

**BI-STATE DEVELOPMENT
SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE MEETING
(VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM)
OPEN SESSION MINUTES
October 6, 2022
8:30 AM**

Committee Members Participating via Zoom

Rose Windmiller – Absent
Vernal Brown – Absent
Fred Pestello

Herbert Simmons, Chair
Derrick Cox
Irma Golliday

Other Commissioners Participating via Zoom

Sam Gladney
Nate Johnson

Terry Beach
Debra Moore – joined the meeting at 8:32 a.m.

Staff Participating via Zoom

Taulby Roach, President and Chief Executive Officer
Brenda Deertz, Director of Executive Services
Barbara Enneking, General Counsel
Myra Bennett, Manager of Board Administration
Charles Stewart, Interim Executive Director Metro Transit
Tom Curran, Executive Vice President Administration
Kevin Scott, General Manager Security
Andrew Ghaissi, General Manager Safety, Chief Safety Officer

Others Participating via Zoom

Tyler Duke, ASL Interpreter
Rachel Priscu, ASL Interpreter
Jim Wallis, Business Director, Chestnut Health
Justin Sobeck, MoDOT
Alexis Billingslea, IDOT
Lindbergh Askew, IDOT

1. **Open Session Call to Order**
8:30 a.m. Chair Simmons called the Open Session of the Bi-State Development Agency, Safety and Security Committee Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. **Roll Call**
8:30 a.m. Roll call was taken, as noted above.
3. **Public Comment**
8:30 a.m. Chair Simmons asked Myra Bennett, Manager of Board Administration, if any speaker cards were submitted for today's meeting. Ms. Bennett noted that no public comments were

submitted pertaining to today's meeting; however, public comments have been received pertaining to the Operations Committee, and those comments will be included in the materials for next Friday's meeting.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the August 11, 2022, Safety & Security Committee, Open Meeting

8:31 a.m. The draft minutes of the August 11, 2022, Safety & Security Committee, Open Meeting, were provided in the Committee packet.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Cox and was seconded by Commissioner Golliday.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. Presentation - "Get Help Application" Program

8:32 a.m. (Commissioner Moore joined the meeting at 8:32 a.m.)

Kevin Scott, General Manager Security, introduced Jim Wallis, Business Director for Chestnut Health, who provided a presentation regarding the "Get Help Application". Mr. Wallis stated that this has been an exciting initiative. He stated that the clinicians are coming into contact with over 300 individuals per month, across the various jurisdictions. He reported that two-thirds of the individuals are either unhoused or homeless, and in need of those types of resources; the rest of the issues are mainly mental health or substance abuse issues. Mr. Wallis stated that it is the team's job to build relationships and connect these individuals to services. Emily Schlagel leads the team. He stated that, for the past year, the data that has been collected is maintained in numerous spreadsheets, but they are now fostering a relationship with the "Get Help" program. He noted that this is a national program that has worked extensively with the unhoused population, and includes real time dashboards to show insights for outreach.

Kevin Scott, General Manager-Security, stated that, as a reminder, the relationship with Chestnut Health began in 2020, in St. Clair County, with a team of two clinicians. He stated that this program was so successful and had such a positive review, the Agency submitted a request to the Board of Commissioners to expand that project into Missouri. Mr. Scott noted that since that time, St. Clair County has added an additional team to the program, and he noted that this program is gaining outside attention.

Chair Simmons asked what hours the services are offered. Mr. Wallis stated that the clinicians in Illinois are available Monday through Friday, with the first shift working 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 or 5:00 p.m., and the second team working 6:00 to 2:00 or 1:00 to 9:00. He stated that he would love to be able to offer those hours in Missouri as well. Chair Simmons stated that he understands that there were some "growing pains" in the beginning of the program, and asked the current status. Mr. Scott reported that Chestnut Health has built a relationship with the Agency contract security team and with our Police partners. Commissioner Cox stated that he thinks that this is a great program, and posed questions regarding the rate of individuals accepting treatment and the issues regarding the homeless population. Mr. Wallis indicated that the new data platform will help track outcomes. He noted that a specific discussion was held with the City of St. Louis yesterday regarding the homeless population. The City is working to build capacity, to get people into shelters as quickly as possible. Mr. Scott stated that it is the goal to be able to address these issues through one seamless system. Chair Simmons noted that a quarterly report would be helpful. Commissioner Cox noted that, in Madison County, there is nowhere for the

homeless to go. Commissioner Beach stated that he and Commissioner Moore have had experience in housing the homeless population, and funds are available for all of the region. Commissioner Golliday stated that she feels this is an excellent program. Commissioner Moore stated that, in light of the weather changes, is security addressing the issue of the homeless using the public transit system as temporary housing. Mr. Scott stated that it is against Agency policy for individuals to use the system as “housing”; however, many individuals purchase “all day passes”. Chestnut Health will now be able to bring additional resources. Commissioner Moore stated that she has been given a tour by Mr. Scott, and she is impressed with Chestnut Health staff’s ability to interact and connect with the riders.

6. Extension of Contract between Chestnut Health Systems, INC and Bi-State Development Agency for Transit Client Engagement Services

8:54 a.m. A briefing paper was provided in the meeting materials, regarding a request that the Committee accept, and refer to the Board of Commissioners for approval, a request for an Extension of Contract between Chestnut Health Systems, INC and Bi-State Development Agency for Transit Client Engagement Services. Kevin Scott, General Manager Security, gave an overview of this item, noting that the contract between Chestnut Health and the Agency, for services in Missouri, will expire on December 1st. He noted that the Agency is requesting a two year contract extension. Chair Simmons asked if the Missouri and Illinois contracts expire at the same time. Mr. Scott stated they currently do not; however, it is the goal to get both the Illinois and Missouri agreements, under the same contract in the future. He noted that the Illinois contract expires in March 2023, and it would be appropriate to amend the contracts at that time, into one agreement. Chair Simmons stated that this is a worthwhile program and he thanked Kevin Scott and Ken Sharkey for their work and cooperation on this project.

A motion to approve the item as submitted was made by Commissioner Pestello and seconded by Commissioner Cox.

The motion passed.

7. Bi-State Safety Oversight: 2022 Annual Update

8:59 a.m. (Commissioner Gladney and Commissioner Pestello left the meeting at 9:00 a.m.) Andrew Ghaissi, General Manager Safety, Chief Safety Officer introduced Justin Sobek (MoDOT), Alexis Billingslea (IDOT) , and Lindbergh Askew (IDOT) who provided an overview and PowerPoint presentation to the Committee regarding 2022 updates for Bi-State Safety Oversight. Chair Simmons thanked everyone for the detailed report, and asked if any department was found to be lacking. Mr. Sobek stated that no, the Agency has been found to use best industry practices. Ms. Billingslea stated that no transportation agency is perfect; however, it has been her experience that when Bi-State Development finds that there is something wrong, they implement policy to correct it, and the Agency has a great safety culture.

Chair Simmons asked for a motion to approve the BSSO 2022 Annual Update. The motion was made by Commissioner Cox and was seconded by Commissioner Johnson.

The motion passed unanimously.

8. Unscheduled Business

9:24 a.m. There was no unscheduled business.

9. President/CEO Report

9:24 a.m. President and Chief Executive Officer, Taulby Roach, commended staff for their strong working relationships with the State of Illinois and State of Missouri regarding Bi-State Safety Oversight updates.

10. Call for the Dates of Future Board & Committee Meetings

9:25 a.m. Myra Bennett, Manager of Board Administration, noted upcoming meetings as follows:

Operations Committee Meeting:	Friday, October 14, 2022	8:30 AM
Audit, Finance & Administration Committee:	Friday, October 14, 2022	Following OPS
Board of Commissioners Meeting:	Friday, November 18, 2022	8:30 AM

11. Motion to move Executive Session

9:25 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, (D) (3) – Personnel; (D) (11) – Security, and (D) (16) – Rail, Bus or Facilities Safety and Accidents.

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

Nate Johnson – yea	Herbert Simmons – yea
	Derrick Cox – yea
	Irma Golliday – yea
	Debra Moore – yea
	Terry Beach – yea

The motion passed unanimously, and the Committee moved into Executive Session at approximately 9:26 a.m.

12. Reconvene to Regular Meeting

10:01 a.m. The Committee reconvened to the Regular Meeting at approximately 10:01 a.m.


Chair Simmons asked for a motion of the Safety and Security Committee in support of the establishment of a CCTV management and maintenance plan, housed and reportable through the Safety and Security Departments, as described in the report provided by Kevin Scott, General Manager of Security. Commissioner Cox made the motion, as noted above. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moore. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Nate Johnson – yea	Herbert Simmons – yea
	Derrick Cox – yea
	Irma Golliday – yea
	Debra Moore – yea
	Terry Beach – yea

The motion passed unanimously.

13. Adjournment

10:02 a.m. Chair Simmons asked if there was any further business; being none, Commissioner Cox made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Golliday. Unanimous vote in favor was taken. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:02 a.m.



Deputy Secretary to the Board of Commissioners
Bi-State Development