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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, February 16, 2023, pursuant to notice. Chairman Dillard called the meeting to order at 9:26 a.m. He then recited the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call – [watch video](#)

Board members present (13): Andalcio, Carey, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Lewis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Sager, and Chairman Dillard

Board members absent (2): Holt, Kotel

Approval of minutes from the meeting held on December 15, 2022 – [watch video](#)

No questions or comments from RTA Board members.

Director Carey moved, and Director Pang seconded that the minutes from the public meeting held on December 15, 2022, be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

2 Absent: Holt, Kotel

Public Comment – [watch video](#)

Audrey Wennink, Alderman Andre Vargas, Courtney Hoyt, and Kevin Brubaker provided public comment.

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

Executive Director Leanne Redden expressed condolences on the passing of Laurence Msall of the Civic Federation, introduced the new RTA Chief Financial

Officer/Deputy Executive Director of Finance, Innovation, and Technology, Kevin Bueso, and provided a brief legislative update.

Adoption of “Transit is the Answer” Strategic Plan – [watch video](#)

Jessica Hector-Hsu, Director, Planning and Market Development, Melissa Meyer, Manager, Communications, Peter Fahrenwald, Manager, Strategic and Corridor Planning, and Peter Kersten, Principal Planner presented on the 2023 Regional Strategic Plan, *Transit is the Answer*.

Jim Derwinski, CEO and Executive Director, Metra, Melinda Metzger, Executive Director, Pace, and Nora Leerhsen, Chief of Staff, CTA commented on the plan.

Directors Melvin, Pang, Coulson, Carey, Sager, Ross, Gorman, and Chairman Dillard had comments or questions about the plan.

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

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

2 Absent: Holt, Kotel

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.

Presentation of the 2023 Audit Plan – [watch video](#)

Lalaine Alvarez, Chief Auditor, presented the plan, describing specific audit projects and related work proposed for the year, including oversight audits of the Service Boards and audits of the internal processes and procedures of the RTA.

Presentation of the 2023 Community Planning Program of Projects – [watch video](#)

Michael Horsting, Manager, Local Programs, presented on the six projects selected for the 2023 Call for projects.

Quarterly Performance Report – Fourth Quarter 2022 – [watch video](#)

Mr. Fahrenwald presented the regional year-to-date performance metrics through the fourth quarter 2022.

Resolutions certifying Financial results – Fourth Quarter 2022 – [watch video](#)

Mr. Bueso, presented resolutions certifying the operating financial results of the Service Boards, ADA Paratransit, and the region as a whole, through the fourth quarter of 2022, with respect to substantial accordance with budget.

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

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

2 Absent: Holt, Kotel

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

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

Ordinance authorizing an IGA with Pace for ADA Paratransit Certification Site Trips

Ordinance authorizing a Planning Services Task Order Contracts for the Community Planning Program

Ordinance authorizing a consultant contract for Homewood 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, Lewis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Sager, and Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Holt, Kotel

New Business – [watch video](#)

Chairman Dillard announced the next RTA Board of Directors meeting is Thursday, March 16, at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT – [watch video](#)

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

The motion carried on the following voice vote:

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

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2 Absent: Holt, Kotel

The Board meeting ended at 11:35 a.m.

Jeremy R. LaMarche
Secretary of the Authority