

**BI-STATE DEVELOPMENT
SECURITY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING
(VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM)
OPEN SESSION MINUTES
May 14, 2020 @ 12:30 PM**

Sub-Committee Members in Attendance via Zoom

Missouri

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

Illinois

Herbert Simmons, Co-Chair
Derrick Cox - Absent
Irma Golliday - Joined the meeting at
approximately 12:36 pm; however, was unable
to participate in voting due to technical difficulty.

Other Commissioners in Attendance via Zoom

Terry Beach
Justin Zimmerman

Staff in Attendance via Zoom

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
Ted Zimmerman, Vice President Marketing & Communication
Jerry Vallely, External Communications Manager

Others in Attendance via Zoom

Brett Runge, ASL Interpreter

- 1. Open Session Call to Order**
12:30 p.m. Chair Windmiller called the Open Session of the Bi-State Development Agency, Security Sub-Committee Meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call**
12:30 p.m. Roll call was taken, as noted above.
- 3. Public Comment**
12:32 p.m. Chair Windmiller noted that no speaker cards were submitted.

4. **Approval of the Minutes of the February 25, 2020 Security Sub-Committee, Open Meeting 12:32 p.m.** The minutes of the February 25, 2020 Security Sub-Committee, Open Meeting were provided in the Committee packet for review. Commissioner Windmiller asked that page 2, Item 5, first paragraph be amended. She noted that the second sentence states, “He (Commissioner Cox) stated that he had sent an e-mail to Commissioner Windmiller, asking that the plan be broken down into sections, for that vote.” She asked that a sentence be added to the minutes to indicate that she had stated that she did not receive an e-mail from Commissioner Cox. A motion to approve the minutes, as amended, was made by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Brown. **The motion passed.** (Commissioner Zimmerman abstained from the vote.)

5. **Ride and Abide Policy 12:34 p.m.** A briefing paper and draft policy were included in the Board informational packets regarding this item.

Stephen Berry gave a brief overview of this item. He noted that the Ride and Abide Policy addresses nuisance abatement issues. Mr. Berry stated that bad behaviors have been allowed to continue in the past, which a transit system should never have to sustain.

Commissioner Irma Golliday joined the meeting at approximately 12:36 p.m. Although present, she was unable to participate in subsequent votes, due to technical difficulty with the audio.

Mr. Berry noted that the new guidelines include an administrative process to deal with nuisance behaviors. He stated that the citation process allows Metro Transit to have a process to address issues, according to the significance of the offense, as well as address repeat offenders, and this process supports the new contract policy with G4S. Kevin Scott stated that, as previously noted, the process will allow steps to address repeat offenders, and will allow for suspension notices for those individuals, to be reviewed for accuracy and appropriateness.

Mr. Berry noted that staff will be trained on this policy and that rider Code of Conduct cards will be distributed to riders. Commissioner Simmons asked that these cards be distributed to the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Zimmerman posed questions regarding the enforcement mechanism in place regarding violations of policy. Mr. Berry noted that video will be used to identify offenders, as well as reports received from operations personnel. He stated that the goal is to use these policies, not just as an enforcement tool, but more importantly, as a compliance tool. Commissioner Windmiller thanked the staff for sensitivity to this issue. Commissioner Windmiller noted a minor typographical error in the policy on page 1, A. 6, stating that she believes the word “abuse” in line 2. should read “abusive”. Staff indicated a change in the wording would be made.

A motion to accept this item as presented, with the noted wording change, to be forwarded to the Board of Commissioners for approval, was made by Commissioner Simmons and seconded by Commissioner Brown. **The motion passed.**

6. Motion to move Executive Session

1:04 p.m. Chair Windmiller 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) (2) – Personnel, and (D) (10) – Security.

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

Rose Windmiller – yea
Vernal Brown – yea

Herbert Simmons – yea
Justin Zimmerman – yea
Terry Beach – yea
Irma Golliday – unable to vote
(technical difficulty)

Motion passed unanimously, and the Committee moved into Executive Session at 1:04 p.m.

7. Reconvene to Regular Meeting

1:45 p.m. The Committee reconvened to the Regular Meeting at approximately 1:45 p.m.

Chair Windmiller asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2020, Security Sub-Committee, Executive Session Meeting, as presented, as a closed record. The motion was made by Commissioner Brown and was seconded by Commissioner Simmons. The poll of the Board being:

Rose Windmiller – yea
Vernal Brown – yea

Herbert Simmons – yea
Justin Zimmerman – yea
Terry Beach – yea
Irma Golliday – unable to vote
(technical difficulty)

The motion passed.

8. Adjournment

1:46 p.m. Chair Windmiller asked if there was any further business; being none, Commissioner Simmons made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. Unanimous vote in favor taken. Motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:46 p.m.


Deputy Secretary to the Board of Commissioners
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