

**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, June 20, 2019 in Suite 1650, 175 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois pursuant to notice.

Chairman Dillard called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Approval of minutes from the meeting held on May 16, 2019**

Director Pang moved, and Director Groven seconded that the minutes from the meeting held on May 16, 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 (phone), Sager (phone), Troiani, Chairman Dillard

**Public Comment**

Garland Armstrong addressed the Board. He complimented the Board and everyone who took part and was responsible for the successful Capital program. He also expressed his gratitude and congratulations to Directors Magalis and Durante for their years of dedicated service to the RTA.

Kane County Chairman Chris Lauzen addressed the Board regarding the funding allocation request for Metra service expansion into Kendall County. He asked the Board for some sort of reassurance to Kane County that funding priorities will be made to state of good repair rather than expansion into new territories. He added if expansion became an option, it should only be made into RTA ta paying territories. He pointed out that Kendall County does not pay into the system and that they could be served by expansion into Sugar Grove, which would serve both southern Kane and northern Kendall counties.

Chairman Lauzen also pointed out that CMAP has designated Sugar Grove and Kendall County as unconstrained, which means they are ineligible for federal funding through a local match program. He concluded by inviting the RTA to speak at a CMAP meeting of the Cook and Collar County Chairmen on September 27<sup>th</sup> to comment on this matter.

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Director Magalis commented that funding for the existing system is already a struggle and changes to the service area would have to be addressed through the process that all counties currently in the region underwent and would involve the residents too.

Chairman Dillard also pointed out that this expansion request is not an initiative of Metra, but came from Kendall County.

### **Executive Director's Report**

Ms. Redden reported that at the end of through the end of May, the State owes the RTA \$258.9 million of ASA, AFA, and PTF. The State is 11 months behind on ASA; 11 months behind on AFA; and the equivalent of 4.7 months behind on PTF. The YTD cost of short-term debt is \$2.3 million.

She then briefed the Board on the Illinois General Assembly. The Illinois General Assembly adjourned on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, after approving a state fiscal year 2020 budget. As well as a large, six-year capital infrastructure program. The state fiscal year 2020 operating budget contained funding levels for the RTA region consistent with SFY 2019.

The capital construction program passed by the General Assembly included funding for transit, roads, bridges, airports and ports as well as funding for vertical infrastructure. The program is a combination of pay as you go revenue and bonded revenue. The pay as you go (or "Pay Go") portion of the capital program is paid for through the increase in the state's motor fuel tax and is estimated that the new revenue will generate approximately \$227 million a year over the next few years. In addition, the RTA will receive \$2.7 billion in bond revenue over the next six years, but approximately \$2.23 billion has been appropriated to the RTA region without legislative earmarks.

In addition, on May 30<sup>th</sup>, the Illinois Senate passed the RTA's short-term borrowing authorization bill with bi-partisan support.

Washington spent the majority of May and early June focused on spending bills, disaster relief legislation and confirmation hearings. The House is currently negotiating specifics of their FY2020 budget; however the Senate has still not decided on basic spending levels. The highly anticipated second White House meeting to discuss an infrastructure package was scheduled for May 22 when the President came into the meeting and stated his displeasure with some of the oversight hearings taking place in the House. Following that, much of Washington began dismissing any thought that a large new infrastructure bill could get passed in 2019 or 2020. The prevailing wisdom is that there will be a reauthorization of the current federal law. That will need to be completed by October 1, 2020.

The RTA received the highly coveted Golden Trumpet Award in the 2019 Publicity Club of Chicago Awards competition for the region's #InvestInTransit Video. The "Golden Trumpet" statuette is PCC's the highest Honor. The award-winning video is featured on the RTA website.

This summer, the RTA is leading a regional "We Can All Agree on Transit" campaign. You may see short social media posts on the agency or Service Board sites or hear ads on local radio stations.

**Presentation and public participation: FTA Triennial DBE Goal**

Ms. LaToya Redd opened the presentation by providing some background information on the Triennial process. Ms. Colette Holt, an attorney and national expert on the DBE program, presented on the results of a comprehensive statistical analysis for the RTA's DBE Goal Methodology for Federal Fiscal Years 2020-2022. The proposed DBE goal for federal funded projects in FFYs 2020-2022 will be 16.2%. The triennial DBE goal methodology will be submitted to the FTA on August 1, 2019.

**Consent Agenda Items**

Director Durante moved, and Director Melvin seconded the adoption of the following resolutions and ordinances as submitted on the Consent Agenda:

- 2019-27 This ordinance approves the amendment to the 2019-2023 Capital Program and incorporates changes in program revenue and expenditures for CTA, Metra and Pace.
- 2019-28 This ordinance authorizes the execution of federal formula funding allocations based on the Letter of Understanding agreements between NE-Illinois and NW-Indiana and between NE-Illinois and SE-Wisconsin. The agreements reflect the share of the region's full FFY 2019 funding allocations for the following federal transit formula programs: Federal §5307 including §5340 formula program, §5337 State of Good Repair, §5339 Bus and Bus Facilities, and §5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities.
- 2019-29 This ordinance approves a project scope adjustment and a time extension for implementation of CTA and Metra's Innovation, Coordination, and Enhancement (ICE) funded projects.
- 2019-30 This ordinance approves the 2018 Combining Financial Report for the RTA and the Service Boards and certifies compliance with the RTA Act recovery ratio requirement for 2018
- 2019-31 This ordinance approves and releases the RTA 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

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

**Contracts/Expenditure Items**

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

- 2019-32 This ordinance authorizes an amendment to the RTA's contract with MDV Transit and Traffic Solutions, Inc. ("MDV") for Trip Planner software support and maintenance services. The amendment will extend MDV's services from August 4, 2019 through March 31, 2020 for an additional amount of \$116,349.20.
- 2019-33 This ordinance authorizes an amendment to the contract with Brisk Business, Inc. for project management services. The amendment would amend the previously awarded Task Order for support of the RTA's ERP Implementation Project from \$275,000 to a value not to exceed \$480,000.
- 2019-34 This ordinance authorizes the execution of a 9-month contract with Western Remac, Inc. to fabricate and install interagency transit signs at 6 expansion locations for an amount not-to-exceed \$414,468. 90% of this contract will be externally funded through a federal grant from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program. The RTA is providing the required 10% local match of \$41,446.80 using RTA funds already budgeted for this purpose. Western Remac, Inc. will meet the 11% DBE goal established for this contract by retaining a certified DBE sub-consultant.

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 July 18, 2019.

**Resolutions honoring Dwight A. Magalis and Patrick J. Durante**

Directors Magalis and Durante both spoke about their time on the RTA Board and acknowledged the Board for their hard work and dedicated service. They also acknowledged several key staff for their hard work and assistance over the years.

Several Board members complimented both directors on their years of conscientious dedication and tremendous knowledge that would be lost with their departure. They wished them well.

**Resolution honoring Dwight A. Magalis**

Director Troiani moved, and Director Melvin seconded. 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

**Resolution honoring Patrick J. Durante**

Director Fuentes moved, and Director Groven seconded. 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

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

The public portion of the Board meeting concluded at 10:55 a.m.

*Audrey Macleannan*

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AUDREY MACLENNAN  
Secretary of the Authority