

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

June 10, 2020

The regular meeting of the Rock Island County Metropolitan Mass Transit District Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 via teleconference or videoconference with Chairperson Baecke presiding. The Recording Secretary called the roll of the Board Members.

Trustees Present via teleconference or videoconference

Robert Baecke – East Moline
Berlinda Tyler-Jamison – Rock Island
Jerry Wilson – Milan
Melinda Thorngren - Silvis

Others Present

Jeff Nelson – General Manager
Jennifer Hirsch – Manager of Administration
Colleen Kasbohm – Director of Finance
Chelsey Hohensee – Manager of Operations
Greg Meldrum – IT Technician
Barb Springer – Recording Secretary
Jim Tuttle – Systems Administrator - teleconference
Roger Strandlund – MetroLINK Legal Counsel - teleconference

Trustees Absent/Excused

Maria Ontiveros – Moline

Public with Business Before the Board

None

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Tyler-Jamison made a motion, with Trustee Wilson seconding, that the Minutes of the May 27, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting be approved. There being no discussion, the Chairperson called for a vote. With all Trustees voting in favor of the motion, the Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Communications

Mr. Nelson reported that MetroLINK had received a large number of face masks from DOT Secretary Elaine Chao and FTA Acting Administrator Jane Williams, and that he had sent out a thank you note to them upon receipt. He also noted a recent article in the local papers regarding MetroLINK's funding from the CARES Act.

Reports of Officers, Committees, and the General Manager

Mr. Nelson reported that due to COVID-19 all fares are still suspended through June, the punch passes are moving to a one time use pass for more touchless interaction, extra cleaning procedures continue, the addition of safety panels in the buses for drivers, and that more touchless update options for our buildings are being considered.

He also reported that MetroLINK has received no or low emission capital grant funding for 5 more electric buses, our ridership continues to increase, automatic wheelchair procurement continues, and that the Channel Cats are in the water at 50% capacity availability. On a federal level a 5 year reauthorization plan has been presented by the House.

Old Business

Personnel

None

New Business

Ratification of Directive No. 3 – Wheel Chair Securement – Trustee Tyler-Jamison made a motion, with Trustee Thornngren seconding, to ratify Directive #3 relating to wheel chair securement system purchases. A roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting “Aye”, and the Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Ratification of Directive No. 4 – Emergency Curfew – Trustee Wilson made a motion, with Trustee Tyler-Jamison seconding, to ratify Directive #4 relating to emergency curfew orders. A roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting “Aye”, and the Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Other Business

Trustee Tyler-Jamison commented that she is pleased that MetroLINK has been taking such good care of our staff and our riders during the pandemic.

Adjourn

At 1:22 PM Chairperson Baecke entertained a motion to adjourn. Trustee Wilson made the motion to adjourn.

Barbara Springer, Recording Secretary

Robert J. Baecke, Chairperson

Jerome Wilson, Secretary /Treasurer