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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, August 17, 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 (12): Andalcio, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Holt, Kotel, Pang, Ross, Sager, and Chairman Dillard

Board members absent (3): Carey, Lewis, and Melvin

### **Approval of minutes from the meeting held on June 15, 2023 – [watch video](#)**

No questions or comments from RTA Board members.

Director Kotel moved, and Director Fuentes seconded that the minutes from the public meeting held on June 15, 2023, be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

3 Absent: Carey, Lewis, and Melvin

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

There were no public comments submitted for this meeting.

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

Executive Director Leanne Redden introduced Rob Nash, the new RTA Government Affairs Director, and provided a legislative update.

**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.

Chairman Dillard asked questions or provided comments following the presentation.

**Presentation on the Mobility Services Department Program Enhancements – [watch video](#)**

Michael VanDekreke, Director of Mobility Services, presented on enhancements made to the ADA Paratransit Certification Program and RTA fare programs.

Directors Fuentes and Andalcio asked questions or provided comments following the presentation.

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

Peter Kersten, Program Manager, Strategic Planning, Douglas Anderson, Manager, Budget and Business Analysis, Kendra Johnson, Associate, Government Affairs, Rob Nash, Director, Government Affairs, Tina Fassett Smith, Director, Communications, and Tish Williams, Program Manager, Strategic Planning provided an update on legislative and financial activities, including peer information, progress on engaging stakeholders, and a deep-dive on planning a safety and security summit.

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

**Resolutions certifying financial results – second quarter 2023 – [watch video](#)**

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

**12 Ayes:** Andalcio, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Holt, Kotel, Pang, Ross, Sager, and Chairman Dillard

**3 Absent:** Carey, Lewis, and Melvin

**Ordinance establishing estimates of funding amounts available to the Service Boards for the 2024-2028 Capital Program funding amounts – [watch video](#)**

William Lachman, Treasurer, Budget and Financial Manager, and Brian Lowenberg, Manager, Capital Programs, presented an ordinance that sets the 2024-2026 operating funding amounts and required 2024 recovery ratios for CTA, Metra, Pace Suburban Service, and ADA Paratransit. The ordinance also provides

each Service Board with preliminary estimates of funds available for the development of the 2024-2028 Capital Program.

Directors Groven and Sager asked questions or provided comments following the presentation.

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

**12 Ayes:** Andalcio, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Holt, Kotel, Pang, Ross, Sager, and Chairman Dillard

**3 Absent:** Carey, Lewis, and Melvin

**Ordinance authorizing a contract amendment for the provision of networking equipment and related services – [watch video](#)**

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

**11 Ayes:** Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Holt, Kotel, Pang, Ross, Sager, and Chairman Dillard

**3 Absent:** Carey, Lewis, and Melvin

**1 Abstain:** Andalcio

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

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

**State Legislative Consulting Contracts**

Director Coulson asked questions or provided comments about the ordinance.

**Ordinance authorizing a contract amendment for voice and data services**

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

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

**12 Ayes:** Andalcio, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Holt, Kotel, Pang, Ross, Sager, and Chairman Dillard

**3 Absent:** Carey, Lewis, and Melvin

**New Business – [watch video](#)**

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

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**ADJOURNMENT** – [watch video](#)

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

The motion carried on the following voice vote:

**12 Ayes:** Andalcio, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Holt, Kotel, Pang, Ross, Sager, and Chairman Dillard

**3 Absent:** Carey, Lewis, and Melvin

The Board meeting ended at 10:46 a.m.

*Joey-Lin Silberhorn*

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Joey-Lin Silberhorn  
Secretary of the Authority