



---

## Minutes

---

175 W Jackson Blvd  
Suite 1550  
Chicago, IL 60604

312 913 3200  
rtachicago.org

---

---

## 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 20, 2025, 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 (13): Coulson, Gorman, Groven, Jenkins, Kotarac, Lewis, Mondero, Retondo, Ross, Ryan, Sager, Yonan, and Chairman Dillard

Absent (3): Carey, Gathing, Pang

### **Approval of minutes from the meetings held on December 19, 2024 – [watch video](#)**

No questions or comments from RTA Board members.

Director Lewis moved, and Director Yonan seconded that the minutes from the public meeting held on December 19, 2024, be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

**13 Ayes:** Coulson, Gorman, Groven, Jenkins, Kotarac, Lewis, Mondero, Retondo, Ross, Ryan, Sager, Yonan, and Chairman Dillard

**3 Absent:** Carey, Gathing, Pang

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

There was one in-person public comment from Michael Archey.

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

Executive Director Leanne Redden announced the 2025 Community Planning and 5310 Call for Projects and provided a brief legislative update.

Directors Yonan, Kotarac, Mondero, Sager, 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.

Chairman Dillard provided comments following the presentation.

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

Peter Kersten, Manager, Strategy and Policy, Heather Mullins, Division Manager, Local Planning and Program Management, Kevin Staniel, Division Manager, Regional Coordination, Tina Fassett Smith, Director, Communications, and Rob Nash, Director, Government Affairs, provided an update on planning studies and activities, a recap of the RTA Coalition meeting, and a communications and legislative update.

Directors Yonan, Mondero, Kotarac, Coulson, Groven, Sager, Ryan, and Chairman Dillard asked questions or provided comments following the presentation.

**Resolution certifying Financial results – Fourth Quarter 2024 – [watch video](#)**

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

Director Kotarac asked questions or provided comments following the presentation.

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

**14 Ayes:** Coulson, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Jenkins, Kotarac, Lewis, Mondero, Retondo, Ross, Ryan, Sager, Yonan, and Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Carey, Pang

**Resolution honoring Dorval Carter, Jr. – [watch video](#)**

Director Mondero moved, and Director Jenkins seconded that the proposed resolution be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

**14 Ayes:** Coulson, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Jenkins, Kotarac, Lewis, Mondero, Retondo, Ross, Ryan, Sager, Yonan, and Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Carey, Pang

**Approval of travel expense reimbursement – [watch video](#)**

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

**13 Ayes:** Coulson, Gathing, Groven, Jenkins, Kotarac, Lewis, Mondero, Retondo, Ross, Ryan, Sager, Yonan, and Chairman Dillard

3 Absent: Carey, Gorman, Pang

**New Business – [watch video](#)**

Chairman Dillard announced the next RTA Board of Directors meeting is Thursday, March 27, at 9:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT – [watch video](#)**

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

The motion carried on the following voice vote:

**14 Ayes:** Coulson, Gathing, Gorman, Groven, Jenkins, Kotarac, Lewis, Mondero, Retondo, Ross, Ryan, Sager, Yonan, and Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Carey, Pang

The Board meeting ended at 11:06 a.m.

*Joey-Lin Silberhorn*

---

Joey-Lin Silberhorn  
Secretary of the Authority