Regional Transportation Authority

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, August 20, 2026, pursuant to notice. Chairman Dillard called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. He then recited the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call – watch video

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

0 Absent

Approval of minutes from the meeting held July 16, 2026 – watch video

There were no questions or comments from RTA Board members.

Director Walker moved, and Director Groven seconded that the minutes from the public meeting held on July 16, 2026, be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Public Comment – watch video

Adam Mack made a public comment in-person.

Executive Director's Report – watch video

Executive Director Leanne Redden provided a brief update.

Chairman Dillard provided a comment.

Report on the Ad Hoc Committee to the Transition to NITA – watch video

Ad Hoc Committee Chairman Tom Kotarac provided an update on the Ad Hoc Committee on the Transition to NITA meetings held on July 22 and August 13.

Directors Ryan, Sager, and Modero provided comments.

Quarterly performance and Resolutions certifying Financial results - Second Quarter 2026 – watch video

Maulik Vaishnav, Chief Transition Officer, Sarah Rubino, Principal Analyst, Budget and Treasury, presented quarterly performance measures for CTA, Metra, and Pace and resolutions that recommend certifying that the operating financial results of CTA, Metra, Pace Suburban Service, ADA Paratransit and the Region as a whole, through the second quarter of 2026.

Directors Carey, Gorman, Alvarez, Kotarac, and Sager asked questions or provided comments regarding the performance measures

Director Grove provided a comment after the second quarter financials presentation.

Director Carey moved, and Director Lewis seconded, that the resolutions be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Ordinance establishing estimates of funding amounts available to NITA and the Service Boards for the 2027-2029 Operating Budgets, the required Recovery Ratios for 2027, and the preliminary 2027-2031 Capital Program funding amounts Regional service planning – watch video

Tom McKone, Chief Financial Officer, Geoffrey Bishop, Manager, Budget and Analysis, and Brian Lowenberg, Manager, Capital Programs, presented an ordinance that sets the 2027-2029 operating funding amounts and required 2027 recovery ratios for CTA, Metra, Pace Suburban Service, and ADA Paratransit. This ordinance also provides each Service Board with preliminary estimates of funds available for the development of the 2027-2031 Capital Program.

Directors Mondero, Sager, Kotarac, and Ross asked questions or provided comments.

Director Walker moved, and Director Ross seconded, that the ordiance be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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Ordinance approving the agency's Federal Title VI Plan 2026-2029 – watch video

Allison Noback, General Counsel, briefly presented an ordinance that seeks approval of the agency's Federal Title VI Plan for the period of 2026-2029.

Director Lewis asked questions or provided comments.

Director Walker moved, and Director Lewis seconded, that the ordinance be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

14 Ayes: Alvarez, Carey, Coulson (remote), Gorman, Groven, Kotarac, Lewis, Mondero, Ross, Ryan, Sager, Sanoica, Walker, and Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Jenkins, Retondo

Contract/Expenditure items – watch video

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

- Ordinance authorizing a contract for Regional Information Technology (IT) Research and Advisory Services
- Ordinance authorizing an Acting Trustee on the Board of Trustees for the Retirement Plan for CTA Employees and on the Board of Trustees for the Retiree Health Care Trust for CTA Employees
- Approval of travel expense reimbursement(s)

The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

14 Ayes: Alvarez, Carey, Coulson (remote), Gorman, Groven, Kotarac, Lewis, Mondero, Ross, Ryan, Sager, Sanoica, Walker, and Chairman Dillard

2 Absent: Jenkins, Retondo

Resolution to honor RTA Board members – watch video

Directors Gorman, Coulson, Carey, Lewis, Ross, Groven, and Chairman Dillard provided comments.

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

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

New Business – watch video

Director Sager had comments.

Chairman Dillard announced the next Ad Hoc Committee on the Transition to NITA meeting is Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the CMAP office.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> – watch video

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors Meeting, the final meeting of the RTA Board of Directors concluded with a unanimous voice vote.

The Board meeting ended at 11:05 a.m.

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Secretary of the Authority