

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

**September 9, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Rock Island County Metropolitan Mass Transit District Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, August 26, 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

Trustees Absent/Excused

Dave Krouth

Others Present

Jeff Nelson – General Manager  
Colleen Kasbohm – Director of Finance  
Chelsey Hohensee – Manager of Operations  
Greg Meldrum – IT Technician  
Jim Tuttle – Systems Administrator - teleconference  
Tanner Osing – Transportation Planner – teleconference  
Josh Hatler – Project Planner - teleconference  
Barb Springer – Recording Secretary  
Roger Strandlund – MetroLINK Legal Counsel - teleconference

**Public with Business before the Board**

None

**Approval of Minutes**

Trustee Thorngren made a motion, with Trustee Ontiveros seconding, that the Minutes of the August 26, 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 the Moline-Coal Valley school district has returned to school and the Rock Island-Milan district has delayed their start until October 19. The August ridership has increased 5%, and STS is servicing 14 new ARC riders. The Channel Cat had a great Labor Day weekend and will continue to run weekends until at least October 11, weather permitting. 20 Quantum automated wheelchairs will be installed this week, and 21 electronic air purifiers (ionizers) are half way installed to date. The HVAC improvements are on time and on target. The automated sliding doors at the front entrance of OMC have been completed. He also announced that the Project Planner position has been filled and Josh Hatler started this week.

An RFP for battery electric bus planning services has been posted. Work has begun on the APTA Health & Safety Commitment Program. Mr. Nelson also mentioned that the STS bargaining agreement has been extended to September 13.

**Old Business**

Personnel

None

**New Business**

CARES Act Funding Drawdown – Trustee Tyler-Jamison made a motion, with Trustee Thorngren seconding, to approve the proposed CARES Act request in the amount of \$610,305.04. After discussion a roll call vote was taken showing all Trustees voting “Aye”, and the Chairperson declared the motion carried.

**Other Business**

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of scheduling an in-person board meeting in October per COVID guidelines.

**Adjourn**

At 1:25 PM Chairperson Baecke entertained a motion to adjourn. Trustee Thorngren made the motion to adjourn.

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Barbara Springer, Recording Secretary

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Robert J. Baecke, Chairperson

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Maria Ontiveros, Secretary /Treasurer