

**BI-STATE DEVELOPMENT  
SECURITY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING  
OPEN SESSION MINUTES  
November 18, 2019**

**Sub-Committee Members in Attendance**

**Missouri**

Rose Windmiller, Co-Chair  
Vernal Brown – Absent  
Fred Pestello – Absent

**Illinois**

Herbert Simmons, Co-Chair  
Derrick Cox  
Irma Golliday

**Other Commissioners in Attendance**

Aliah Holman – via phone (joined the meeting at 3:33 p.m.)

Michael Buehlhorn

**Staff in Attendance**

Taulby Roach, President and Chief Executive Officer  
Barbara Enneking, General Counsel and Deputy Secretary  
Myra Bennett, Manager of Board Administration  
Brenda Deertz, Administrator/Executive Assistant to the President & CEO  
Stephen Berry, General Manager - Public Safety, Central Facility - Public Safety  
Kevin Scott, Director - Public Safety, Central Facility - Public Safety  
Vernon Summers, Manager - Contract Security, Central Facility - Public Safety  
Jessica Mefford-Miller, Executive Director Metro Transit  
Patti Beck, Director of Communications  
Larry Jackson, Executive Vice President Administration  
Andrew Ghiassi, Director of Safety, Chief Safety Officer  
Ted Zimmerman, Vice President Marketing & Communication  
Jerry Vallely, External Communications Manager

**Others in Attendance**

Captain Scott Melies, St. Louis County Police Department  
Ken Sharkey, St. Clair County Transit District  
Jim Wild, East-West Gateway  
Marcie Meystrik, East-West Gateway  
Lurae Stuart, WSP  
Michael Calhoun, KMOX radio

**1. Open Session Call to Order**

**3:30 p.m.** Chair Simmons called the Open Session of the Bi-State Development Agency, Security Sub-Committee Meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

**3:30 p.m.** Roll call was taken, as noted above.

**3. Public Comment**

**3:31 p.m.** Chair Simmons noted that three speaker cards have been submitted to Bi-State Development; however, we believe that they are intended for the Board of Commissioners meeting, scheduled for Friday. He asked if Mitch Eagles, John Hickey or Betty Wigton is in attendance. With no response, Chair Simmons proceeded to the next item of business.

**4. Draft Security Plan**

**3:31 p.m.** (Commissioner Holman joined the meeting at approximately 3:33 p.m., via phone.) President and CEO Roach distributed a draft schedule of upcoming items for the week of November 18, 2019, relating to draft security plan, including meeting dates with St. Clair County Chairman Mark Kern, Mayor Lydia Krewson, St. Louis County Council Presiding Chair Ernie Trakas, CMT Executive Director, Kim Cella and Board Chair, June Fowler. Ms. Lurae Stuart, WSP, provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Committee of the proposed draft of the Metro Security Plan, including the visions and objectives of the Plan. She reviewed the program goals which have been developed relating to the Plan, noting that these goals are in the process of being refined to ensure they are measurable. Ms. Stuart also gave an overview of the security program elements, which include management and accountability, risk management, crime and security data analysis, safety and security certification, security audits and reviews, security standard operating procedures, security systems and technology, training and awareness, and emergency management. Discussion was held regarding the next steps in the approval process. Commissioner Cox asked if the Plan is “set in stone” or if the Commissioners have input into the Plan. It was noted that the Plan will need to be approved by the Board of Commissioners and they will have an opportunity for input prior to that time.

Commissioner Cox asked for consideration of implementation of a turnstile system. Ms. Stuart stated that there have been studies related to the use of turnstiles, noting that these are typically used in larger transit systems, and are very expensive to operate, due to the number of staff needed to man them. She also indicated that they have not been found to be effective in lowering criminal activity in transit systems. She noted, however, that access control is being implemented, and different types of access control will be needed in different areas. It was reiterated that the Board of Commissioners will be able to comment on the proposed Plan.

Commissioner Windmiller posed questions regarding fare evasion issues. Stephen Berry stated that Metro is currently in the process of evaluating fare evasion, to develop a more accurate estimate. He noted that there is now an analyst on the security staff, who is assisting in this process.

Commissioner Cox posed questions regarding how riders can report problems. Ms. Stuart stated that there are currently a number of options including: texting, calling, emergency phones on platforms, and 911. She stated that an evaluation is being done as to which methods are the most effective in order to increase the level of communication. Commissioner Holman stated that there is a culture of “not reporting things”, and asked how to combat this. Ms. Stuart stated that the Plan’s goals are to create “ownership of the system” for the riders, which does not currently exist.

Captain Scott Melies, St. Louis County Police Department, stated that he has had input into the development of this Plan since the beginning, and the process has increased communication and interaction with the security team and helped to build relationships which have been lacking in the past.

**5. Motion to move Executive Session**

**4:36 p.m.** Chair Simmons requested a motion to allow the Committee to move into closed session as permitted under Bi-State Development Board Policy, Chapter 10, Section 10.080, (D) (1) – Legal, (D) (3) – Personnel, (D) (7) – Purchasing and Contracts, and (D) (11) – Security.

A motion to move into Executive Session was made by Commissioner Cox and seconded by Commissioner Golliday. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Rose Windmiller – yea  
Aliah Holman – yea

Herbert Simmons – yea  
Derrick Cox – yea  
Irma Golliday – yea  
Michael Buehlhorn – yea

**Motion passed unanimously, and the Committee moved into Executive Session at 4:37 p.m.**

**6. Adjournment**

**5:15 p.m.** The Committee adjourned the Executive Session at approximately 5:15 p.m., and with there being no further business, Commissioner Cox made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Windmiller. Unanimous vote in favor taken. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:15 p.m.

  
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Deputy Secretary to the Board of Commissioners  
Bi-State Development