



---

## 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, April 16, 2026, pursuant to notice. Chairman Dillard called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. He then recited the pledge of allegiance.

### Roll call

**Board members present (12):** Carey, Coulson, Groven, Kotarac, Lewis, Mondero, Retondo, Ross, Ryan, Sager, Sanoica and Chairman Dillard

**4 Absent:** Alvarez, Gorman, Jenkins, Walker

### Executive Session

Chairman Dillard asked the Secretary to the Authority to cite the exceptions for the closed session. Ms. Noback recited IOMA Sections 2(c)(29).

Director Sanoica then moved, and Director Retondo seconded that the meeting move into Executive Session, and then return to the regular public session.

**12 Ayes:** Carey, Coulson, Groven, Kotarac, Lewis, Mondero, Retondo, Ross, Ryan, Sager, Sanoica and Chairman Dillard

**4 Absent:** Alvarez, Gorman, Jenkins, Walker

Directors Alvarez, Gorman (remote), and Jenkins arrived after the Executive Session.

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

There were no questions or comments from RTA Board members.

Director Lewis moved, and Director Carey seconded that the minutes from the public meeting held on March 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, Sanoica, and Chairman Dillard

**1 Absent:** Walker

**Public Comment – [watch video](#)**

Adam Mack provided in-person public comment.

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

Executive Director Leanne Redden provided information on a new ridership campaign and a legislative update.

Director Kotarac asked questions or provided a comment.

**Proposed 2026 Operating Budget Amendment – [watch video](#)**

Maulik Vaishnav, Senior Deputy Executive Director, Planning and Capital Programming, and Peter Kersten, Division Manager, Regional Planning, presented a draft operating budget amendment for Board discussion.

Directors Lewis, Coulson, Mondero, Gorman, Kotarac, and Chairman Dillard asked a question or provided comments.

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

Sarah Rubino, Principal Analyst, Budget and Treasury, presented the regional financial results from February 2026.

Directors Sager and Mondero asked a question or provided a comment.

**Appointment of two trustees to the RTA Pension Board of Trustees – [watch video](#)**

Allison Noback, General Counsel, presented an ordinance approves the appointment of two new trustees to the RTA Pension Board, replacing a retired member and another who resigned.

Director Groven motioned, and Director Sanoica 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, Sanoica, and Chairman Dillard

**1 Absent:** Walker

**Appointments for an Acting Chair and an Acting RTA trustee to the RTA Pension Board of Trustees – [watch video](#)**

Ms. Noback presented an ordinance that approves the appointments of two acting positions to the RTA Pension Board of Trustees to fill vacancies.

Director Retondo 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, Sanoica, and Chairman Dillard

**1 Absent:** Walker

**Appointment of an Acting Treasurer of the RTA – [watch video](#)**

Director Ross motioned, and Director Lewis 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, Sanoica, and Chairman Dillard

**1 Absent:** Walker

**New Business – [watch video](#)**

Director Groven discussed zero-emission buses and that the Service Boards update their transition plans. Mr. Vaishnav responded to Director Groven's comments.

Chairman Dillard announced the next RTA Board of Directors meeting is Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT – [watch video](#)**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors Meeting, Director Jenkins 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, Sanoica, and Chairman Dillard

**1 Absent:** Walker

The Board meeting ended at 11:01 a.m.

*Joey-Lin Silberhorn*

---

Joey-Lin Silberhorn  
Secretary of the Authority