



Minutes

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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, May 18, 2023, pursuant to notice. Chairman Dillard called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. He then recited the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call – [watch video](#)

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

Board members absent (3): Gathing, Melvin, Pang

Approval of minutes from the meeting held on April 20, 2023 – [watch video](#)

No questions or comments from RTA Board members.

Director Andalcio moved, and Director Carey seconded that the minutes from the public meeting held on April 20, 2023, be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

3 Absent: Gathing, Melvin, Pang

Public Comment – [watch video](#)

There were no public comments submitted for this meeting.

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

Executive Director Leanne Redden provided updates on engagement with partners in the region about the strategic plan, Transit is the Answer, as well as a legislative update.

Directors Ross, Sager, Lewis, and Chairman Dillard asked questions or provided comments following the presentation.

Update on the activities of the RTA Transit Access Citizens' Advisory Board – [watch video](#)

Jackie Forbes, Chairperson of the RTA Citizens' Advisory Board, provided an update on the work of the Board.

Transit is the Answer update – [watch video](#)

Peter Kersten, Principal Planner, Peter Fahrenwald, Manager, Strategic and Corridor Planning, Douglas Anderson, Manager, Budget and Business Analysis, and Kyle Whitehead, Principal, Intergovernmental Policy, provided an update on implementation activities, financial and performance information, and a deep-dive on securing funding to expand the free and reduced fare program.

Directors Gorman, Groven, Gathing, Chairman Dillard, Executive Director Redden, Lewis, and Carey asked questions or provided comments following the presentation.

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

Mr. Anderson presented resolutions certifying the operating financial results of the Service Boards, ADA Paratransit, and the region as a whole, through the first quarter of 2023, with respect to substantial accordance with budget.

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

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

1 Absent: Pang

Amendment of the 2023-2027 Capital Program– [watch video](#)

Tara O'Malley, Principal Analyst, Capital Programs, presented an ordinance incorporating changes in projects, program revenue, and expenses for CTA and Metra.

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

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

1 Absent: Pang

Ordinance approving the 2024 Budget Call for the Annual Operating Budget, Two-Year Financial Plan, and Five-Year Capital Program – [watch video](#)

William Lachman, Treasurer/Budget and Financial Analysis, Manager, and Brian Lowenberg, Manager, Capital Programs, presented an ordinance approving and releasing the 2024 Budget and Capital Program Call.

Director Sager asked questions or provided comments.

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

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

1 Absent: Pang

Ordinance authorizing the purchase of Excess Liability Insurance Policies by the RTA's Loss Financing Plan/Joint Self-Insurance Fund – [watch video](#)

Allison Noback, General Counsel, and Rose Lang-Poston, Senior Vice President, Aon Risk Services, were available for questions.

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

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

1 Absent: Pang

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

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

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

1 Absent: Pang

New Business – [watch video](#)

Chairman Dillard announced the next RTA Board of Directors meeting is Thursday, June 15, at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT – [watch video](#)

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

The motion carried on the following voice vote:

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

1 Absent: Pang

The Board meeting ended at 10:49 a.m.

Joey-Lin Silberhorn

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Secretary of the Authority