

**BI-STATE DEVELOPMENT  
SECURITY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING  
(VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM)  
OPEN SESSION MINUTES  
August 13, 2020 @ 8:30 AM**

**Sub-Committee Members in Attendance via Zoom**

**Missouri**

Fred Pestello  
Vernal Brown – Absent  
Rose Windmiller – Absent

**Illinois**

Herbert Simmons, Chair  
Derrick Cox  
Irma Golliday (Joined the meeting at 8:31 AM)

**Other Commissioners in Attendance via Zoom**

Nate Johnson

Terry Beach

**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

**Others in Attendance**

Brett Runge, ASL Interpreter  
Lurae Stuart, WSP  
Marcy Meystrik, East-West Gateway  
Ken Sharkey, SCCTD  
Jonathan Frederick, SCCTD

1. **Open Session Call to Order**  
**8:30 a.m.** Chair Simmons called the Open Session of the Bi-State Development Agency, Security Sub-Committee Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. **Roll Call**  
**8:30 a.m.** Roll call was taken, as noted above.

**Commissioner Irma Golliday joined the meeting at 8:31 a.m.**

3. **Approval of the Minutes of the June 11, 2020 Security Sub-Committee, Open Meeting**  
**8:31 a.m.** The minutes of the June 11, 2020 Security Sub-Committee, Open Meeting were provided in the Committee packet. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Pestello and seconded by Commissioner Simmons. **The motion passed.**
4. **Approval of the Minutes of the July 9, 2020 Security Sub-Committee, Emergency Meeting**  
**8:31 a.m.** The minutes of the July 9, 2020 Security Sub-Committee, Emergency Meeting were provided in the Committee packet. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Cox and seconded by Commissioner Pestello. **The motion passed.**
5. **Law Enforcement Service Agreement with the St. Clair County, Illinois Sheriff's Department**  
**8:32 a.m.** A briefing paper was included in the Committee packet, regarding a request to review and forward to the Board of Commissioners for approval, a Law Enforcement Services Agreement with the St. Clair County, Illinois Sheriff's Department for law enforcement services on the St. Clair County, Illinois MetroLink alignment.

An overview of this item was provided by Kevin Scott, Director - Public Safety, noting that this is an annual contract for the general MetroLink policing detail, and does not include the secondary police contract. He noted it provides for a 3% increase. Commissioner Simmons asked how many officers Metro Transit has, under this contract. Mr. Scott stated that it includes 17 officers. President and CEO Roach noted that the billable rates were approved a few weeks ago.

A motion to approve this item, as submitted, was made by Commissioner Golliday and seconded by Commissioner Cox. **The motion passed.**

6. **Update – Ride and Abide Policy**  
**8:37 a.m.** Stephen Berry, General Manager - Public Safety, gave an update regarding the newly implemented Ride and Abide Policy. He noted that the new policy has been in effect for a few weeks, and the process has been going smoothly. Staff has participated in training, and additional staff have been put in place, to track the data that is gathered, and ensure training is implemented for all partners. He noted that the security staff is working to gain compliance through the implementation of the policy, as opposed to working on the issue of fare evasion. He noted that 5% of the ridership cause 90% of the issues, and staff are working to address that 5%. He stated that there has been great acceptance of the program thus far.

President and CEO Roach stated that this policy provides a tool to the security staff to deal with the worst offenders, and repeat offenders. He noted that three individuals have been banned from the system for a period of time at this point, including the individual who instigated the Forrest Park incident. He stated that a rider who repeatedly damaged Metro Transit equipment, by cutting seats, has also been banned from the system.

Commissioner Cox thanked staff for the update, and asked for clarification of how the policy is being implemented. Discussion held. Ms. Lurae Stuart, WSP, stated that, first and foremost, security must ensure that the policy is being enforced in an equitable manner. It was noted that the main focus of the policy is chronic offenders, who have been given the opportunity to change their behavior, but have not. She noted that there is a review system in place to ensure that the

policy is being operated in a fair and equitable manner, within set parameters. In addition, it was noted that there is a system in place for those who are banned from the system to ask that Metro Transit reconsider, and if their behavior changes, would allow for them to return as riders to the system. Commissioner Cox stated that he would like to ensure that riders are receiving this information, and understand that these issues are being addressed by Metro Transit.

**7. Motion to move Executive Session**

**8:48 a.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, and (D) (10) – Security. A motion to move into Executive Session was made by Commissioner Pestello and seconded by Commissioner Cox. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Fred Pestello – yea  
Nate Johnson – yea

Herbert Simmons – yea  
Derrick Cox – yea  
Irma Golliday – yea  
Terry Beach – yea

**The motion passed unanimously, and the Committee moved into Executive Session at 8:49 a.m.**

**8. Reconvene to Regular Meeting**

**9:25 a.m.** The Committee reconvened to the Regular Meeting at approximately 9:25 a.m. Chair Simmons asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2020, Security Sub-Committee, Emergency Meeting, Executive Session, as presented, as a closed record. The motion was made by Commissioner Golliday and was seconded by Commissioner Beach. The poll of the Board being:

Fred Pestello – yea  
Nate Johnson – yea

Herbert Simmons – yea  
Derrick Cox – yea  
Irma Golliday – yea  
Terry Beach – yea

**The motion passed.**

**9. Public Comment**

**9:26 a.m.** Chair Simmons noted that he inadvertently failed to address this item earlier in the meeting, and he asked Ms. Bennett if any speaker cards were submitted for today's meeting. She noted that no speaker cards were submitted.

**10. Adjournment**

**9:27 a.m.** Chair Simmons asked if there was any further business; being none, Commissioner Golliday made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pestello. Unanimous vote in favor taken. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:27 a.m.

  
Deputy Secretary to the Board of Commissioners  
Bi-State Development