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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, October 23, 2025, pursuant to notice. Chairman Dillard called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. He then recited the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call – watch video

Board members present (16): Alvarez, Carey, Coulson, Gorman, Groven, Jenkins (remote), Kotarac, Lewis, Mondero, Retondo, Ross, Ryan, Sager, Walker (remote), Yonan, and Chairman Dillard

Approval of minutes from the meetings held on September 11, 2025 – watch video

There were no questions or comments from RTA Board members.

Director Carey moved, and Director Retondo seconded that the minutes from the public meeting held on September 11, 2025, be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

16 Ayes: Alvarez, Carey, Coulson, Gorman, Groven, Jenkins (remote), Kotarac, Lewis, Mondero, Retondo, Ross, Ryan, Sager, Walker (remote), Yonan, and Chairman Dillard

Executive Director's Report – watch video

Executive Director Leanne Redden provided an update on communications to the public on funding and reform, an award the RTA won from the Illinois Chapter of the American Planning Association, and a federal legislative update.

Director Lewis provided a questions or comment after the report.

Monthly financials results – watch video

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

There were no questions or comments from RTA Board members.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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Legislative update – watch video
Rob Nash, Director, Government Affairs, provided an update from the first week of the Illinois General Assembly's veto session.

Directors Sager, Ryan, Mondero, Alvarez, Carey, and Chairman Dillard asked questions or provided comments following the presentation.

US DOT Interim Final Ruling on Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program – watch video
Allison Noback, RTA General Counsel, presented an overview of the recent changes to the DBE program.

Director Carey, Lewis, Kotarac, Ross, and Chairman Dillard asked questions or provided comments following the presentation.

Summer 2025 Customer Panel Survey results – watch video
Peter Kersten, Manager, Strategy and Policy, presented an update on the latest customer panel survey.

Directors Alvarez, Carey, Gorman, Lewis, and Chairman Dillard asked questions or provided comments following the presentation.

Service Board 2026 budget submission update – watch video
Doug Anderson, Manager, Budget and Business Analysis, Kevin Bueso, Chief Financial Officer, and Brian Lowenberg, Manager, Capital Programs, presented updates on the Service Boards budget submittals.

Directors Sager, Lewis, Kotarac, Coulson, Carey, Yonan, and Chairman Dillard asked questions or provided comments following the presentation.

Approval of travel expense reimbursement(s) – watch video
Director Ross moved, and Director Yonan seconded that the proposed ordinances be approved as submitted.

The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

16 Ayes: Alvarez, Carey, Coulson, Gorman, Groven, Jenkins (remote), Kotarac, Lewis, Mondero, Retondo, Ross, Ryan, Sager, Walker (remote), Yonan, and Chairman Dillard

Public Comment – watch video

Five people provided public comment.

New Business – watch video

Chairman Dillard announced the next RTA Board of Directors meeting is Thursday, November 20, 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:

16 Ayes: Alvarez, Carey, Coulson, Gorman, Groven, Jenkins (remote), Kotarac, Lewis, Mondero, Retondo, Ross, Ryan, Sager, Walker (remote), Yonan, and Chairman Dillard

The Board meeting ended at 12:14 p.m.

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Secretary of the Authority