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MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

The Board of Directors of the Regional Transportation Authority met in virtual session on Thursday, October 21, 2021, pursuant to notice. Chairman Dillard called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. He then recited the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call – [watch video](#)

Board members present (15): Andalcio, Canty, Carey, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Holt, Lewis, Melvin, Pang, Sager, Kotel, Chairman Dillard

Board members absent (1): Ross

Approval of minutes from the meetings held on September 15, 2021 – [watch video](#)

No questions or comments from RTA Board members.

Director Gorman moved, and Director Andalcio seconded that the minutes from the public meeting held on September 15, 2021, be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

15 Ayes: Andalcio, Canty, Carey, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Holt, Lewis, Melvin, Pang, Sager, Kotel, Chairman Dillard

1 Absent: Ross

Public Comment – [watch video](#)

There were no public comments submitted for this meeting.

Executive Director's Report and discussion on federal American Rescue Plan funding – [watch video](#)

Executive Director Leanne Redden provided a report on the following:

She commended Director Sager as a recipient of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Visionary Leader Award and other CMAP recognitions presented, and also provided updates on legislative matters, RTA's recent bond issuance, the 2022 Community Planning

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Program – Call for Projects, the Regional Transit Strategic Plan and provided some discussion on the American Rescue Plan funding.

Next Regional Transit Strategic Plan – [watch video](#)

Speakers: Benjie de la Pena, CEO, Shared-Use Mobility Center and Jody Holton, Assistant General Manager, Planning, Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA).

Directors Gorman, Lewis, Sager, and Chairman Dillard asked questions and provided comments following the presentation.

Report on monthly financial results – August 2021 – [watch video](#)

Ms. Bea Reyna-Hickey, Chief Financial Officer/ Senior Deputy Executive Director of Finance, Innovation and Technology, presented the monthly financial results for the budget year through August 2021.

Director Melvin provided comments and asked questions following the presentation.

Ordinance authorizing adoption of post bond issuance compliance policy – [watch video](#)

Ms. Nadine Lacombe, RTA’s General Counsel, presented an ordinance authorizing a policy that formalizes the RTA’s practices and procedures designed to ensure compliance with federal law regarding its tax-exempt bond issuances.

No questions or comments were asked following the presentation.

Director Gorman moved, and Director Holt seconded that the proposed ordinance be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

15 Ayes: Andalcio, Canty, Carey, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Holt, Lewis, Melvin, Pang, Sager, Kotel, Chairman Dillard

1 Absent: Ross

Ordinance authorizing contracts for multi-year health and welfare benefits – [watch video](#)

Ms. Allison Noback, Director of Human Resources and Ethics Officer, presented an ordinance that authorizes the Executive Director to enter into contracts for the Agency’s dental and medical benefits for the period from 2022 through 2027.

No questions or comments were asked following the presentation.

Director Sager moved, and Director Carey seconded that the proposed ordinance be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

15 Ayes: Andalcio, Canty, Carey, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Holt, Lewis, Melvin, Pang, Sager, Kotel, Chairman Dillard

1 Absent: Ross

Ordinance authorizing the reappointment of an RTA Pensions Trustee – [watch video](#)

Mr. William Lachman, Division Manager, Budget and Treasury, and Pension Trustee, presented an ordinance recommending the reappointment of one non-employee Trustee, Frank Paul, to the RTA Pension Board of Trustees.

No questions or comments were asked following the presentation.

Director Fuentes, and Director Andalcio seconded that the proposed ordinance be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

15 Ayes: Andalcio, Canty, Carey, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Holt, Lewis, Melvin, Pang, Sager, Kotel, Chairman Dillard

1 Absent: Ross

Resolution setting the 2022 RTA meeting schedule – [watch video](#)

This resolution sets the meeting dates for the RTA Board for the 2021 calendar year.

No questions or comments were asked following the presentation.

Director Kotel moved, and Director Groven seconded that the proposed resolution be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

15 Ayes: Andalcio, Canty, Carey, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Holt, Lewis, Melvin, Pang, Sager, Kotel, Chairman Dillard

1 Absent: Ross

Resolution commending the CTA on APTA award – [watch video](#)

Mr. Jeremy LaMarche the RTA's Director, Intergovernmental Policy and Board Secretary presented a resolution that honors the CTA as the recipient of APTA's Outstanding Public Transportation System Award and CTA President Dorval Carter Jr. as the recipient of the Outstanding Public Transportation Manager of the Year.

Director Melvin and Chairman Dillard provided comments following the presentation.

Director Pang moved, and Director Melvin seconded that the proposed ordinance be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

15 Ayes: Andalcio, Canty, Carey, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Holt, Lewis, Melvin, Pang, Sager, Kotel, Chairman Dillard

1 Absent: Ross

Approval of Travel Expense Reimbursement – [watch video](#)

Director Andalcio moved, and Director Sager seconded that the expense reports be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

15 Ayes: Andalcio, Canty, Carey, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Holt, Lewis, Melvin, Pang, Sager, Kotel, Chairman Dillard

1 Absent: Ross

New Business – [watch video](#)

Chairman Dillard announced the next RTA Board of Directors meeting is Thursday, November 18, at 9:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH ADJOURNMENT – [watch video](#)

There being no further business to come before the public portion of Board of Directors Meeting, Chairman Dillard asked Ms. Lacombe to cite the exception for the closed session. Ms. Lacombe cited Section 2(c)(29) of the Open Meetings Act as the exception. Director Canty moved and Director Groven seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried on the following voice vote:

15 Ayes: Andalcio, Canty, Carey, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Holt, Lewis, Melvin, Pang, Sager, Kotel, Chairman Dillard

1 Absent: Ross

The Board meeting ended at 10:43 a.m.

Jeremy R. LaMarche
Secretary of the Authority