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## 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, October 19, 2023, 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, Carey, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Holt, Lewis, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Sager, and Chairman Dillard

Board members absent (1): Kotel

### **Approval of minutes from the meeting held on September 14, 2023 – [watch video](#)**

No questions or comments from RTA Board members.

Director Andalcio moved, and Director Groven seconded that the minutes from the public meeting held on September 14, 2023, be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

1 Absent: Kotel

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

There were no public comments submitted for this meeting.

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

Executive Director Leanne Redden introduced new staff: Paul Rotatori, Director of Human Resources, and Maulik Vaishnav, Senior Deputy Executive Director for

Capital Programming and Planning, and provided an update about the CMAP Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART) and federal legislative updates.

Director Lewis asked questions following the report.

**Presentation and Discussion of 2024 RTA Agency Budget – [watch video](#)**

Kevin Bueso, Senior Deputy Executive Director, Finance, Innovation, and Technology, and Chief Financial Officer, presented the agency's proposed 2024 budget and highlighted next year's plan priorities.

Director Groven and Chairman Dillard asked questions or provided comments following the presentation.

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

Peter Kersten, Program Manager, Strategic Planning, Rob Nash, Director, Government Affairs, and Douglas Anderson, Manager, Budget and Analysis, provided an update on implementation activities and the 2024 State Legislative Agenda.

Directors Lewis, Coulson, Gathing, Gorman, Carey, and Chairman Dillard asked questions or provided comments following the presentation.

**Ordinance authorizing updates to the RTA's Citizens Advisory Board (RTACAB) bylaws and board structure – [watch video](#)**

Michael VanDekreke, Director, Mobility Services, presented an ordinance that authorizes revisions to the RTACAB bylaws, as called for by the strategic plan, Transit is the Answer, to expand the role of the RTACAB to strengthen the rider voice in transit planning and decision making and help track the progress of the implementation of the goals of the plan.

Directors Gorman and Sager asked questions or provided comments on the proposed ordinance.

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

**14 Ayes:** Andalcio, Carey, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Groven, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Sager, and Chairman Dillard

**1 Absent:** Kotel

**Resolution setting the 2024 RTA Board meeting schedule– [watch video](#)**

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

**14 Ayes:** Andalcio, Carey, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Groven, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Sager, and Chairman Dillard

**1 Absent:** Kotel

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

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

**Ordinance authorizing a contract amendment with Omicron Technology Solutions, LLC**

**Approval of travel expenses reimbursement(s)**

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

**14 Ayes:** Andalcio, Carey, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Groven, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Sager, and Chairman Dillard

**1 Absent:** Kotel

**New Business** – [watch video](#)

Chairman Dillard announced the next RTA Board of Directors meeting is Thursday, December 14, at 9:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT** – [watch video](#)

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

The motion carried on the following voice vote:

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

**1 Absent:** Kotel

The Board meeting ended at 10:20 a.m.

*Joey-Lin Silberhorn*

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Secretary of the Authority