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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, February 17, 2022, pursuant to notice. Chairman Dillard called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. He then recited the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call – [watch video](#)

Board members present (16): Andalcio, Canty, Carey, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Holt, Kotel, Lewis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Sager, Chairman Dillard

Approval of minutes from the meeting held on December 16, 2021 – [watch video](#)

No questions or comments from RTA Board members.

Director Andalcio moved, and Director Canty seconded that the minutes from the public meeting held on December 16, 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, Kotel, Lewis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Chairman Dillard

1 Absent: Sager

Public Comment – [watch video](#)

Jacky Grimshaw presented a public comment letter from a group of civic organizations on their concerns regarding the RTA strategic planning process.

Bruce Mainzer presented public comment focused on bus electrification as a follow-up to the 2022 RTA and Service Board regional budget.

Executive Director's Report – [watch video](#)

Executive Director Leanne Redden provided updates on legislative matters and the Fare Programs portal.

Update on the activities of the RTA Transit Access Citizens' Advisory Board – [watch video](#)

Ms. Jackie Forbes, Chairperson of the RTA Citizens' Advisory Board, provided an update on the work of the Board.

What We've Heard: A focus on outcomes will drive the next regional transit strategic plan – [watch video](#)

Ms. Jill Leary, Senior DED, Capital Programming and Planning/Chief of Staff, Mr. Peter Kersten, Principal Planner, Ms. Jessica Hector-Hsu, Director, Planning and Market Development, and Ms. Tina Fassett Smith, Director, Communications presented input received through initial engagement activities for the next Regional Transit Strategic Plan and 10-Year Financial Plan.

Directors Gathing, Lewis, Gorman, Carey, Canty, Andalcio, and Ross asked questions or provided comments following the presentation.

Presentation of the 2022 Audit Plan – [watch video](#)

Ms. Lalaine Alvarez, Chief Auditor, presented specific audit projects and related work proposed for 2022, including oversight audits of the Service Boards and audits of the internal processes and procedures of the RTA.

Presentation of the 2022 Community Planning Program of Projects – [watch video](#)

Mr. Michael Horsting, Manager, Local Programs, presented an overview of the seven projects selected for the 2022 Call of Projects through the Community Planning Program. The Call for Projects was held with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's Local Technical Assistance program.

Quarterly Performance Report – Fourth Quarter 2021 – [watch video](#)

Ms. Karin Allen, Principal Analyst, Performance Measurement, presented the regional year-to-date performance metrics.

Resolutions certifying financial results – Fourth Quarter 2021 – [watch video](#)

Mr. William Lachman, Treasurer/Budget and Financial Analysis, Manager, presented resolutions certifying the operating financial results of the Service Boards, ADA Paratransit, and the region as a whole, through the fourth quarter of 2021, with respect to substantial accordance with budget.

Director Melvin asked questions or provided comments following the presentation.

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

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

1 Absent: Sager

Ordinance authorizing a contract for Transit Signage, Design, Engineering, and Construction Management Services – [watch video](#)

Jill Leary was available for questions for the ordinance, which authorizes a contract with A. Epstein & Sons, International, Inc., for on-demand design, engineering, and construction management services related to the RTA's interagency signage.

No questions or comments were asked following the presentation.

Director Carey moved, and Director Canty 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, Kotel, Lewis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Chairman Dillard

1 Absent: Sager

Ordinance approving strategic plan consultant support services – [watch video](#)

Jill Leary was available for questions for the ordinance, which authorizes a contract with Sam Schwartz Consulting to provide consulting services to the RTA for the 2023-2027 strategic plan.

No questions or comments were asked following the presentation.

Director Kotel moved, and Director Ross 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, Kotel, Lewis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Chairman Dillard

1 Absent: Sager

Ordinance approving web development design and administration – [watch video](#)

Tina Fassett Smith was available for questions for the ordinance, which authorizes a contract with Davis Harrison Dion to provide web development, design, and administration to support a

redesign, launch, and ongoing enhancement and administration of the RTA main website and the website for the RTA's Transit Benefit Fare Program.

No questions or comments were asked.

Director Carey moved, and Director Gathing 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, Kotel, Lewis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Chairman Dillard

1 Absent: Sager

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

Director Groven moved, and Director Melvin 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, Kotel, Lewis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Chairman Dillard

1 Absent: Sager

New Business – [watch video](#)

Chairman Dillard announced the next RTA Board of Directors meeting is Thursday, March 17, at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT – [watch video](#)

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

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

1 Absent: Sager

The Board meeting ended at 11:32 a.m.

Jeremy R. LaMarche
Secretary of the Authority