

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

August 12, 2020

The regular meeting of the Rock Island County Metropolitan Mass Transit District Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, August 12, 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
Maria Ontiveros – Moline
Melinda Thorngren - Silvis

Others Present

Jeff Nelson – General Manager
Colleen Kasbohm – Director of Finance
Chelsey Hohensee – Manager of Operations
Heather Allen – Senior Accountant - teleconference
Jim Tuttle – Systems Administrator
Devon White – Info. Systems Coordinator – teleconference
Tanner Osing – Transportation Planner - teleconference
Barb Springer – Recording Secretary
Roger Strandlund – MetroLINK Legal Counsel - teleconference

Trustees Absent/Excused

Public with Business before the Board

None

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Ontiveros made a motion, with Trustee Tyler-Jamison seconding, that the Minutes of the July 22, 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

None

Reports of Officers, Committees, and the General Manager

Mr. Nelson reported that Moline schools will begin half days on August 24, Rock Island schools will begin in early September, and ARC service began August 10. MetroLINK has distributed nearly 3000 masks to our riders and masks will be mandatory for riders beginning August 10. Ridership is currently down about 20%.

After the recent derecho storm there was some damage to the OMC which was currently being repaired. All buses are running their regular routes. Mr. Nelson also discussed a fire in a storage facility where our decommissioned buses are kept. The board expressed their appreciation to staff for their efforts during the recent storm.

The Village of Milan Board will be appointing a representative to the MetroLINK Board of Trustees at their August 17, 2020 meeting. Mr. Nelson expressed his thanks to Jerry Wilson and his family for his 17 years of service.

For a legislative update Mr. Nelson mentioned that Congress still has not passed a new COVID bill.

Old Business

Personnel

None

New Business

Election of Officer/Secretary Treasurer for the unexpired term prompted by recent resignation of trustee – Trustee Tyler-Jamison made a motion, with Trustee Thorngren seconding, to elect Trustee Maria Ontiveros as Secretary-Treasurer of the MetroLINK Board of Trustees through November 30, 2020. A roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting “Aye”, and the Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Public Notice – Joint RFP for the Acquisition of CNG Buses – Trustee Ontiveros made a motion, with Trustee Thorngren seconding, to prepare and publish a Public Notice of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the acquisition of CNG buses and associated equipment and to proceed with the issuance of the RFP package to identify qualified, responsive, and responsible proposers. After discussion, with all Trustees voting in favor of the motion, the Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Submittal of a Budget Revision to IL-2020-031 – Trustee Tyler-Jamison made a motion, with Trustee Ontiveros seconding, to approve the preparation and submission of the budget revision recommendations as noted in the board memo. A roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting “Aye”, and the Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Submittal of a Budget Revision to IL-2019-05 – Trustee Tyler-Jamison made a motion, with Trustee Thorngren seconding, to approve the preparation and submission of budget revision #1 recommendations as noted in the board memo. A roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting “Aye”, and the Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Resolution 2020-15 Submittal of Amendment #1 to IL-2020-12 – Trustee Thorngren made a motion, with Trustee Tyler-Jamison seconding, to approve Resolution 2020-15 for the preparation and submission of amendment #1 recommendations as noted in the board memo. A roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting “Aye”, and the Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Other Business

None

Adjourn

At 1:31 PM Chairperson Baecke entertained a motion to adjourn. Trustee Tyler-Jamison made the motion to adjourn.

Barbara Springer, Recording Secretary

Robert J. Baecke, Chairperson

Maria Ontiveros, Secretary /Treasurer