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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  
November 14, 2018**

The Board of Directors of Pace, the Suburban Bus Division of the Regional Transportation Authority, met in public session on Wednesday, November 14, 2018, 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, Hastings, Larson, Marcucci, Schielke, Soto, Tamley, Wells, and Chairman Kwasneski.

Director Schielke arrived at 4:40 p.m.

Directors Claar and Shepley were absent.

**SBD #18-89 – Resolution** approving the minutes of the Open Session meeting of October 10, 2018.

Director Soto moved, and Director Marcucci seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Open Session meeting of October 10, 2018. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**Public Comment**

**Heather Armstrong:** Heather thanked T.J. Ross for doing a great job to make Pace a safe and more enjoyable ride for passengers. Heather has been riding Pace for over 30 years.

**Garland Armstrong:** Garland thanked T.J. Ross for being an inspiration. He will miss T.J. and wishes him well in his retirement.

Garland also reported that riders are very concerned that Route 209 Saturday service may be discontinued.

**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 Jeffrey D. Schielke Aaron T. Shepley Linda Soto Karen Tamley Terry R. Wells

**Thomas J. Ross**

**Executive Director**

**Director Marcucci** commented T.J.'s list of accomplishments is long. When T.J. arrived, members of the ADA community were picketing in the driveway of Pace. Tonight, there were hugs and thank you's from the same community. T.J. was an engineer and a "fixer" as Director Larson said, and he also cared about people. Under T.J., our metrics prove that we are one of the most successful transit agencies in the country.

**Director Schielke** commented that T.J. brought many innovative ideas to Pace. He put a new face on the organization and is leaving Pace in a much better place than he found it.

**Director Wells** commented that T.J. had a commitment to people. Director Wells shared a story about a rider in his community who had a complaint and was contacted by T.J. directly. The rider was astounded that the identity of the caller was none other than the Executive Director of Pace. Director Wells pointed out that T.J. would not ask an employee to do something he himself would not do, and that is a true sign of a leader.

**Director Hastings** commented that Pace is blessed to have such a great leader in T.J. Ross. Director Hastings had met several other transit people outside of the Chicagoland area who spoke very highly of not only T.J.'s accomplishments at Pace, but also of his character. T.J. put Pace on the map in the U.S. and we have been very fortunate to have not only a leader who is greatly respected, but one who cares about people.

**Director Canning** commented that at the Cook County Board meeting today, T.J. was awarded with a certificate honoring his 20 years of service. T.J. has great attention to detail and is doing his job up to the end. He conducts himself with professionalism, decency and kindness. T.J. has been and will continue to be, an example to Pace and to this Board.

**Director Carr** commented that T.J. cannot only envision, but also build, and implement a plan. T.J. has been a great asset to Pace.

**Director Tamley** commented that T.J. has made the ADA service more reliable and efficient, which translates to improving people's lives. T.J. was not just a leader behind closed doors, but he really cared about people and was willing to interact with them. He has made a big impact on improving lives.

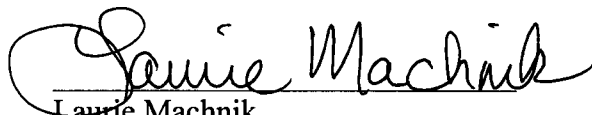
**Director Soto** commented that being on the Board for only 2 ½ years, she appreciated T.J. being accessible - all the time. He was willing to work with people and explain things no matter how big or small. She learned a lot from T.J. in the short time she has been on the Board and is appreciative of his leadership.

**Director Guerin** commented T.J. has been very welcoming in his short time on the Board. He has appreciated T.J.'s leadership.

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

Director Schielke moved, and Director Wells seconded a motion to adjourn the Pace Board of Directors meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Pace Board of Directors will be held on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. at Pace Corporate Headquarters, 550 West Algonquin Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurie Machnik". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Laurie Machnik  
Acting Secretary, Board of Directors