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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, March 17, 2022, pursuant to notice. Chairman Dillard called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. He then recited the pledge of allegiance.

### **Roll call** – [watch video](#)

**Board members present (14):** Andalcio, Canty, Carey, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Holt, Kotel, Melvin, Ross, Sager, Chairman Dillard

**Board members absent (2):** Lewis, Pang

*Note: Directors Lewis and Pang joined later in the meeting.*

### **Approval of minutes from the meeting held on February 17, 2022** – [watch video](#)

No questions or comments from RTA Board members.

Director Carey moved, and Director Andalcio seconded that the minutes from the public meeting held on February 17, 2022, be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

**14 Ayes:** Andalcio, Canty, Carey, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Holt, Kotel, Melvin, Ross, Sager, Chairman Dillard

**2 Absent:** Lewis, Pang

### **Public Comment** – [watch video](#)

There were no public comments submitted for this meeting.

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

Executive Director Leanne Redden acknowledged that it has been two years since the COVID-19 pandemic began and provided updates on legislative matters.

**Report on monthly financial results – January 2022 – [watch video](#)**

Ms. Bea Reyna-Hickey, Chief Financial Officer, and Senior Deputy Executive Director, Finance, Innovation, and Technology, presented the monthly financial results for January 2022. Directors Carey, Melvin, and Sager asked questions or provided comments following the presentation.

**Strategic Plan Update – Public input on Emerging Visions for the Chicago Region’s Transit System – [watch video](#)**

Ms. Jill Leary, Senior DED, Capital Programming and Planning/Chief of Staff, Ms. Melissa Meyer, Communications Specialist, and Ms. Jessica Hector-Hsu, Director, Planning and Market Development, reported on input received through initial engagement activities for the next Regional Transit Strategic Plan and 10-Year Financial Plan.

Directors Groven and Melvin asked questions or provided comments following the presentation.

**Presentation of the Forward for All campaign – [watch video](#)**

Ms. Tina Fassett Smith, Director, Communications presented a preview of the Forward for All transit advocacy campaign. The goal of the campaign is to rebuild trust and pride in the transit system and demonstrate the economic, environmental, and quality of life benefits of transit.

**Ordinances authorizing the amendment of the 2022-2026 Capital Program and ICE funded projects time extensions – [watch video](#)**

Ms. Tara O’Malley, Principal Analyst, Capital Programs, presented two ordinances; the first amended the 2022-2026 Capital Program and incorporated changes in program revenue and expenses for CTA and Pace. The second ordinance approved time extensions for CTA and Metra Innovation, Coordination, and Enhancement (ICE) funded projects.

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

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

**Ordinance authorizing a contract for federal consulting services – [watch video](#)**

Mr. Jeremy LaMarche, Director, Intergovernmental Policy and Board Secretary presented an ordinance that authorized a three-year contract with Smith, Dawson & Andrews to provide federal consulting services.

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

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

**Ordinance authorizing an amendment to the contract for temporary staffing services – [watch video](#)**

Ms. Allison Noback, Director, Human Resources and Ethics Officer, was available for questions for the ordinance that approved a contract amendment with Avanti Staffing, Inc., for temporary staffing services.

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

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

**New Business – [watch video](#)**

Chairman Dillard announced the next RTA Board of Directors meeting is Thursday, April 21, at 9:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT – [watch video](#)**

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

The motion carried on the following voice vote:

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

The Board meeting ended at 10:17 a.m.

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Jeremy R. LaMarche  
Secretary of the Authority