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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 15, 2024, pursuant to notice. Chairman Dillard called the meeting to order at 9:04 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 meetings held on December 14, 2023 – [watch video](#)

No questions or comments from RTA Board members.

Director Holt moved, and Director Groven seconded that the minutes from the public meeting and executive session held on December 14, 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](#)

Austin Busch and Carsten Lohan provided public comment.

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

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

Executive Director Leanne Redden provided an update on recent events she attended as well as a legislative update.

Director Gorman asked questions or provided comments following the presentation.

Presentation of the 2024 Audit plan – [watch video](#)

Lalaine Alvarez, Chief Auditor, presented the 2024 Audit plan, which describes 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.

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

Maulik Vaishnav, Senior Deputy Director, Capital Programming, Planning, and Performance and Peter Kersten, Program Manager, Strategic Planning, provided an update on implementation progress and a preview of the Safety and Security Summit.

Director Coulson asked questions or provided comments following the presentation.

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

Maulik Vaishnav, and Sarah Rubino, Principal Analyst, Budget and Treasury, provided an overview of ridership, service levels, federal discretionary capital grants, and a financial update, as well as proposed resolutions to certify the operating financial results of CTA, Metra, Pace Suburban Service, ADA Paratransit, and the Region as a whole, through the fourth quarter of 2023, are in substantial accordance with the budget adopted on December 15, 2022.

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

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

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

2 Absent: Kotel, Lewis

Ordinance adopting an amendment of the 2024-2028 Capital Program – [watch video](#)

Tara O’Malley, Principal Analyst, Capital Programs presented an ordinance that incorporates changes in 2024-2028 Capital Program projects and funding for CTA.

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

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

2 Absent: Kotel, Lewis

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

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

Ordinance authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Cook County for the Chicago Regional Mobility Hubs Framework

Ordinance approving a subscription to Bloomberg Anywhere

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, Holt, Melvin, Pang, Ross, Sager, and Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Kotel, Lewis

New Business – [watch video](#)

Director Fuentes provided a comment about attending the ADA Coordinating Committee meeting. Director Gorman provided a comment about the Metra issues with the Ventra app.

Chairman Dillard announced the next RTA Board of Directors meeting is Thursday, March 21, 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 Pang seconded that the meeting adjourn.

The motion carried on the following voice vote:

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

2 Absent: Kotel, Lewis

The Board meeting ended at 10:12 a.m.

Joey-Lin Silberhorn

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Secretary of the Authority