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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, September 11, 2025, pursuant to notice. Chairman Dillard called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. He then recited the pledge of allegiance.

## Roll call – watch video

**Board members present (13):** Carey, Coulson, Gorman, Jenkins, Kotarac, Lewis, Mondero, Retondo, Ross, Ryan, Walker, Yonan, and Chairman Dillard

**2 Absent:** Groven, Sager

## Approval of minutes from the meetings held on August 21, 2025 – watch video

There were no questions or comments from RTA Board members.

Director Gorman moved, and Director Walker seconded that the minutes from the public meeting held on July 24, 2025, be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

**2 Absent:** Groven, Sager

## Public Comment – watch video

Nine people provided public comment.

## Executive Director's Report – watch video

Executive Director Leanne Redden provided an update on the Transportation Tuesdays webinar series and a federal and local legislative update.

**Customer Satisfaction Survey results – watch video**

Maulik Vaishnav, Senior Deputy Executive Director, Planning and Capital Programming, presented the results of the 2025 RTA Customer Satisfaction Survey (CSS) conducted this Spring and Summer.

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

**Monthly financials results – watch video**

Sarah Rubino, Principal Analyst, Budget and Treasury, presented the regional financial results from July 2025.
There were no questions or comments from RTA Board members.

**Regional budget update – watch video**

Peter Kersten, Manager, Strategy and Policy, presented an update on the next steps in the transit budget process after the RTA Board approved the funding allocations in August.
Directors Gorman, Lewis, Kotarac, Coulson, Carey, Mr. Vaishnav, Executive Director Redden, and Chairman Dillard asked questions or provided comments following the presentation.

**Amendment of the 2025-2029 Capital Program and extensions to ICE funded projects – watch video**

Tara O'Malley, Principal Analyst, Capital Programs, presented two ordinances: the first incorporated changes in projects, program revenue, and expenses for CTA, Pace, and Metra; the second approved extensions to the Innovation, Coordination, Enhancement (ICE) for Metra.
Director Kotarac asked questions or provided comments following the presentation.

Director Ross moved, and Director Carey seconded that the proposed ordinances be approved as submitted.

The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

**2 Absent:** Groven, Sager

**Appointment of RTA Pension Trustee – watch video**

The item was tabled to allow for more time to widen the search for a trustee.

**Contract/Expenditure items - watch video**

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

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**Resolution setting the 2026 RTA Board meeting schedule**

**Resolution honoring Board members**

**Approval of travel expense reimbursement**

The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

**2 Absent:** Groven, Sager

**New Business** – watch video

Chairman Dillard announced the next RTA Board of Directors meeting is Thursday, October 23, at 9:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT** – watch video

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

The motion carried on the following voice vote:

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

The Board meeting ended at 11:42 a.m.

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