
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, July 24, 2025, 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 (15): Carey, Coulson, Gorman, Groven, Jenkins, Kotarac, Lewis, Mondero, Retondo, Ross, Ryan, Sager, Walker, Yonan, and Chairman Dillard

Approval of minutes from the meetings held on June 12, 2025 – [watch video](#)

No questions or comments from RTA Board members.

Director Sager moved, and Director Groven seconded that the minutes from the public meeting held on June 12, 2025, be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Public Comment – [watch video](#)

Audrey Wennink, Dany Robles, Larry Dean, and Keirra Davis provided public comment.

Director Sager and Chairman asked a question or provided a comment.

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

Executive Director Leanne Redden provided an update on the fiscal cliff funding and the 2026 budget process, and a federal legislative update.

Director Lewis and Carey asked questions or provided comments following the report.

Monthly financial results – [watch video](#)

Sarah Rubino, Principal Analyst, Budget and Treasury, presented the regional financial results from May 2025.

Transit peer updates – [watch video](#)

Peter Kersten, Manager, Strategy and Policy provided an update on peer region fiscal cliffs including agency strategies, state actions, and timelines.

Directors Lewis, Ross, Sager, Kotarac, Mondero, and Jenkins asked questions or provided comments following the presentation.

Discussion of HB 3438 - the Sustainable Transit for Northern Illinois Act – [watch video](#)

Rob Nash, Director, Government Affairs, presented a preliminary review of some key components of the HB 3438 legislation.

Directors Mondero, Gorman, Sager, Carey, Kotarac, Yonan, Lewis, and Jenkins, and Executive Director Redden asked questions or provided comments following the presentation.

Approval of the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee – [watch video](#)

Chairman Dillard proposed an ordinance to create an Ad Hoc Committee to provide another forum for additional conversation and strategic thinking regarding the fiscal cliff.

Directors Sager and Kotarac, and Chairman Dillard asked questions or provided comments.

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

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

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

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

Appointment of the RTA Pension Trustee

Approval of travel expense reimbursement

The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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New Business – [watch video](#)

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

ADJOURNMENT – [watch video](#)

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

The motion carried on the following voice vote:

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

The Board meeting ended at 11:27 a.m.

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Secretary of the Authority