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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, March 19, 2026, pursuant to notice. Chairman Dillard called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. He then recited the pledge of allegiance.

### **Roll call** – [watch video](#)

**Board members present (15):** Alvarez, Carey, Coulson, Gorman, Groven, Jenkins, Kotarac, Lewis, Mondero, Retondo, Ross, Ryan, Sager, Walker, and Chairman Dillard

**1 Absent:** Sanoica

### **Approval of minutes from the meeting held February 19, 2026** – [watch video](#)

There were no questions or comments from RTA Board members.

Director Walker moved, and Director Gorman seconded that the minutes from the public meeting held on February 19, 2026, be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

**15 Ayes:** Alvarez, Carey, Coulson, Gorman, Groven, Jenkins, Kotarac, Lewis, Mondero, Retondo, Ross, Ryan, Sager, Walker, and Chairman Dillard

**1 Absent:** Sanoica

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

Eight people provided in-person public comment.

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

Executive Director Leanne Redden provided a legislative update.

Director Kotarac and Chairman Dillard asked questions or provided a comment.

### **Customer Satisfaction Panel Survey update** – [watch video](#)

Peter Kersten presented the results of last quarter's customer satisfaction panel survey.

Directors Sager, Mondero, Carey, Ross, and Chairman Dillard asked a question or provided comments.

**Expanding Access Pilot – [watch video](#)**

Evan Laugen and Michael VanDekreke provided an overview of potential next steps with expanding the current Access pilot with Metra and Cook County to CTA and Pace as well as an overview of the updated online fare portal.

Directors Walker, Lewis, Alvarez, Gorman, Jenkins, Mondero, Sager, Groven, and Carey asked a question or provided a comment.

**Monthly Financials – [watch video](#)**

Sarah Rubino presented the regional financial results from January 2026.

Director Kotarac asked a question or provided a comment.

**Amendment of the 2026-2030 Capital Program, and extensions to Innovation, Coordination, and Enhancement (ICE) funded projects – [watch video](#)**

Tara O'Malley and Jon Sung presented an ordinance that incorporates changes in projects, program revenue, and expenses for CTA, Pace, and Metra and an ordinance approving extensions to the Innovation, Coordination, and Enhancement (ICE) program for Metra, CTA, and Pace.

Directors Coulson, Gorman, Lewis, and Sager asked questions or provided comments.

Director Sager motioned, and Director Gorman seconded that the two ordinances be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

**15 Ayes:** Alvarez, Carey, Coulson, Gorman, Groven, Jenkins, Kotarac, Lewis, Mondero, Retondo, Ross, Ryan, Sager, Walker, and Chairman Dillard

**1 Absent:** Sanoica

**ADA Action Plan 2 – [watch video](#)**

Peter Kersten presented an ordinance to approve an update to the Action Plan including proposed changes to the Taxi Access Program (TAP) and the Rideshare Access Program (RAP).

Directors Coulson, Carey, and Chairman Dillard asked questions or provided comments.

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

**15 Ayes:** Alvarez, Carey, Coulson, Gorman, Groven, Jenkins, Kotarac, Lewis, Mondero, Retondo, Ross, Ryan, Sager, Walker, and Chairman Dillard

**1 Absent:** Sanoica

**Contract/Expenditure items – [watch video](#)**

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

- Ordinance Authorizing a Contract for Printing and Mailing of Maps
- Ordinance Authorizing a Contract for Professional Services for the DuPage County Demand Response Transportation Study
- Approval of travel expense reimbursement

The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

**15 Ayes:** Alvarez, Carey, Coulson, Gorman, Groven, Jenkins, Kotarac, Lewis, Mondero, Retondo, Ross, Ryan, Sager, Walker, and Chairman Dillard

**1 Absent:** Sanoica

**New Business – [watch video](#)**

Chairman Dillard announced the next RTA Board of Directors meeting is Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT – [watch video](#)**

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

The motion carried on the following voice vote:

**15 Ayes:** Alvarez, Carey, Coulson, Gorman, Groven, Jenkins, Kotarac, Lewis, Mondero, Retondo, Ross, Ryan, Sager, Walker, and Chairman Dillard

**1 Absent:** Sanoica

The Board meeting ended at 11:29 a.m.

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