

**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, August 23, 2018 in Suite 1650, 175 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois pursuant to notice.

Chairman Dillard called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

**ROLL CALL**

**Board members present (14):** Anderson, DeWitte, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Higgins, Kotel, Lewis, Magalis, Pang, Ross, Sager (phone). Troiani, Chairman Dillard

**Board members absent (2):** Coulson, Melvin

**Approval of minutes from the meeting held on June 21, 2018**

Director Ross moved, and Director Frega seconded that the minutes from the meeting held on June 21, 2018 be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

**14 Ayes:** Anderson, DeWitte, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Higgins, Kotel, Lewis, Magalis, Pang, Ross, Sager (phone). Troiani, Chairman Dillard

**2 Absent:** Coulson, Melvin

**Executive Director's Report**

Ms. Leanne Redden reported through the end of July, the State owes the RTA \$445.5 million of ASA, AFA, and PTF. The State is 13 months behind on ASA; 13 months behind on AFA and the equivalent of 10.5 months behind on PTF. The YTD cost of short-term debt is \$3.8 million, which now includes the 2018A Working Cash Notes issued end of May.

She also reported that on June 6<sup>th</sup>, the RTA issued \$150 million working cash note through a negotiated sale on May 8. The 2018A was underwritten by a 100% DBE Syndicate. The RTA also issued a \$139.1 million 30-year bond (or 2018B) to fund \$150 million of service board capital projects through a competitive sale.

Redden then told the board about this summer's internship program. The RTA welcomed nine Chicago Public School High School interns as part of the CPS "Career and Technical Education (CTE) Rising Seniors" Program.

Lastly, Redden played the "Invest in Transit" video and explained how the Communications Department was using it as a tool to draw attention to the region's underfunding of infrastructure.

**APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2018**

**Consent Agenda**

Director Magalis moved, and Director DeWitte seconded the adoption of the following ordinances from the Consent Agenda:

- 2018-39      These resolutions certifying that the operating financial results of each  
2018-40      Service Board and the region as a whole, through the second quarter of 2018,  
2018-41      are substantially in accordance with the budgets adopted on December 14,  
2018-42      2017. The system-wide operating deficit of the Service Boards, including Pace  
2018-43      ADA Paratransit, was \$768.5 million. This result is \$14.3 million, or 1.8%,  
favorable to the adopted budget, with favorable results at each Service Board  
except CTA. The regional system-generated revenue recovery ratio, which  
excludes ADA Paratransit, of 50.5% was 0.3 percentage points favorable to  
budget.
- 2018-44      This ordinance sets the 2019-2021 operations funding amounts and the required  
2019 system-generated revenue recovery ratios for the three Service Boards.  
The operating funding amounts establish the funding levels that each Service  
Board can expect to receive from the RTA. Section 4.11(b)(1) of the RTA Act  
provides that the Service Board budgets and two-year financial plans shall not  
project or assume receipt of revenues from the RTA in amounts greater than  
those outlined in these estimates. This ordinance also provides each Service  
Board with preliminary estimates of funds available for the development of the  
2019-2023 Capital Program. These preliminary capital estimates include federal  
formula funds, other federal funds, RTA bond proceeds, RTA ICE funding, and  
Service Board funding. The capital funding amounts are subject to change prior  
to adoption of the 2019-2023 capital program based on the most current  
estimates, whereas the operating funding amounts, once established, will be  
used by the Service Boards to develop their 2019 budgets and 2020-2021  
financial plans.

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

**14 Ayes:** Anderson, DeWitte, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Higgins, Kotel, Lewis, Magalis, Pang, Ross, Sager (phone). Troiani, Chairman Dillard

**2 Absent:** Coulson, Melvin

**Contracts/Expenditure Items**

Chairman Dillard asked for some information on the Metra contract. Ms. Leary explained that Metra is seeking to investigate the feasibility of converting some portion or all of Metra's locomotive fleet from diesel fuel to a form of natural gas or other alternative fuel. The study will help Metra and the RTA understand the environmental benefits and potential cost savings from utilizing natural gas and other alternative fuel sources. The RTA and Metra will work with LTK to assess converting Metra's locomotive fleet from diesel fuel to natural gas or another alternative fuel. LTK's DBE goal for this contract is 13.5%. LTK has identified a certified DBE to provide develop financial model for the project.

Mr. Chairman Dillard asked to know whether the study is being done by a local minority company and what the study entails. Ms. Leanne Redden responded that this study is federally funded with federal planning dollars coming through the state that were left over from a recent study of the Green Transit Plan. Metra wants to look at alternative fuels for locomotives. As federally required, this was a bid-out contract. LTK was the selected firm because they have expertise in this area. They also have a local office where they will be running this study. The experts will be tapping resources from around the country. There is a greater than required target on the minority component as part of that which is local as well.

Mr. Chairman Dillard commented that within last month Fortune 500 companies in Illinois are doing stuff in green technology and are interested in working and showing the service boards how they can save. Jeremy has made contact with these companies. Ms. Redden mentioned that this work is a planning feasibility analysis of alternative fuels and evolving technology to help Metra to get a better handle on the assessments going forward.

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

2018-45      This ordinance corrects certain of the premiums for the excess liability insurance coverage previously authorized by the Board of Directors on May 17, 2018. The total cost of coverage to be purchased by the RTA's Loss Financing Plan/Joint Self-Insurance Fund for 2018-2019 will not exceed \$5,339,000, plus applicable taxes. The total cost of premiums remains unchanged from that approved by the Board of Directors on May 17, 2018; only certain of the individual carriers and/or premiums within the program have changed, as indicated below, without affecting the total cost of the program.

2018-46 This ordinance authorizes the execution of a fixed-fee, one-year contract with LTK Engineering Services (LTK) to develop a *Locomotive Alternative Fuel Study*. This contract is part of RTA's Regional Green Transit Plan funded by the Illinois Department of Transportation and RTA. The total contract amount is not-to-exceed \$199,875.20.

2018-47 This ordinance authorizes contracts to be initiated for our state legislative consulting team. The contract for the consultants will run from September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019. The consultants and cost remain the same as last year. The total expenditure for all contracts is \$320,000. The consultants that will represent the RTA are Leinenweber, Baroni and Daffada Consulting, LLC, Thomson Weir, LLC, The Roosevelt Group, the Law Offices of Paul L. Williams & Associates, NJ Kimme & Company and the Government Navigation Group.

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

**14 Ayes:** Anderson, DeWitte, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Higgins, Kotel, Lewis, Magalis, Pang, Ross, Sager (phone). Troiani, Chairman Dillard

**2 Absent:** Coulson, Melvin

### **Special Action Items**

A number of the Board members and the Chairman commented on Director DeWitte's contributions and character. Director DeWitte then shared his thoughts and gratitude to the Board and RTA staff for their support and work during his tenure.

Chairman Dillard moved, and Director Durante seconded the adoption of the following resolution as submitted:

2018-48 Resolution honoring Donald DeWitte.

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

**14 Ayes:** Anderson, DeWitte, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Higgins, Kotel, Lewis, Magalis, Pang, Ross, Sager (phone). Troiani, Chairman Dillard

**2 Absent:** Coulson, Melvin

Director Fuentes commented on the work of the ADA Coordinating Committee and complimented the work being done with the Service Boards to address the issues of the mobility community.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the meeting of the Board of Directors, Director Anderson moved, and Director Lewis seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried on the following voice vote.

The public portion of meeting ended at 10:00 a.m.

*Audrey MacLennan*

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Secretary of the Authority