
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, September 14, 2023, pursuant to notice. Chairman Dillard called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. He then recited the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call – [watch video](#)

Board members present (11): Andalcio, Carey, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Pang, Ross, Sager, and Chairman Dillard

Board members absent (4): Holt, Kotel, Lewis, Melvin

Approval of minutes from the meeting held on August 17, 2023 – [watch video](#)

No questions or comments from RTA Board members.

Director Andalcio moved, and Director Sager seconded that the minutes from the public meeting held on August 17, 2023, be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

4 Absent: Holt, Kotel, Lewis, Melvin

Public Comment – [watch video](#)

There were no public comments submitted for this meeting.

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

Executive Director Leanne Redden provided a legislative update.

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

Rob Nash, Director, Government Affairs, Michael VanDekreke, Director, Mobility Services, Douglas Anderson, Manager, Budget and Analysis, and Peter Fahrenwald, Manager, Strategic Corridor Planning, provided an update on legislative activities, financial information, and performance measures.

Directors Ross, Carey, Sager, and Melvin, asked questions or provided comments following the presentation.

Ordinances approving the amendment of the 2023-2027 Capital Program, and extensions to ICE funded projects – [watch video](#)

Brian Lowenberg, Manager, Capital Programs, and Violet Gurgul, Division Manager, Project Management, Oversight, and Compliance, presented two ordinances: the first incorporated changes in the 2023-2027 Capital Program projects and funding for CTA and Pace and the second approved extensions to the Innovation, Coordination, and Enhancement (ICE) program for Metra.

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

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

3 Absent: Holt, Kotel, Lewis

Ordinance approving the Section 5310 – Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program of projects– [watch video](#)

Heather Mullins, Division Manager, Local Programs and Program Management, presented an ordinance that authorizes the approval of the FY2022- FY2023 Section 5310 – Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program of Projects. Funding is proposed for 13 projects that support the goals of the Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP).

Directors Melvin asked questions or provided comments following the presentation.

Director Fuentes moved, and Director Andalcio seconded that the proposed ordinance 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, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Sager, and Chairman Dillard

3 Absent: Holt, Kotel, Lewis

Ordinance approving the RTA's Title VI Plan 2023-2026 – [watch video](#)

Mario Basurto, Deputy, General Counsel, presented an ordinance that approves the RTA's Title VI Plan for the period of 2023-2026. Recipients and sub-recipients

of financial assistance from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) are required to adopt Title VI programs to ensure non-discriminatory practices and meaningful access to benefits, services, information, and important activities for all persons regardless of race, color or national origin. The program must also contain the Agency's plan for meaningful participation by individuals with limited English proficiency.

Directors Melvin asked questions or provided comments following the presentation.

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

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

4 Absent: Gorman, Holt, Kotel, Lewis

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

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

Ordinance authorizing a consulting contract for the Far South Halsted Corridor Study

Ordinance authorizing a contract for the Regional Transit Economic Impact Assessment

Approval of travel expenses reimbursement(s)

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

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

4 Absent: Gorman, Holt, Kotel, Lewis

CMAP Plan of Action for Regional Transit (PART) Process – [watch video](#)

Erin Aleman, Executive Director, and Laura Wilkison, Senior Director & Policy Advisor, Intergovernmental Affairs, CMAP, presented the findings, recommendations, and next steps of the recently released draft report.

Directors Carey, Gathing, Sager, Pang, and Chairman Dillard asked questions or provided comments following the presentation.

New Business – [watch video](#)

Director Coulson provided comments on the Metra fare changes.

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Chairman Dillard announced the next RTA Board of Directors meeting is Thursday, October 19, at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT – [watch video](#)

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

The motion carried on the following voice vote:

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

4 Absent: Gorman, Holt, Kotel, Lewis

The Board meeting ended at 10:56 a.m.

Joey-Lin Silberhorn

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Secretary of the Authority