

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE
ROCK ISLAND COUNTY METROPOLITAN MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT
September 1, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Rock Island County Metropolitan Mass Transit District Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at MetroLINK's Centre Station at 1200 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

Others Present

Jeff Nelson – General Manager
Jennifer Hirsch – Manager of Administration
Chelsey Hohensee – Manager of Operations
Colleen Kasbohm – Director of Finance
Greg Meldrum, IT Technician
Ralph Beswick, Director of Operations
Joel Swanson – Parts Assistant
Ben Castro - Transportation Planner
Tearani McDonald – Data Clerk
Roger Strandlund – MetroLINK Legal Counsel

Trustees Absent/Excused

Public with Business Before the Board

None

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Krouth made a motion, with Trustee Thorngren seconding, that the Minutes of the August 25, 2021 Board Meeting be approved. There being no discussion the Chairman called for a vote. All 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

Mr. Nelson informed Board members of the successful Covid vaccination clinic that was hosted at MetroLINK's Centre Station on August 26th. He stated that IDPH will be returning on September 16th for a second Covid vaccination clinic. Mr. Nelson reported on Channel Cat Taxi activities. The rider surveys that were distributed back in August will be wrapping up next week.

Old Business

Personnel

Chelsey Hohensee introduced two new employees Ben Castro, Transportation Planner and Joel Swanson, Parts Assistant.

New Business

Resolution 2021-20: Submittal of an Amendment #1 to FTA Public Transportation COVID-19 Research Demonstration Program Grant

Trustee Tyler-Jamison made a motion, with Trustee Ontiveros seconding, to approve Resolution 2021-20 authorizing the preparation and submittal of Amendment #1 to IL-2021-15 in TRAMS. 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.

Issuance of Public Notice for Solicitation for Bids or Proposals for Moline CNG Station Improvements

Trustee Ontiveros made a motion, with Trustee Thorngren seconding, to publish a public notice and release a solicitation for bid for CNG Station Improvements at the Moline Public Works Facility. 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 suggested that the October 13, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting be moved due to budget preparations. Trustee Krouth made a motion, with Trustee Tyler-Jamison seconding, to move the Board of Trustees meeting from October 13, 2021 to October 6, 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 1:21 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 Krouth seconding, to adjourn back into regular session at 1:45 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 1:47 PM Chairman Baecke entertained a motion to adjourn. Trustee Ontiveros made the motion to adjourn and the Chairman declared the motion carried.



Tearani McDonald, Acting Recording Secretary



Robert Baecke, Chairman



Maria Ontiveros, Secretary/Treasurer