

**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, December 15, 2016** in Suite 1650, 175 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois pursuant to notice.

Chairman Dillard called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

ROLL CALL

Board members present (16): Anderson, Buchanan, Coulson, DeWitte, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Higgins, Hobson, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Troiani, and Chairman Dillard

Approval of minutes from the meeting held on November 17, 2016

Director Frega moved, and Director Hobson seconded that the minutes from the meeting held on November 17, 2016 be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

16 Ayes: Anderson, Buchanan, Coulson, DeWitte, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Higgins, Hobson, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Troiani, and Chairman Dillard

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Leanne Redden shared an overview of RTA 2016 accomplishments and 2017 goals with the Board. The presentation included some large items, such as work on a new Regional Transit Strategic Plan and the importance of public transit to the region during the Cubs World Series Rally and Parade Day, as well as the achievements of individual departments through the lens of the current Strategic Plan.

Consent Items

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

2016-59 This ordinance will authorize modifications to the ADA Paratransit Eligibility Review Board (ERB) composition to improve the member election process and streamline day-to-day management of the ADA Paratransit Appeals Program. It would also authorize minor edits to the paratransit certification process to more accurately reflect how the paratransit certification process is handled by Medical Transportation Management, Inc. (MTM) on behalf of the RTA.

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- 2016-60 This ordinance authorizes an amendment to the 2016-2020 Capital Program to incorporate changes relative to both funding and expenditure for the CTA, Metra and Pace.
- 2016-61 This ordinance adopts the 2017 Operating Budgets, 2018-2019 Financial Plans, and 2017-2021 Capital Programs of the Service Boards and the Authority, including the RTA Agency. The budgets, financial plans, and capital programs defined by this ordinance are in balance, adhere to the funding amounts and recovery ratios adopted by the RTA Board in August, and meet the required recovery ratio for the region.

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

16 Ayes: Anderson, Buchanan, Coulson, DeWitte, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Higgins, Hobson, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Troiani, and Chairman Dillard

Contract/Procurement Items

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

- 2016-62 This ordinance authorizes a contract with RSM US LLP for annual audit services. The proposed contract will be for a period of three years with two optional years. The RTA solicited proposals for this engagement through a full RFP process. Five firms responded with four of them shortlisted and interviewed by a cross agency committee. RSM US LLP, who was engaged as our audit firm for the last five years, was determined to be the best qualified to provide the services.
- 2016-63 This ordinance authorizes a 2-year contract with Sam Schwartz Consulting to provide support services to the RTA for the 2018-2023 Regional Transit Strategic Plan. The total contract amount will not exceed \$117,585.80. In addition, Sam Schwartz Consulting has committed to meeting the 20% DBE goal established for this contract.

Director Troiani questioned the use of a consultant out of New York. Ms. Leary responded that the consultant, Sam Schwartz does have a local office in Chicago, but is headquartered in New York.

Director Hobson asked for elaboration on what “stakeholder engagement” means. Ms. Leary responded that the RTA is working collaboratively with the Service Boards and partnering with CMAP and their long-range plan. The stakeholders are the county governments, other transportation agencies, civic and advocacy groups in which their input engagement would be included in the strategic plan.

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

16 Ayes: Anderson, Buchanan, Coulson, DeWitte, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Higgins, Hobson, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Troiani, and Chairman Dillard

Special Action Items

Director Higgins moved, and Chairman Dillard seconded the adoption of the following ordinance:

2016-64 This resolution honors Donald L. Totten for his service on the RTA Board of Directors.

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

16 Ayes: Anderson, Buchanan, Coulson, DeWitte, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Higgins, Hobson, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Troiani, and Chairman Dillard

Director Melvin then moved, and Director Pang seconded the adoption of the following ordinance:

2016-65 This resolution honors Frank R. Miller for his service on the RTA Board of Pension Trustees.

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

16 Ayes: Anderson, Buchanan, Coulson, DeWitte, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Higgins, Hobson, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Troiani, and Chairman Dillard

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, Director Durante moved, and Director Lewis seconded that the meeting adjourn.

The motion carried on the following voice vote.

16 Ayes: Anderson, Buchanan, Coulson, DeWitte, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Higgins, Hobson, Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Troiani, and Chairman Dillard

The public portion of the meeting ended at 10 :30 a.m.

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