

**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE  
PLANNING & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

The **Planning & Administration Committee** of the Board of Directors of the Regional Transportation Authority met in public session on **Thursday, December 14, 2017**, at 8:35 a.m., in Suite 1650, 175 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois, pursuant to notice.

Committee Chairman Fuentes presided.

**ROLL CALL**

**Committee members present (7):** Frega, Durante, Fuentes, Higgins, Hobson, Pang (@ #3a), and Ross

**Other Board members present:** Anderson, Coulson, DeWitte, Kotel, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin (@ #3a), Troiani, and Chairman Dillard

**Approval of minutes from the meeting held on October 19, 2017**

Director Ross moved, and Director Frega seconded that the minutes from the meeting held on October 19, 2017 be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

6 Yeas: Directors Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Higgins, Hobson, and Ross

1 Absent: Director Pang

Director Pang arrived at this time.

**Ordinance amending the RTA's Procurement Rules and Regulations**

Ms. Nadine Lacombe explained the proposed ordinance would repeal of the existing RTA Procurement Rules and Regulations (PRR) and adopted amended PRR governing the conduct of RTA purchasing and contracting. The RTA revised its PRR to reflect recent changes to the RTA Act and correct minor drafting errors. She further explained that the RTA Act was recently amended to increase the maximum statutory threshold for providing public notice to procure goods and services to correspond to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) small purchase threshold (currently \$150,000.00). As a result of this change, RTA staff proposed amending the PRR to increase the threshold for obtaining authorization by the Board to award or amend a contract to the FTA small purchase threshold.

Director Frega moved, and Director Ross seconded that the proposed ordinance be recommended for Board approval as submitted. The motion failed on the following roll call vote:

4 Yeas: Directors Frega, Fuentes, Pang, and Ross

3 Nays: Directors Durante, Higgins, and Hobson

**APPROVED BY THE PLANNING & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE  
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Directors Coulson and Hobson objected to the increase in the purchase threshold and recommended it remain at the current level for goods and services to be procured without public notice. Ms. Lacombe responded that the ordinance could be amended to maintain the current threshold of \$100,000.

Director Hobson then moved, and Director Higgins seconded that the proposed ordinance be recommended for Board approval as amended. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

7 Yeas: Frega, Durante, Fuentes, Higgins, Hobson, Pang, and Ross

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the meeting of the Planning & Administration Committee, Director Durante moved, and Director Higgins seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried on the following voice vote:

7 Yeas: Directors Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Higgins, Hobson, Pang, and Ross

The meeting ended at 8:55 a.m.

*Audrey Macleannan*  
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Secretary of the Authority