

**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, October 17, 2019 in Suite 1650, 175 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois pursuant to notice.

Chairman Dillard called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

ROLL CALL

Board members present (15): Andalcio, Carey, Coulson, Frega, Fuentes, Groven, Higgins, Holt, Lewis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Sager, Troiani, Chairman Dillard

Board members absent (1): Kotel

Approval of minutes from the meeting held on September 12, 2019

Director Andalcio moved, and Director Higgins seconded that the minutes from the meeting held on September 12, 2019 be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

15 Ayes: Andalcio, Carey, Coulson, Frega, Fuentes, Groven, Higgins, Holt, Lewis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Sager, Troiani, Chairman Dillard

1 Absent: Kotel

Public Comment

There was no public comment speakers at this meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Leanne Redden began by reporting that through the end of September the State owes the RTA \$227.3 million of ASA, AFA, and PTF. The State is 8 months behind on ASA, 15 months behind on AFA and the equivalent of 2.7 months behind on PTF. The year-to-date cost of short-term debt is \$4.3 million.

Ms. Redden then reported that the Illinois General Assembly remains out of session since the May adjournment date. Both chambers are scheduled to reconvene during the last week of October as well as the second week of November for the legislature's fall Veto Session; and the U.S. Congress reconvened after a 2 week break on earlier in the week.

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Ms. Redden then explained that due to the RTA office renovation it will be necessary to change the location for the Board and Committee meetings. CMAP has generously offered the RTA a meeting space until May of 2020. Due to Willis Tower's security requirements, meetings will be begin at 9am to allow all guests additional time to check-in at the security counter when they arrive.

Like last year, the RTA will be incorporating the Finance Committee meeting with its annual Public Hearing. The committee will be live streamed at locations in each of the region's counties, as well as South and North Cook County, as required by statute. This will allow interested individuals to watch each Service Board's and the RTA's budget presentation and observe follow-up questions posed by the Board.

Consent Agenda Items

Director Troiani moved, and Director Melvin seconded the adoption of the following ordinance as submitted on the Consent Agenda:

2019-53 Ordinance reappointing one non-employee Trustee, Samuel A. Sesto, to the RTA Pension Board of Trustees.

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

15 Ayes: Andalcio, Carey, Coulson, Frega, Fuentes, Groven, Higgins, Holt, Lewis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Sager, Troiani, Chairman Dillard

1 Absent: Kotel

Contracts/Expenditure Items

Prior to voting on the agenda items, Chairman Dillard asked Michael VanDeKreke, Director of Mobility Services to provide some information on the construction contract. Mr. VanDeKreke provided a presentation to the Board on an ordinance authorizing a contract with Barton Malow as the RTA's general contractor to renovate RTA headquarters. Mr. VanDeKreke discussed the history behind the decision to renovate headquarters, including the preparation that has been done to design the space to better meet staff needs related to morale and productivity and to prepare staff for the change through various change management strategies. Barton Malow was the lowest bidder at \$3,107,000 out of 9 bids from the Invitation for Bids (IFB). The DBE goal is 15% and Barton Malow presented a plan that meets that goal.

The RTA's renegotiated lease with 175 W. Jackson building management in 2016 provided a \$1.1 million office improvement credit and 5 months of rent abatements totaling \$674,000.00, so 60% of the cost of the renovation is paid for through building credits. The remaining cost is included in the approved 2019 budget. The Board Directors had a few questions related to this contract including the term limit of the lease, which is 10 years; the monthly cost of the 16th floor space once the RTA is able to sublet that space, which is \$34,500 per month and will pay for the RTA's cost of the renovation in 4-years; the useful life of the furnishings, in which the board was reminded that our current furniture was used beyond its useful life; and if there are any additional costs for renovations to the 16th floor once the 15th floor renovations are complete, in which staff responded that there are no plans to renovate the 16th floor and it will be sublet as-is.

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

2019-54 Ordinance authorizing a contract with the construction firm of Barton Malow for the renovation of RTA headquarters. The total contract value is \$3,107,000.

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

15 Ayes: Andalcio, Carey, Coulson, Frega, Fuentes, Groven, Higgins, Holt, Lewis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Sager, Troiani, Chairman Dillard

1 Absent: Kotel

Special Action

The two items covered under this section included revising meeting times and locations for 2019 and setting the 2020 meeting dates. Director Groven moved, and Director Andalcio seconded the adoption of the following resolutions as submitted.

2019-55 Resolution amending the 2019 RTA meeting times and locations.

2019-56 Resolution setting the 2020 RTA meeting dates, locations and time.

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

15 Ayes: Andalcio, Carey, Coulson, Frega, Fuentes, Groven, Higgins, Holt, Lewis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Sager, Troiani, Chairman Dillard

1 Absent: Kotel

Chairman Dillard stated that the next meeting of the RTA Board of Directors was scheduled for November 21, 2019 and will take place at the CMAP offices in the Willis Tower.

Executive Session

Chairman Dillard asked RTA General Counsel Nadine Lacombe to cite the exception for the closed session. Ms. Lacombe cited IOMA Section 2(c)(21) as the exception. Chairman Dillard then pointed that there was no action to come out of the Executive Session and recommended that the Board adjourn from there. Director Melvin moved, and Director Carey seconded that the meeting move into Executive Session and adjourn at its conclusion. The motion carried on the following leave for last unanimous roll call vote:

15 Ayes: Andalcio, Carey, Coulson, Frega, Fuentes, Groven, Higgins, Holt, Lewis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Sager, Troiani, Chairman Dillard

1 Absent: Kotel

The public portion of the Board meeting concluded at 9:15 a.m.

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