

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

**August 26, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Rock Island County Metropolitan Mass Transit District Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 via telephone conference 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  
Dave Krouth - Milan

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  
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 Tyler-Jamison made a motion, with Trustee Ontiveros seconding, that the Minutes of the August 12, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting be approved. There being no further discussion, the Chairman called for a vote. With all Trustees voting “Aye”, Chairman Baecke declared the motion carried.

**July 2020 Financial Statement**

Trustee Ontiveros made a motion, with Trustee Tyler-Jamison seconding, that the July 2020 Financial Statement be approved. After discussion, the Chairman called for a vote. With all Trustees voting “Aye”, Chairman Baecke declared the motion carried.

**July 2020 Invoices**

Quad City Garage Policy Group

Trustee Ontiveros made a motion, with Trustee Thorngren seconding, that the July 2020 invoices for the Quad City Garage Policy Group be approved for payment. After discussion, the Chairman called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting “Aye”, and Chairman Baecke declared the motion carried.

MetroLINK

Trustee Tyler-Jamison made a motion, with Trustee Thorngren seconding, that the July 2020 MetroLINK invoices be approved for payment. After discussion, the Chairman called for a vote. A roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting “Aye”, and Chairman Baecke declared the motion carried.

**Communications**

Mr. Nelson informed the board that they will be receiving a copy of the media release sent out today regarding the placement of the pedestrian bridge between the multi-modal station and Centre Station. The pedestrian bridge will be named “Sears Crossing”.

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

Ridership Report

Trustee Ontiveros made a motion, with Trustee Tyler-Jamison seconding, to approve the July 2020 Ridership Report. With all Trustees voting “Aye”, Chairman Baecke declared the motion carried.

Maintenance Report

Trustee Ontiveros made a motion, with Trustee Thorngren seconding, to approve the July 2020 Maintenance Report. With all Trustees voting “Aye”, Chairman Baecke declared the motion carried.

General Manager’s Report

Mr. Nelson mentioned that a COVID-19 bill is being discussed and a reauthorization of the federal highway and transit bill is pending. We are still awaiting word on the pending IDOT capital program. Mr. Nelson reported that he had recently attended a Bi-State meeting discussing the 2020-2040 Transit Plan. Finally he reviewed an organizational update that was included in the board packet.

**Old Business**

Personnel

Mr. Nelson reported that the STS contract negotiations are being held this week.

**New Business**

IDOT Contract – FY2021 Downstate Operating Assistance Program

Trustee Thorngren made a motion, with Trustee Tyler-Jamison seconding, to approve Resolution 2020-16 for the execution of the FY2021 Downstate Operating Assistance Grant Agreement for a not-to-exceed amount of \$22,069,697. After discussion a roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting “Aye”, and Chairman Baecke declared the motion carried.

National Transit Recovery Commitment Program

Trustee Tyler-Jamison made a motion, with Trustee Ontiveros seconding, to approve the pledge to the APTA National Transit Recovery Commitment Program. With all Trustees voting "Aye", Chairman Baecke declared the motion carried.

**Other Business**

None

**Adjourn**

At 1:48 PM Chairman Baecke entertained a motion to adjourn. Trustee Krouth made the motion to adjourn.

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Barbara Springer, Recording Secretary

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Robert Baecke, Chairman

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Maria Ontiveros, Secretary-Treasurer