



**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, May 19, 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 (15): Andalcio, Canty, Carey, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Holt, Kotel, Lewis, Pang, Ross, Sager, Chairman Dillard

Board members absent (1): Melvin

Approval of minutes from the meeting held on April 21, 2022 – [watch video](#)

No questions or comments from RTA Board members.

Director Ross moved, and Director Andalcio seconded that the minutes from the public meeting held on April 21, 2022, 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, Pang, Ross, Sager, Chairman Dillard

1 Absent: Melvin

Public Comment – [watch video](#)

There were no public comments submitted for this meeting.

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

Executive Director Leanne Redden reported that Moody's upgraded its rating on \$1.7 billion of RTA bonds to A1 from A3 and announced registration for the Transportation Tuesday web seminar series.

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.

Strategic Plan Update – [watch video](#)

Ms. Jessica Hector-Hsu, Director, Planning and Market Development, reported on the work underway in stakeholder working groups for the next Regional Transit Strategic Plan and 10-Year Financial Plan.

Director Ross asked questions or provided comments following the presentation.

Presentation of the Quarterly Performance Report – First Quarter 2022 – [watch video](#)

Mr. Peter Fahrenwald, Strategic and Corridor Planning, Manager, presented the regional year-to-date performance metrics.

Resolutions certifying financial results – First Quarter 2022 – [watch video](#)

Ms. Bea Reyna-Hickey, Chief Financial Officer, and Senior Deputy Executive Director, Finance, Innovation, and Technology, presented resolutions certifying the operating financial results of the Service Boards, ADA Paratransit, and the region as a whole, through the first quarter of 2022, with respect to substantial accordance with budget.

No questions or comments were asked following the presentation.

Director Sager moved, and Director Groven seconded that the proposed ordinances 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, Pang, Ross, Sager, Chairman Dillard

1 Absent: Melvin

Ordinance amending the 2022-2024 Regional and Service Board Operating Budgets and Financial Plans and Allocating CARES Act Funding Released by Southeastern Wisconsin – [watch video](#)

Mr. Douglas Anderson, Manager, Budget and Business Analysis, presented an ordinance amending the 2022 regional operating budget and 2023-2024 financial plans including revised operating budgets for the CTA, Metra, Pace Suburban Service, and ADA Paratransit.

No questions or comments were asked following the presentation.

Director Ross 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, Pang, Ross, Sager, Chairman Dillard

1 Absent: Melvin

Ordinance approving the 2023 Budget Call for the Annual Operating Budget, Two-Year Financial Plan, and Five-Year Capital Program – [watch video](#)

Mr. William Lachman, Treasurer/Budget and Financial Analysis, Manager, and Tatiana Sanders, Capital Programs, Division Manager, presented an ordinance approving and releasing the 2023 Budget and Capital Program Call.

No questions or comments were asked following the presentation.

Director Carey moved, and Director Kotel 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, Pang, Ross, Sager, Chairman Dillard

1 Absent: Melvin

Ordinances authorizing the execution of federal funding allocation agreements with Northwestern Indiana and Southeastern Wisconsin, and amending the 2022-2026 Capital Program funding – [watch video](#)

Ms. Tara O'Malley, Capital Programs, Principal Analyst, presented ordinances authorizing the execution of funding allocation agreements between Northeastern Illinois and Northwestern Indiana, and Northeastern Illinois and Southeastern Wisconsin for the region's Federal \$5307 including \$5340 Urbanized Area, \$5337 State of Good Repair, \$5339 Bus and Bus Facilities, and \$5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities funds. She also presented an ordinance amending the 2022-2026 Capital Program incorporating new federal funding levels.

No questions or comments were asked following the presentation.

Director Holt moved, and Director Groven 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, Pang, Ross, Sager, Chairman Dillard

1 Absent: Melvin

Ordinance authorizing the purchase of excess liability insurance policies by the RTA's Loss Financing Plan/Joint Self-Insurance Fund – [watch video](#)

Ms. Nadine Lacombe, General Counsel, Legal and Compliance, presented an ordinance authorizing the purchase of excess liability insurance policies by the RTA's Loss Financing Plan/Joint Self-Insurance Fund.

Chairman Dillard asked questions or provided comments following the presentation.

Director Andalcio 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, Pang, Ross, Sager, Chairman Dillard

1 Absent: Melvin

Ordinance authorizing an amendment to the RTA Pension Plan – [watch video](#)

Ms. Lacombe, presented an ordinance authorizing amendments to the RTA Pension Plan.

Director Sager asked questions or provided comments following the presentation.

Director Sager moved, and Director Holt 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, Pang, Ross, Sager, Chairman Dillard

1 Absent: Melvin

Ordinance authorizing a contract to conduct Grant Close-Out Audits – [watch video](#)

Ms. Lalaine Alvarez, Chief Auditor, was available for questions for an ordinance authorizing a contract with Baker Tilly US, LLP, to perform close-out audits of completed grants each year for five years, with two additional one-year options to renew.

No questions or comments were asked following the presentation.

Director Carey moved, and Director Kotel 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, Pang, Ross, Sager, Chairman Dillard

1 Absent: Melvin

Ordinance authorizing a contract for aerial photography – [watch video](#)

Ms. Jill Leary, Senior DED, Capital Programming and Planning/Chief of Staff, was available for questions for an ordinance authorizing a two-year contract with NearMap US, Inc. for a subscription to seamless, high-resolution aerial photography for GIS mapping and other spatial-related applications.

No questions or comments were asked following the presentation.

Director Groven moved, and Director Holt 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, Pang, Ross, Sager, Chairman Dillard

1 Absent: Melvin

Approval of travel expenses reimbursement(s) – [watch video](#)

Director Andalcio 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, Pang, Ross, Sager, Chairman Dillard

1 Absent: Melvin

New Business – [watch video](#)

Chairman Dillard announced the next RTA Board of Directors meeting is Thursday, June 16, 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 Carey moved and Director Sager 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, Pang, Ross, Sager, Chairman Dillard

1 Absent: Melvin

The Board meeting ended at 10:54 a.m.

Jeremy R. LaMarche
Secretary of the Authority