

**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, April 20, 2017** 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.

ROLL CALL

Board members present (15): Anderson, Buchanan (phone), Coulson, DeWitte, Frega, Fuentes, Higgins, Hobson, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Troiani, and Chairman Dillard

Board members absent (1): Durante

Approval of minutes from the meeting held on March 16, 2017

Director Troiani moved, and Director Pang seconded that the minutes from the meeting held on March 16, 2017 be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

15 Ayes: Anderson, Buchanan (phone), Coulson, DeWitte, Frega, Fuentes, Higgins, Hobson, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Troiani, and Chairman Dillard

1 Absent: Durante

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Leanne Redden reported that the RTA is owed \$447.6 million and as of March 2017, the YTD cost of short-term debt is \$593,480.

Ms. Redden then gave an update on the state General Assembly, specifically the lack of progress on ending the budget impasse or a state capital program. The General Assembly is currently on a two week break.

Ms. Redden then gave an update on events happening in Washington DC, explaining that Congress is also on a two-week spring recess. When members return on Monday, April 24, they will have five days to reach an agreement to fund the remainder of Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 or pass a short-term extension because the current spending law is set to expire on Friday, April 28.

She also explained the concern over the President's budget document that recommends the federal government move away from transit capital investment. However, given how far along the FY 2017 appropriations bill already is in the drafting process, it is unlikely that President

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Trump's requests to eliminate the TIGER grant program, and cut funding for the CIG program will be accommodated this year.

Ms. Redden then announced the Community Planning Program's availability of funding and technical assistance for transportation, land use planning and implementation projects throughout the region.

Community Planning program provides funding and technical assistance to local governments and the RTA Service Boards for transit-focused planning studies and implementation activities. The RTA is working in cooperation with CMAP's Local Technical Assistance Program and applications will be due June 29.

Finally, Ms. Redden talked about how the RTA, CTA, Metra and Pace are celebrating Earth Week – culminating in Earth Day on Saturday, April 22nd by encouraging the region's riders to use the region's transit system and celebrate its benefits to the planet.

Consent Agenda

The Consent agenda items were voted on in two segments. Director Magalis moved, and Director DeWitte seconded the adoption of the following ordinance:

2017-12 This ordinance recommends amending Ordinance 2015-53 to increase from \$150 million to \$250 million the maximum principal amount of general obligation subordinate working cash notes (taxable) authorized to be outstanding from time to time. This increase is necessary due to delays in funds authorized to be paid by the State of Illinois. The purchaser of the notes has agreed to lend the additional \$100 million under the same terms as the original \$150 million.

The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

13 Ayes: Anderson, Buchanan (phone), Coulson, DeWitte, Frega, Fuentes, Hobson, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, and Chairman Dillard

1 Nay: Higgins

1 Abstention Troiani

1 Absent: Durante

Director Ross moved, and Director Lewis seconded the adoption of the following ordinances:

2017-13 This ordinance amends the 2017-2021 Capital Program incorporating changes relative to both funding and expenditures. Staff requests approval of this amendment prior to the next scheduled quarterly amendment to allow Metra to reprogram state bond funding.

2017-14 This ordinance recommends the appointment of one non-employee Trustee to the RTA Pension Board of Trustees. The three participating employers jointly recommend the appointment of Kathleen Hechinger.

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

15 Ayes: Anderson, Buchanan (phone), Coulson, DeWitte, Frega, Fuentes, Higgins, Hobson, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Troiani, and Chairman Dillard

1 Absent: Durante

Contracts/Expenditure Items

The Contracts/Expenditure items included two items. Director Magalis moved, and Director Melvin seconded the adoption of the following ordinance and approval of Board travel expenditures as submitted:

2017-15 This ordinance authorizes the execution of a contract with Design Group Signage to fabricate and install interagency transit signs at seven expansion locations for an amount not to exceed \$352,251.60.

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

15 Ayes: Anderson, Buchanan (phone), Coulson, DeWitte, Frega, Fuentes, Higgins, Hobson, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Troiani, and Chairman Dillard

1 Absent: Durante

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, Director Melvin moved, and Director Lewis seconded that the meeting adjourn.

The motion carried on the following voice vote.

15 Ayes: Anderson, Buchanan (phone), Coulson, DeWitte, Frega, Fuentes, Higgins, Hobson, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Troiani, and Chairman Dillard

1 Absent: Durante

The meeting ended at 9:40 a.m.

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Secretary of the Authority