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**Pace, the Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Authority  
550 West Algonquin Road  
Arlington Heights, Illinois  
Open Session of the Board of Directors  
January 16, 2019**

The Board of Directors of Pace, the Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Authority, met in public session on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. at Pace corporate headquarters, 550 West Algonquin Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois, pursuant to notice.

Chairman Kwasneski led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Kwasneski called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Directors physically present: Canning, Carr, Guerin, Larson, Marcucci, Schielke, Soto, Wells, and Chairman Kwasneski.

Directors Claar and Tamley were absent.

Director Schielke moved and Director Larson seconded a motion to allow Directors Hastings and Shepley to attend via teleconference. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Directors Hastings and Shepley joined the meeting via teleconference immediately following the vote.

**SBD #18-94 – Resolution** approving the minutes of the Open Session meeting of December 12, 2018.

Director Soto moved, and Director Larson seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Open Session meeting of December 12, 2018. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**Public Comment**

Garland Armstrong is concerned for paratransit taxi riders. When he and his wife take paratransit taxi rides, a larger vehicle is needed because of his wife's oversize wheelchair. Sometimes the wrong size taxi vehicle arrives and his wife's oversize wheelchair is difficult to fit, or has to be

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Richard A. Kwasneski, Chairman**

Christopher S. Canning   Terrance M. Carr   Roger C. Claar   David B. Guerin   Kyle R. Hastings   Al Larson

Thomas D. Marcucci   Jeffery D. Schielke   Aaron T. Shepley   Linda Soto   Karen Tamley   Terry R. Wells

**Interim Executive Director**

**Rocky Donahue**

folded and squeezed into the vehicle. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong have been appointed to the CMAP Citizen's Advisory Committee that will be meeting in March 2019. Mrs. Armstrong had a birthday on New Year's day, and on January 29th they are celebrating their 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Steve Figva commented about the TAP program. The MV-1 vehicles for the TAP program and open taxis are getting older. Scott needs an MV-1 as he has trouble squeezing into one of the small minivans. He recently had a driver that was very rude and very temperamental to him, and Scott had to tell him to leave. Scott could not fit into the vehicle. The driver wanted him to spin and face forward, but Scott cannot turn around in a small minivan. Please see about getting larger vans for larger chairs, or a more open vehicle. Also, drivers need to be trained better in how to handle people.

Chairman Kwasneski apologized for the driver incident and stated someone will look into that. He asked Melinda Metzger if Pace is addressing the issue of getting larger vehicles. Melinda said the City of Chicago handles that for the Taxi program. Pace handles the mechanism to ride the taxis. Under ADA legislation, there are certain dimensions that are required under the ADA that must be met for vehicle size, and weight of riders and their equipment. Pace vehicles meet those, but on the taxi side, the City dictates the type of equipment. Pace will pass along the information to the City.

### **Report of Chairman**

Chairman Kwasneski reported that he went with Rocky Donahue to attend the swearing in of the new legislature last week and met with a lot of the new legislators and some of the existing ones, especially some of the transportation chairs and so forth. The Chairman believes there will be a capital bill, details are sketchy, but it probably won't happen until May. Transit is something, he believes, that all of the legislators are interested in funding. Pace will hopefully fare well in the process depending on what is negotiated.

Pace needs to do some outreach, which he and Rocky have started, but will need everyone's help as well. There are 50 new legislators, not all from our area, but a number are new. They may know nothing about Pace, or they may know a lot. Pace's objective is to try to meet with a lot of those legislators, make sure they understand Pace's needs, and what type of services Pace provides, etc. Rocky will reach out to all of you to see if some of you have existing relationships with some legislators, or if you want to participate in any of the meetings.

### **Directors' Reports**

No reports were given.

### **Report of Interim Executive Director**

Rocky Donahue introduced Linda Swedlund who will be working more closely with the Board. Pace closed on the Wheeling property in late December, staff is developing options on potential use of the facility in the short term. A report will be presented to the Board in February. Rocky

was in Springfield the last two weeks. The first week was spent advocating for a Capital Bill. It appears the Governor wants to make sure he has a budget in place first. Director Hastings was also in Springfield and spent time with Rocky meeting with Senator Mike Hastings about capital.

Rocky continued Pace's external outreach regarding capital. A number of articles were printed in the Tribune, Sun Times, the Daily Herald. Pace appeared on WBBM Radio, CBS, ABC, and WGN TV. Staff is updating you on the clips.

Pace expects to end 2018 with approximately a \$5 million positive budget variance for suburban service. Much credit is given to the Board insuring Pace's fiscal responsibility to the tax payers. Pace also expects \$6+ million positive budget variance for the ADA budget. End of the year expenses are still coming in and outside auditors are still working on this.

Pace is holding public hearings on February 11 in Bolingbrook, and February 12 at Toyota Park on a proposed restructuring of the I-55 Bus on Shoulder service. Pace has seen incredible growth on I-55 and is at capacity and experiencing overcrowding. Staff has put together a plan to reallocate resources to try to help some overcrowding and shift some service out of Bolingbrook to Romeoville to free up some parking issues. A report on the public hearings will be brought to the board. No cuts to the services are expected, but rather this is an enhancement.

Rocky introduced Renaldo Dixon, Department Manager of Budget Planning who celebrated his 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with Pace on January 12, 2019. Renaldo is truly an asset to this agency.

**SBD #19-02 – Resolution** honoring Alan Horacek on his retirement from Pace after twenty-seven years of dedicated service was brought before the Board.

Director Schielke moved, and Director Marcucci seconded a motion to approve the Resolution. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. Melinda Metzger, Deputy Executive Director, Revenue Services, read the Resolution and presented it to Alan Horacek thanking him for his service to Pace. Mr. Horacek stated he enjoyed working at Pace, made a lot of friends here, and that it's bitter-sweet to leave. Pace is a good organization and good people to work for.

**SBD #19-03 – Resolution** honoring Cedric Wright on his retirement from Pace after twenty-one years of dedicated service.

Director Schielke moved, and Director Larson seconded a motion to approve the Resolution. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. Melinda Metzger, Deputy Executive Director, Revenue Services, read the Resolution and presented it to Cedrick Wright thanking him for his service to Pace. Mr. Wright stated Pace has been like family. Melinda introduced Cedric's wife, Frances, who attended the meeting in support of her husband. Mr. Wright stated he had worked for CTA and Greyhound, and that Pace cares about people.

**Action Items**

**SBD #19-04 – Ordinance** authorizing approval of Board Member travel and business expenses for 2018.

Director Schielke moved, and Director Larson seconded a motion to approve the Resolution. The motion passed with the following roll call vote: Directors Canning, Carr, Guerin, Hastings, Larson, Marcucci, Schielke, Shepley, Soto, Wells, and Chairman Kwasneski. All Directors voted Aye.

**SBD #19-05 – Ordinance** authorizing the award of a sole source contract to Trapeze Software Group, Inc., for IVR Software and Hardware Upgrade Installation, in an amount not to exceed \$238,771.14.

Director Larson moved, and Director Canning seconded a motion to approve the Resolution. The motion passed with the following roll call vote: Directors Canning, Carr, Guerin, Hastings, Larson, Marcucci, Schielke, Shepley, Soto, Wells, and Chairman Kwasneski. All Directors voted Aye.

**SBD #19-06 – Ordinance** authorizing the award of a contract to Cabconnect, Inc., for Taxi Access Program (TAP) and Mobility Direct (MD) Program Services Automated System and Data Management, in an amount not to exceed \$1,915,474.42.

Director Schielke moved, and Director Canning seconded a motion to approve the Resolution. The motion passed with the following roll call vote: Directors Canning, Carr, Guerin, Hastings, Larson, Marcucci, Schielke, Shepley, Soto, Wells, and Chairman Kwasneski. All Directors voted Aye.

**SBD #19-07 – Ordinance** authorizing the award of a sole source contract to TomTom North America, Inc., for Digital Spatial Datasets Maintenance Renewal, in an amount not to exceed \$180,000.00.

Director Soto moved, and Director Wells seconded a motion to approve the Resolution. The motion passed with the following roll call vote: Directors Canning, Carr, Guerin, Hastings, Larson, Marcucci, Schielke, Shepley, Soto, Wells, and Chairman Kwasneski. All Directors voted Aye.

**SBD #19-08 – Ordinance** authorizing the Interim Executive Director of Pace to implement the discontinuance of Route 638, if HSBC eliminates funding, effective Friday, June 28, 2019. This item no longer required action.

**Issues/Discussions/Reports**

No discussion.

**Adjournment**

Chairman Kwasneski asked for a motion to adjourn into Closed Session for the purposes of discussing closed session minutes (2-C-21) and pending litigation (2-C-11). Director Guerin moved, and Director Schielke seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote from the Board of Directors at 5:07 p.m.

**Reconvene**

Chairman Kwasneski reconvened the Open Session of the Pace Board of Directors meeting at 5:19 p.m.

Directors physically present: Canning, Carr, Guerin, Larson, Marcucci, Schielke, Soto, Wells, and Chairman Kwasneski.

Director Shepley attended via teleconference.

Directors Claar, Hastings and Tamley were absent.

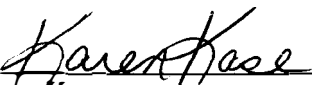
**SBD #19-09 – Resolution** approving the minutes of the Closed Session meeting of December 12, 2018.

Director Larson moved, and Director Soto seconded a motion to approve the Resolution. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

There being no further business, Chairman Kwasneski asked for a motion and a second to adjourn the meeting.

Director Schielke moved, and Director Larson seconded a motion to adjourn the Pace Board of Directors meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Pace Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. at Pace Corporate Headquarters, 550 West Algonquin Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois.

  
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Karen Kase  
Acting Secretary, Board of Directors