on PTF. The YTD cost of short-term debt is \$1.2 million

Ms. Redden then reported on national events. On March 11, the White House released its FY 20 budget. It was, however, considered dead on arrival by Congress. It cuts transportation and cuts CIG funding by about \$800 million under FY20 FAST Act levels. The House of Representatives is working to get an infrastructure proposal to the House floor for a vote by May or June of this year. As a result, there will be a ramp up in number of infrastructure hearings (both in DC and field hearings).

**APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
APRIL 18, 2019**

In Springfield, Governor Pritzker appointed Omer Osman as the Secretary for Transportation. On March 14th, the RTA and the Service Boards testified in front of the House Capital Appropriations Committee. The RTA testified as to the extensive capital needs of the three service boards and the need for a consistent and sustainable capital program with dedicated revenue sources. The RTA plans to testify in front of the Senate Appropriations and Transportation committees on April 16th in Chicago.

Ms. Redden then briefed the Board that the RTA is inviting local governments, private non-profit organizations, and transportation providers to apply for Section 5310 funding through an open, competitive process initiated by the RTA.

Ms. Redden said, that on March 18<sup>th</sup> the RTA celebrated Transit Employee Appreciation Day with CTA, Metra and Pace.

Finally, Ms. Redden told the Board that Get On Board Day is April 25<sup>th</sup>. The RTA plans on hosting a press conference at Union Station on April 25 at 10 am. In addition, ads will be posted around the region, on Service Board vehicles and on social media and on-line. These ads will promote GetOnBoardIL.org, which is a site the public can go to if they want to send emails to their elected statewide officials asking them to fund transit in a capital bill.

Director Lewis thanked Ms. Redden for giving a presentation on the RTA's Strategic Plan to the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association last February. He then asked if she had any updates on how Metra has been approaching continuous delays. Ms. Redden responded that she has been in touch with Metra Executive Director Derwinski and has pledged support in this area. She also explained that many of the problems seem to be generating from partners, namely Amtrak and BNSF, not Metra directly. Many issues also stem from a lack of revenue and infrastructure.

Director Sager asked if the RTA has been working with local units of government on coordinating lists of capital projects for the state General Assembly as well as the US House of Representatives. Ms. Redden explained that the RTA has been using the Strategic Plan as its guide for priority capital projects and these projects have been developed in partnership with the Service Boards and shared with local Councils of Government (COGs). So, there has been cooperation. Director Sager then recommended working closely with local governments to develop a list of projects that overlap with both interests in order to illustrate regional cooperation. Ms. Redden replied that the RTA will work with the COGs and lend support.

**Consent Agenda**

Director Melvin moved, and Director Pang seconded the adoption of the following ordinance from the Consent Agenda:

- 2019-08      This ordinance approves the amendment to the 2019-2023 Capital Program and incorporates changes in program revenue and expenditures for CTA, Metra and Pace.
  
- 2019-09      This ordinance approves the 12-month extension for implementation of the 12 identified CTA, Metra, and Pace’s Innovation, Coordination, and Enhancement (ICE) funded projects.
  
- 2019-10      This ordinance approves the amendments to the Strategic Capital Improvement Program (SCIP Plan) for CTA, Metra, and Pace to be submitted for the Governor’s approval.

The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

**16 Ayes:** Coulson, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Groven, Higgins, Holt, Kotel, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Sager, Troiani, Chairman Dillard

**Contracts/Expenditure Items**

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

- 2019-11      This ordinance authorizes a two-year contract, with two one-year options to renew, with ARC Document Solutions, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$336,442.50 to provide consultation, records conversion, indexing and destruction services. This contract will primarily assist the RTA in managing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Paratransit Certification Program records and RTA historic Board records. The agreement will also allow for a limited amount of other RTA records to be similarly treated should the need arise during the contract period.
  
- 2019-12      This ordinance authorizes the execution of a firm fixed-fee, two-year contract with IBI Group to conduct an ADA Paratransit Innovation Study using funds from the ADA Paratransit Fund. The study is being conducted on behalf of and at the request of Pace, for the purposes of improving the long-term sustainability of ADA paratransit services in the region

2019-13 This ordinance authorizes the Chairman of the Authority to enter into a three-year contract with Smith Dawson & Andrews to provide federal consulting services in an amount not to exceed \$507,750.

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

**16 Ayes:** Coulson, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Groven, Higgins, Holt, Kotel, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Sager, Troiani, Chairman Dillard

Chairman Dillard stated that the next meeting of the RTA Board of Directors was scheduled for April 18, 2019.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

**16 Ayes:** Coulson, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Groven, Higgins, Holt, Kotel, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Sager, Troiani, Chairman Dillard

The meeting concluded at 9:55 a.m.

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