

**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 25, 2016** 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 (14): Anderson, Coulson, DeWitte, Frega, Fuentes, Hobson, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Totten, Troiani, and Chairman Dillard

Board members absent (2): Buchanan and Durante

Approval of minutes from the meeting held on June 23, 2016

Director Pang moved, and Director DeWitte seconded that the minutes from the meeting held on June 23, 2016 be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

14 Ayes: Anderson, Coulson, DeWitte, Frega, Fuentes, Hobson, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Totten, Troiani, and Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Buchanan and Durante

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Leanne Redden reported that the RTA is owed \$285 million by the state of Illinois and that the cost of short term borrowing YTD is \$2 million.

Ms. Redden then explained that the General Assembly passed a stopgap budget bill for FY16 and FY17 that included transportation operating and capital funding in June. The bill contained reaffirmation of the RTA region's continuing appropriation funding streams. It also included the statutory guarantee of a 30% state match on total sales tax revenue generated on an annual basis. The bill appropriates two ADA paratransit grants for \$3.8 million each for fiscal year 2016 and fiscal year 2017, and two reduced fare grants for \$17.5 million each for fiscal year 2016 and 17. The legislation also re-appropriates critical capital funding that had been previously authorized totaling approximately \$1.4 billion. While this is not new capital money, this reauthorization will allow state capital funded projects to continue into fiscal year 2017 and will authorize IDOT to spend the proceeds of the state's recent \$550 million bond sale.

Ms. Redden then moved on to the DC Update on federal legislative business. On July 14, both House and Senate chambers had adjourned and will not return until September 6. Unfortunately, no appropriation bills were sent to the President for his signature. Final action on federal funding for 2017 is still in process and will not be concluded until after Labor Day.

However, on July 29, Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx announced the 2016 TIGER grants, the largest recipient being the CTA which will use its \$25 million grant to restore and support improvements to the Garfield Green Line “L” Station.

During the month of July, the RTA celebrated the 26th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. This was the RTA’s first year as a presenting sponsor at this event.

Also in July, Ms. Redden and the Service Board CEO’s participated in an Executive Round Table where she outlined our regional system for the group.

Finally, the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada has once again awarded a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Preparation for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016. This marks the 20th consecutive year RTA has achieved this prestigious award.

Quarterly RTACAB Update

Mr. Greg Polman, Chairman of RTACAB gave his quarterly update to the Board. The RTACAB held its third-quarter meeting on July 18, 2016.

RTA staff provided the committee with program operational statistics for the first quarter of 2016 for the RTA Mobility Services Department programs including ADA Paratransit Certification, ADA Customer Service and Fare Programs, the Travel Information Center and Travel Training.

The committee was then given an update on Integrated Mobility Management Program Implementation with MTM, Inc. The Director of Travel Training with MTM, addressed the committee regarding the implementation of the new model of ADA Paratransit Certification that they are establishing on behalf of the RTA. The Project Manager of Travel Training for MTM, briefed the committee on how MTM will operate the RTA Travel Training Program.

Mr. Polman then explained that the RTA is required by law to maintain an appeals process for paratransit certification applicants that disagree with their certification decision. Staff is proposing changes to the composition of the Eligibility Review Board (ERB) because of frequent scheduling issues that cause delays in the administration of the appeal hearings. Under the proposed structure, the ERB composition for a hearing would include one staff person from the Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities or MOPD, one community representative, and one RTA staff person. The RTA will hold interviews and create a new pool of representatives, which would alternate attending the appeal hearings. Because a change to ERB ordinance is needed, this issue will need to be presented to the Board. The RTACAB members have been asked to offer feedback before this is presented to the Board for action.

Finally, Mr. Polman told the Board that staff updated the Committee on conversations surrounding the future on the RTA Travel Information Center (836-7000). The RTA is now beginning to look at alternative functions and methods to address customer service needs more efficiently and is in discussions with the Service Boards' customer service departments.

Upon completion of the research stage for both of these last 2 items, staff will present recommendations to the RTA and Service Boards' Executive Directors for further consideration and determination of next steps.

The next RTACAB meeting will take place on Monday, October 17, 2016.

Consent Items

Director Magalis moved, and Director Ross seconded the adoption of the following resolutions and ordinances:

- 2016-39 These resolutions certify that the operating financial results for each Service
2016-40 Board and the region as a whole, through the second quarter of 2016, are
2016-41 substantially in accordance with the budgets adopted on December 17, 2015.
2016-42 The system-wide operating deficit of the Service Boards, including Pace ADA
2016-43 Paratransit, was \$731.0 million. This result is \$35.1 million, or 4.6%, favorable to
 the adopted budget, with favorable results at each Service Board. The regional
 system-generated revenue recovery ratio, which excludes ADA Paratransit, of
 50.1% was 1.2 percentage points favorable to budget.
- 2016-44 This ordinance sets the 2017-2019 operations funding amounts and the required
 2017 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 set forth in these estimates. This ordinance also provides each Service
 Board with preliminary estimates of funds available for the development of the
 2017-2021 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 2017-2021 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 2017 budgets and 2018-2019
 financial plans.

2016-45 This resolution appoints US Bank to replace Amalgamated Bank of Chicago as the Trustee and Paying Agent in connection with the Authority's issuance of bonds and working cash notes (including commercial paper). In these roles, US Bank will be responsible for the registration, transfer, and payment of debt service on the Authority's outstanding bonds and notes, as well as maintaining certain funds and accounts, and investing proceeds of the sale of the Authority's bonds and notes until funds are drawn down for the purposes for which those bonds or notes were issued.

The motion carried on the following leave for last unanimous roll call vote for Ordinances 2016-39 through 2016-44:

14 Ayes: Anderson, Coulson, DeWitte, Frega, Fuentes, Hobson, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Totten, Troiani, and Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Buchanan and Durante

This motion included the following abstention vote for Ordinance 2016-45:

13 Ayes: Anderson, Coulson, DeWitte, Frega, Fuentes, Hobson, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Totten, and Chairman Dillard

1 Abstention: Troiani

2 Absent: Buchanan and Durante

Contract/Procurement Items

Director Totten renewed his concern over the apparent overload of lobbyists across the four transit agencies.

Director Troiani moved, and Director Lewis seconded the adoption of the following ordinances:

2016-46 This ordinance authorizes contracts to be initiated for our state legislative consulting team. The contract for the consultants will run from September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017. 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.

2016-47 This ordinance authorizes a contract for implementation of the third regional customer satisfaction survey. Reporting on customer satisfaction levels is part of the board-adopted RTA performance measurement program and is a measure that is specifically required by the RTA Act.

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

14 Ayes: Anderson, Coulson, DeWitte, Frega, Fuentes, Hobson, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Totten, Troiani, and Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Buchanan and Durante

EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the public portion of the meeting of the Board of Directors, Chairman Dillard asked Ms. Lacombe to cite the exceptions for the closed session. Ms. Lacombe cited IOMA sections 2(c)(1) and 2(c)(11) as the reasons for the closed session. Director Fuentes moved and Director Anderson seconded that the meeting move into Executive Session and adjourn from there. The motion carried on the following voice vote:

14 Ayes: Anderson, Coulson, DeWitte, Frega, Fuentes, Hobson, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Totten, Troiani, and Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Buchanan and Durante

The public portion of the meeting ended at 10:15 a.m.

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