

**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, November 17, 2016** in Suite 1650, 175 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois pursuant to notice.

Chairman Dillard called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

ROLL CALL

Board members present (15): Buchanan (phone), Coulson, DeWitte, Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Higgins, Hobson (@#7), Lewis, Magalis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Troiani (phone), and Chairman Dillard

Board members absent (1): Anderson

Approval of minutes from the meeting held on October 20, 2016

Director Frega moved, and Director Ross seconded that the minutes from the meeting held on October 20, 2016 be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

2 Absent: Anderson and Hobson

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Leanne Redden reported that the RTA is owed \$338.7 million and the 2016 cost of short-term borrowing to support the State's delinquency has grown to \$2.7 million.

Ms. Redden then gave an update on the region's newly elected officials. Along with a newly elected President and US Senator there will be 2 new representatives on the Federal level and nine new elected officials on the state level, including Susana Mendoza as the state's Comptroller. Also, the "Safe Roads Amendment" was passed with an overwhelming 79% of the votes cast.

On the National level, public transportation proposals at the ballot saw significant success. Voters approved 33 of the 48 local and statewide public transit measures that totaled almost \$200 billion in funding for a 69% success rate.

Ms. Redden reported that the RTA held its 19th Annual Transportation Symposium & Business Exchange at the Chicago Cultural Center this Tuesday, November 15. Workshops provided insight on how to do business with the transit agencies on upcoming projects, and testimonies from successful DBE firms on how to overcome obstacles, build capacity, and find resources to grow in business.

**APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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Finally, Ms. Redden reminded the Board that the RTA is hosting one last hearing from 4pm until 6pm after the Special Finance Committee meeting on November 30th. The final Board meeting for the year will be held on December 15th.

Quarterly RTACAB Update

Mr. Greg Polman, Chairman of RTACAB gave his quarterly update to the Board although he did not attend the actual meeting. The RTACAB met on October 17, 2016. The following presentations were made at that time.

Mr. Michael VanDekreke addressed the RTACAB regarding the implementation of the new contract with MTM, Inc. to operate the RTA ADA Paratransit Certification and Travel Training programs. The transition to the new structure has been completed, and MTM is now operating the RTA Travel Training Program and two newly opened offices on the south and north sides of Chicago to conduct assessments for the ADA paratransit certification program. In addition, each of the region's counties will now have a Mobility Outreach Coordinator, who help older adult riders and people with disabilities throughout the region understand transit options and RTA programs within their communities.

Ms. Allison Noback, RTA's Deputy General Counsel whose staff currently oversees the ADA Paratransit Certification Appeals program, then updated the committee on the proposed plan to restructure the Eligibility Review Board (ERB); a three-person panel that presides over appeal hearings for customers who disagree with their ADA paratransit certification decision. Details of these changes will be brought before the RTA Board during the December meeting for final approval before implementation.

Finally, Mr. Doug Anderson gave the committee a briefing on 2017 funding allocations and the 2017 budget process. Committee members were encouraged to join the RTA Public Hearing being held at the RTA Headquarters on November 30th.

Mr. Polman concluded his report by stating that the next RTACAB meeting will take place on Tuesday January 17, 2017.

Consent Items

Director DeWitte moved, and Director Hobson seconded the adoption of the following ordinance:

2016-53	These resolutions certify that the operating financial results for each Service Board and the region as a whole, through the third quarter of 2016, are substantially in accordance with the budgets adopted on December 17, 2015.
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2016-58 This ordinance appointments two non-employee Trustees (Cory Fulton and Zaid Abdul-Aleem) and a Chairman (WilliamLachman) to the RTA Pension Board of Trustees.

The motion carried on the following roll call vote.

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

1 Absent: Anderson

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the public portion of the Board of Directors meeting, Director Frega moved, and Director Melvin seconded that the meeting adjourn.

The motion carried on the following voice vote.

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

1 Absent: Anderson

The public portion of the meeting ended at 9:45 a.m.

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Secretary of the Authority