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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 15, 2024, 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 (11): Carey, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Groven, Lewis, Retondo, Ross, Sager, Yonan, and Chairman Dillard

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

### **Approval of minutes from the meetings held on June 20, 2024 – [watch video](#)**

No questions or comments from RTA Board members.

Director Carey moved, and Director Lewis seconded that the minutes from the public meeting held on June 20, 2024, be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

**11 Ayes:** Carey, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Groven, Lewis, Retondo, Ross, Sager, Yonan, and Chairman Dillard

**3 Absent:** Gorman, 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 an update on the public comment received at the June Board meeting regarding North DuSable Lake Shore Drive and an update on the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant from the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

Chairman Dillard provided comments following the presentation.

**State of Metra briefing– [watch video](#)**

Jim Derwinski, CEO/Executive Director of Metra, gave a briefing and updates on Metra.

Directors Coulson, Yonan, Lewis, Carey, Sager, Melvin, 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.

**Presentation of the 2024 Community Planning Program of Projects – [watch video](#)**

Michael Horsting, Manager, Local Programs, presented the eight projects selected as part of the RTA Community Planning program.

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

Leanne Redden, Peter Kersten, Program Manager, Strategic Plan Implementation, Kyle Whitehead, Principal, Government Affairs, and Rob Nash, Director, Government Affairs, provided an update on implementation activities, including an overview of the economic and quality of life impacts of two potential funding scenarios – one in which the current 20% budget gap is not filled and one where the system receives \$1.5 billion in new funding that fills the budget gap and expands and improves the transit system, a summary of the fifth Transit is the Answer coalition meeting, and an update of legislative activities and the Senate Transportation Committee hearings to date.

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

**Quarterly Performance Report and Resolutions certifying Financial results – Second Quarter 2024 – [watch video](#)**

Maulik Vaishnav, Senior Deputy Executive Director, Planning and Capital Programming, and Sarah Rubino, Principal Analyst, Treasury and Budget, presented resolutions certifying the operating financial results of CTA, Metra, Pace Suburban Service, ADA Paratransit, and the Region as a whole, through the second quarter of 2024, are in substantial accordance with the budget adopted on December 14, 2023.

Director Lewis asked questions or provided comments following the presentation.

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

**13 Ayes:** Carey, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Lewis, Melvin, Retondo, Ross, Sager, Yonan, and Chairman Dillard

**1 Absent:** Pang

**7b. Ordinance establishing estimates of funding amounts available to the Service Boards for the 2025-2027 Operating Budgets, the required Recovery Ratios for 2025, and the preliminary 2025-2029 Capital Program funding amounts – [watch video](#)**

William Lachman, Division Manager, Budget & Treasury, and Brian Lowenberg, Manager, Capital Programs, presented an ordinance that sets the 2025-2027 operating funding amounts and required 2025 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 2025-2029 Capital Program.

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

**13 Ayes:** Carey, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Lewis, Melvin, Retondo, Ross, Sager, Yonan, and Chairman Dillard

**1 Absent:** Pang

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

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

**State Legislative Consulting Contracts**

**Ordinance authorizing a consultant contract for Creative Services**

**Ordinance approving a contract for Microsoft subscriptions and services**

**Ordinance approving a contract for miscellaneous technology supplies**

**Ordinance approving a contract amendment for mobile devices and services**

**Approval of travel expense reimbursement**

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

**13 Ayes:** Carey, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Lewis, Melvin, Retondo, Ross, Sager, Yonan, and Chairman Dillard

**1 Absent:** Pang

**New Business – [watch video](#)**

Chairman Dillard announced the next RTA Board of Directors meeting is Thursday, September 12, 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 Melvin moved and Director Gathing seconded that the meeting adjourn.

The motion carried on the following voice vote:

**13 Ayes:** Carey, Coulson, Fuentes, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Lewis, Melvin, Retondo, Ross, Sager, Yonan, and Chairman Dillard

The Board meeting ended at 11:58 a.m.

*Joey-Lin Silberhorn*

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Secretary of the Authority