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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

The Board of Directors of the Regional Transportation Authority met on Thursday, March 16, 2023, pursuant to notice. Chairman Dillard called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. He then recited the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call – [watch video](#)

Board members present (12): Andalcio, Carey, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Holt, Kotel, Melvin, Ross, and Chairman Dillard

Board members absent (3): Lewis, Pang, Sager

Approval of minutes from the meeting held on February 16, 2023 – [watch video](#)

No questions or comments from RTA Board members.

Director Kotel moved, and Director Groven seconded that the minutes from the public meeting held on February 16, 2023, be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

12 Ayes: Andalcio, Carey, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Holt, Kotel, Melvin, Ross, and Chairman Dillard

3 Absent: Lewis, Pang, Sager

Public Comment – [watch video](#)

There were no public comments submitted for this meeting.

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

Executive Director Leanne Redden noted recent presentations on Transit is the Answer, including testifying to the Illinois Senate’s Joint Transportation and Public

Safety/Infrastructure Appropriations Committee, and that the Section 5310 Call for Projects was opening.

Report on monthly financial results – January 2023 – [watch video](#)

Mr. Kevin Bueso, Chief Financial Officer/Deputy Executive Director of Finance, Innovation, and Technology, presented the monthly financial results for January 2023.

Amendment of the 2023-2027 Capital Program extensions to ICE funded projects, and approval of 2023 Federal Funding Allocation Agreements – [watch video](#)

Tara O'Malley, Principal Analyst, Capital Programs, and Brian Lowenberg, Manger, Capital Programs, presented two ordinances that incorporate changes in projects, program revenue, and expenses for CTA and Metra.

Director Gathing moved, and Director Melvin seconded that the proposed ordinances be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following leave for a roll call vote:

12 Ayes: Andalcio, Carey, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Holt, Kotel, Melvin, Ross, and Chairman Dillard

3 Absent: Lewis, Pang, Sager

Contracts/Expenditure Items – [watch video](#)

Director Andalcio moved, and Director Kotel seconded the adoption of the following ordinances, as well as the approval of Board travel expenditures as submitted:

Ordinance authorizing a consultant contract for the Richton Park TOD Plan

Approval of travel expenses reimbursement(s)

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

13 Ayes: Andalcio, Carey, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Holt, Kotel, Lewis, Melvin, Ross, and Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Pang, Sager

New Business – [watch video](#)

Chairman Dillard announced the next RTA Board of Directors meeting is Thursday, April 20, at 9:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADJOURNMENT – [watch video](#)

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There being no further business to come before the public session of the Board, Chairman Dillard asked RTA General Counsel Nadine Lacombe to cite the exceptions for the closed session. Ms. Lacombe cited IOMA Section 2(c)(8) and Section 2(c)(11) as the exceptions. Director Ross then moved, and Director Carey seconded that the meeting move into Executive Session and adjourn from there.

The motion carried on the following voice vote:

13 Ayes: Andalcio, Carey, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Holt, Kotel, Lewis, Melvin, Ross, and Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Pang, Sager

The public portion of the meeting ended at 9:46 a.m.

Jeremy R. LaMarche
Secretary of the Authority