



Safety & Security Committee
Open Meeting
(Virtual Meeting)

January 14, 2021
Immediately following
Board of Commissioners Special Meeting
(which begins at 8:30 AM)

Open Session Agenda

Notice of Meeting and Agenda

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 Safety & Security Committee
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Virtual Meeting
**Headquarters - Board Room, 6th Floor
 One Metropolitan Square, 211 N. Broadway, Suite 650
 St. Louis, Missouri 63102**

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Agenda	Disposition	Presentation
1. Call to Order	Approval	Chair Simmons
2. Roll Call	Information	M. Bennett
3. Public Comment*	Information	Chair Simmons
4. Introduction of St. Louis County Police Captain Melissa Webb as Police Task Force Commander	Information	K. Scott
5. Approval of the Minutes of the August 13, 2020 Security Sub-Committee, Open Meeting	Approval	Chair Simmons
6. Presentation – Exclusions under the Metro Transit System Ride and Abide Policy	Information	K. Scott / S. Berry
7. Summary of Media and Community Engagement Efforts	Information	K. Scott / T. Zimmerman
8. Update on Comprehensive Training Program	Information	S. Berry
9. Update on Systems Safety and Bi-State Development Oversight	Information	S. Berry
10. Motion to Move to Executive Session: <i>If such action is approved by a majority vote of The Bi-State Development Agency's Board of Commissioners who constitute a quorum, the Board may go into closed session to discuss legal, confidential, or privileged matters pursuant to Bi-State Development Board Policy Chapter 10, Section 10.080 (D) Closed Records: Legal under §10.080(D)(1); Real Estate under §10.080(D)(2);</i>	Approval	Chair Simmons

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<p><i>Personnel under §10.080(D)(3); Health Proceedings under §10.080(D)(4); Employee Negotiations under §10.080(D)(5); Data Processing under §10.080(D)(6); Purchasing and Contracts under §10.080(D)(7); Proprietary Interest under §10.080 (D)(8); Hotlines under §10.080(D)(9); Auditors under §10.080(D)(10); Security under §10.080(D)(11); Computers under §10.080(D)(12); Personal Access Codes under §10.080(D)(13); Personal Information under §10.080(D)(14); Insurance Information under §10.080(D)(15); Rail, Bus, or Facilities Safety and Accidents under §10.080(D)(16) or Protected By Law under §10.080(D)(17).</i></p>		
11. Reconvene to Regular Meeting	Approval	Chair Simmons
12. Adjournment	Approval	Chair Simmons

***Note: Public comment may be made at the written request of a member of the public specifying the topic(s) to be addressed and provided to the Agency’s information officer through the Bi-State Development website.**

Open Session Item

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**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.