

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE  
ROCK ISLAND COUNTY METROPOLITAN MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT  
August 11, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Rock Island County Metropolitan Mass Transit District Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at MetroLINK's Administrative Office at 1515 River Drive in Moline, IL at 1:00 PM with Chairperson Baecke presiding. Acting Recording Secretary Tearani McDonald called the roll of the Board Members.

Trustees Present

Robert Baecke – East Moline  
Berlinda Tyler-Jamison – Rock Island  
Maria Ontiveros – Moline  
Melinda Thorngren – Silvis  
Dave Krouth - Milan

Trustees Absent/Excused

Others Present

Jennifer Hirsch – Manager of Administration  
Chelsey Hohensee – Manager of Operations  
Colleen Kasbohm – Director of Finance  
Greg Meldrum, IT Technician  
Janet Cantrill – Supervisor  
Tearani McDonald – Data Clerk  
Roger Strandlund – MetroLINK Legal Counsel

**Public with Business Before the Board**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

Trustee Krouth made a motion, with Trustee Ontiveros seconding, that the Minutes of the July 28, 2021 Board Meeting be approved, with the list of attendees corrected as presented. There being no discussion the Chairman called for a vote. The majority of Trustees present voted in favor of the motion and the Chairman declared the motion carried.

**Communications**

None

## **Reports of Officers, Committees and the General Manager**

### **General Manager's Report**

Mrs. Hirsch gave a federal update. She reported the Senate passed an infrastructure bill that includes \$106 Billion for public transit. The bill will move to the House for consideration.

Mrs. Hirsch reported on peak service ridership and the waived fare program for K-12 students.

Mrs. Hirsch informed Board members of MetroLINK's job fair turnout that took place on August 4, 2021.

Mrs. Hirsch reported on Channel Cat Water Taxi activities.

Mrs. Hirsch presented a survey that has been launched for the month of August.

Chelsey Hohensee introduced Janet Cantrill, Operations Supervisor.

### **Old Business**

#### **Personnel**

None

### **New Business**

#### **Resolution 2021-17: Submittal of an Illinois Rebuild Round 2 Grant Application**

Trustee Tyler-Jamison made a motion, with Trustee Thorngren seconding, to approve Resolution 2021-17 authorizing the preparation and submittal of an Illinois Rebuild Round 2 Capital Grant Application in an amount of up to \$8,595,000.00. After discussion, the Chairman called for a roll call vote. All Trustees voted in favor of the motion and the Chairman declared the motion carried.

#### **Transit Planning Consultant Recommendation**

Trustee Krouth made a motion, with Trustee Tyler-Jamison seconding, to execute an agreement with SRF Consulting for professional planning services relative to transit service planning and operations analysis with a not-to-exceed cost of \$54,000.00. After discussion, the Chairman called for a roll call vote. All Trustees voted in favor of the motion and the Chairman declared the motion carried.

### **Other Business**

Mr. Nelson will be a keynote speaker at the Midwest Transit Conference due to take place Sep 7-9 2021. Several staff members will also be in attendance. Trustee Krouth made a motion, with Trustee Thorngren seconding, to move the Board of Trustees meeting from September 8 2021 to September 1 2021. There being no discussion the Chairman called for a vote. All Trustees voted in favor of the motion and the Chairman declared the motion carried.

**Executive Session**

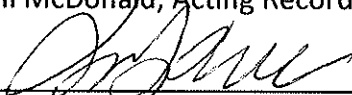
Chairperson Baecke invited Board Members to adjourn into Executive Session at 1:26 PM for the purpose of discussing "Personnel". Chairperson Baecke provided the legal finding/factual basis supporting Personnel, i.e., 5/ILCS 120/2(c) (1). A motion was made by Trustee Krouth with Trustee Tyler-Jamison seconding, to adjourn into Executive Session. Upon roll call vote, all Trustees voted in favor of the motion and the Chairperson declared the motion as carried.


Trustee Ontiveros made a motion with Trustee Thorngren seconding, to adjourn back into regular session at 1:40 PM. A roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting in favor of the motion and the Chairperson declared the motion as carried. No action was taken during Executive Session.

**Adjourn**

At 1:42 PM Chairman Baecke entertained a motion to adjourn. Trustee Krouth made the motion to adjourn and the Chairman declared the motion carried.

  
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Tearani McDonald, Acting Recording Secretary

  
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Robert Baecke, Chairman

  
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Maria Ontiveros, Secretary/Treasurer