

**BI-STATE DEVELOPMENT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
(Virtual Meeting)
OPEN SESSION MINUTES
August 27, 2020 9:15 AM**

Board Members Participating via Zoom

Rose Windmiller, Chair
Vernal Brown, Secretary
Fred Pestello

Justin Zimmerman, Vice Chair
Herbert Simmons, Treasurer
Irma Golliday
Terry Beach

Nate Johnson – Absent
Constance Gully – Absent

Derrick Cox – Absent

Staff in Attendance Participating 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
Jessica Mefford-Miller, Executive Director Metro Transit
Virgie Chaffen Jr., Director of Labor Relations
Charles Stewart, Executive Director Organizational Effectiveness
Mark Vago, Sr. Vice President Chief Financial Officer
Mary Lamie, Executive Vice President of Multi Modal Enterprises
Gregory Smith, Vice President – Purchasing, Materials Management, and Supplier Diversity

Others in Attendance via Zoom

Karen Snead, ASL Interpreter
Anna Walton, ASL Interpreter

1. **Open Session Call to Order**
9:15 a.m. Chair Windmiller called the Open Session of the Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 9:15 a.m.
2. **Roll Call**
9:15 a.m. Roll call was taken, as noted above.

3. A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Bi-State Development Agency of the Missouri-Illinois Metropolitan District, Authorizing the President and CEO to Enter Into a Memorandum of Agreement with Local 2 (Missouri) and Local 309 (Illinois) of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) (Resolution 1076)

9:16 a.m. Taulby Roach, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Jessica Mefford-Miller, Executive Director Metro Transit, presented information relating to the final terms of the contract with the IBEW. Ms. Mefford-Miller stated that negotiations regarding this contract have been ongoing since June 2018. The proposed contract has been successfully approved by the membership, and the term of the contract will be for three years, ending June 2022. The contract includes a pay increase over the three year period at a rate of 2.25% for the first year, and 3% for the second and third years. Ms. Mefford-Miller stated that the agreement also includes a shift differential, along with improvements to the retirement fund. Chair Windmiller asked the start date of the contract. Ms. Mefford-Miller noted that the agreement is retroactive, to July 1, 2019, and the changes would be implemented by Mr. Vago's financial team by September 1, 2020. Commissioner Zimmerman stated that the terms seem reasonable; however, expressed concerns regarding how the increase will align with the current outlook for the organization. President and CEO Roach stated that these numbers will work within the scope of the budget, and added that, having a signed contract allows the Agency to have certainty regarding these labor costs, which will assist in future budgeting processes.

A motion to approve the item, as presented, was made by Commissioner Beach and seconded by Commissioner Simmons. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Rose Windmiller – Yea
Vernal Brown – Yea
Fred Pestello – Yea

Justin Zimmerman – Yea
Herbert Simmons – Yea
Irma Golliday – Yea
Terry Beach – Yea

The motion passed.

4. A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Bi-State Development Agency of the Missouri-Illinois Metropolitan District, Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the St. Clair County Transit District and the Bi-State Development Agency, for a Project Extending MetroLink from Shiloh Scott Station to Mid America Airport

9:23 a.m. Chair Windmiller stated that she has been informed that this item will be postponed until the September Board of Commissioners Meeting. Taulby Roach, President and Chief Executive Officer, noted that he is working on the final details of this Agreement.

5. Adjournment

9:25 a.m. Chair Windmiller asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Brown, and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:25 a.m.


Deputy Secretary to the Board of Commissioners
Bi-State Development