

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE  
ROCK ISLAND COUNTY METROPOLITAN MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT**

**May 25, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Rock Island County Metropolitan Mass Transit District Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at MetroLINK's Administrative Office at 1515 River Drive in Moline, IL at 1:00 PM with Chairperson Tyler-Jamison presiding. Recording Secretary Tearani McDonald called the roll of the Board Members.

Trustees Present

Berlinda Tyler-Jamison – Rock Island  
Dave Krouth – Milan  
Melinda Thorngren – Silvis  
Theresa Appleman – East Moline

Trustees Absent/Excused

Maria Ontiveros – Moline

Others Present

Jennifer Hirsch – Manager of Administration  
Brad Begyn – Manager of Operations & Maintenance  
Ralph Beswick – Director of Operations  
Colleen Kasbohm – Director of Finance  
Devon White – Director of Innovation  
Don Krueger – Director of Risk Management & Security  
Heather Allen – Senior Accountant  
Greg Meldrum – IT Technician  
Diana Armstrong – Accounts Receivable Clerk  
Josh Hatler – Project Planner  
Ben Castro – Transportation Planner  
Tearani McDonald – Recording Secretary  
Roger Strandlund – MetroLINK Legal Counsel

**Retirement Recognition**

Mrs. Hirsch recognized Bus Operator Brian Miller's retirement. Brian will be retiring on Friday, June 3 after 35 years of service.

**Public with Business Before the Board**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

Trustee Appleman made a motion, with Trustee Krouth seconding, that the minutes of the May 11, 2022 Board of Trustees meeting be approved. There being no further discussion, the Chairperson called for a vote. With all Trustees present voting "Aye", Chairperson Tyler-Jamison declared the motion carried.

### **April 2022 Financial Statement**

Trustee Krouth made a motion, with Trustee Appleman seconding, that the April 2022 Financial Statement be approved. There being no further discussion, the Chairperson called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting "Aye", Chairperson Tyler-Jamison declared the motion carried.

### **April 2022 Invoices**

#### **Quad City Garage Policy Group**

Trustee Krouth made a motion, with Trustee Thorngren seconding, that the April 2022 Quad City Garage Policy Group invoices be approved for payment. There being no further discussion, the Chairperson called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting "Aye", Chairperson Tyler-Jamison declared the motion carried.

#### **MetroLINK**

Trustee Appleman made a motion, with Trustee Thorngren seconding, that the April 2022 MetroLINK invoices be approved for payment. There being no further discussion, the Chairperson called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting "Aye", Chairperson Tyler-Jamison declared the motion carried.

### **Communications**

Mrs. Hirsch shared an article of Passenger Transport which highlighted the APTA Mobility Conference that CEO/Managing Director, Jeff Nelson spoke at. An invitation to the Celebration of Life for Bob Ontiveros was also presented to the Board.

### **Reports of Officers, Committees, and the CEO/Managing Director**

#### **Ridership Report**

Due to the implementation of the new CAD/AVL system, there is no ridership to report at this time.

#### **Maintenance Report**

Trustee Krouth made a motion, with Trustee Thorngren seconding, to approve the April 2022 Maintenance Report. There being no further discussion, the Chairperson called for a vote. With all Trustees present voting "Aye", Chairperson Tyler-Jamison declared the motion carried.

#### **CEO/Managing Director's Report**

Mrs. Hirsch announced that Channel Cat Water Taxi season begins this Friday, May 27th. The new John Deere ferryboat dock will be completed in the next few weeks. Mrs. Hirsch reported there was a great turn out at the May 15<sup>th</sup> Employee Open House event. There are ongoing planning meetings taking place with the workforce. The Board was informed of upcoming APTA conferences.

**Old Business**

Personnel

None

**New Business**

**Resolution 2022-08 for Submittal of a FTA Low or No Emission Vehicle Program Discretionary Grant Application**

Trustee Thorngren made a motion, with Trustee Krouth seconding, to approve the preparation and submittal of a Capital Grant Application for Fiscal Year 2022 FTA Low or No Emission Vehicle Grant Program funding for the purchase of up to fifteen (15) 40' battery electric buses at a total estimated cost of \$17,212,500. After discussion, the Chairperson called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting "Aye", Chairperson Tyler-Jamison declared the motion carried.

**Resolution 2022-09 for Submittal of a FFY 2022 FTA Bus & Bus Facilities Program Discretionary Grant Application**

Trustee Krouth made a motion, with Trustee Appleman seconding, to approve the preparation and submittal of a Capital Grant Application for Fiscal Year 2022 FTA Bus & Bus Facilities Discretionary Grant Program funding for the purchase and installation of additional solar panels at the MetroLINK Operations and Maintenance Center at a total estimated cost of \$2,000,000. After discussion, the Chairperson called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting "Aye", Chairperson Tyler-Jamison declared the motion carried.

**Other Business**

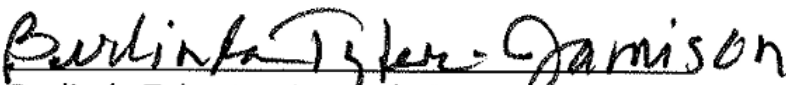
Chairperson Tyler-Jamison reminded the board of the Strategic Planning Meeting taking place in July.

**Adjourn**

At 1:43 p.m Chairperson Tyler-Jamison entertained a motion to adjourn. Trustee Krouth made the motion to adjourn.

  
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Tearani McDonald, Recording Secretary

  
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Berlinda Tyler-Jamison, Chairperson

  
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Maria Ontiveros, Secretary-Treasurer