

**Central Puget Sound
Regional Transit Authority**

**September 8, 1995
Board Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. by Chairman Laing. It was held in room 402 of the King County Courthouse, Seattle, Washington.

Attendance

Chairman:

Bruce Laing, King County Councilmember

Vice Chairs:

Dave Earling, Edmonds Councilmember

Paul Miller, Tacoma Councilmember

King County:

Martha Choe, Seattle Councilmember

Don Davidson, Bellevue Mayor

Mary Gates, Federal Way Mayor

Greg Nickels, King County Councilmember

Jim White, Kent Mayor

Pierce County:

Ken Madsen, Pierce County Councilmember

Snohomish County:

Ed Hansen, Everett Mayor

The following Board members arrived after roll call:

King County:

Jane Hague, King County Councilmember

Gary Locke, King County Executive

Cynthia Sullivan, King County Councilmember

Pierce County:

Bill Stoner, Pierce County Councilmember

Washington State Department of Transportation:

Sid Morrison, Secretary

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Choe and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that the minutes of July 14, 1995 be approved as presented.

It was moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Choe and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that the minutes of July 28, 1995 be approved as presented.

Public Comment

The following individual presented comments to the Board. Comments are on file with the Board Administrator.

Mr. Bill Svenson, Seattle

(Board members Hague and Locke arrived at this time.)

Report of the Chair

Mr. Laing reported that he appointed Mr. Paul Matsuoka as the RTA Acting Executive Director, pending selection of the interim Executive Director. Board members were sent a copy of his memo indicating that action.

(Board member Morrison arrived at this time.)

Executive Director Report

Mr. Matsuoka reported that he attended the August 28, 1995 meeting of the People for Modern Transit (PMT). He stated that Ms. Choe also attended. PMT's mission is to be an advocate for public transit in the region. The organization is modeling itself after Citizens for Modern Transit in St. Louis. Mr. Tom Shrout, Executive Director of the system in St. Louis, was the guest speaker.

Standing Committee and Task Force Reports

Public Involvement Committee

Mr. Earling described the RTA/Citizen Forum scheduled for September 21, 1995.

Convene Executive Session

Mr. Laing convened the executive session to review the qualifications of interim executive director candidates. He estimated the session would last for one hour and 40 minutes, during which time the Board would interview the three finalists: Mr. Richard Saunders, Ms. Pat Steel and Mr. Bob White.

The Board recessed into executive session at 1:53 p.m.

(Board members Stoner and Sullivan arrived during the executive session.)

Reconvene Open Session

Mr. Laing reconvened the Board into open session at 4:12 p.m. to enter into the process of selecting an interim Executive Director. He indicated that the Board must first adopt the process for voting on this action. The RTA bylaws do not stipulate a specific process, but they do state that Robert's Rules of Order will be followed.

It was moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. White and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that the Board accept nominations for the position of interim Executive Director, and that each Board member cast one vote for the candidates so nominated.

Mr. Laing called for nominations. He indicated that at the completion of nominations, he would ask for a roll call vote.

Mr. Madsen placed the name of Mr. Bob White in nomination for the position of interim Executive Director.

Mr. Laing asked for other nominations. There were no further nominations and Mr. Laing declared the nominations for interim Executive Director closed.

He reminded the audience that Mr. White is currently the RTA's commuter rail manager. Prior to that, he served as Deputy Project Manager for the Regional Transit Project and worked to develop the state's HCT legislation. He was manager of capital planning and development of Metro Transit. He holds a Bachelor of Science in environmental planning from Western Washington University and he has completed the University of Washington's Business Administration Management Program.

Mr. Laing reported that the vote would be taken by roll call. He instructed Board members that an "aye" vote would be affirmative and a "no" vote would be negative.

The Board Administrator called the roll and following are the results:

Ms. Choe	abstain	Mr. Madsen	aye
Mr. Davidson	aye	Mr. Miller	aye
Mr. Earling	aye	Mr. Morrison	aye
Ms. Gates	aye	Mr. Nickels	aye
Ms. Hague	aye	Mr. Stoner	aye
Mr. Hansen	aye	Ms. Sullivan	aye
Mr. Laing	aye	Mr. Sutherland	aye
Mr. Locke	abstain	Mr. White	aye

The roll call vote was 14 ayes and 2 abstentions. Mr. Laing stated that the RTA's enabling legislation requires a supermajority of the Board (minimum of twelve members) to make a decision for the employment and selection of an Executive Director.

It was moved by Mr. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that Mr. Laing be authorized to negotiate a contract with Mr. Bob White.

It was moved by Ms. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Miller and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that the Chair designate an ad hoc short-term committee to discuss supplemental staff resources or other resources the RTA needs.

Next Meeting

Friday, September 22, 1995.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

Bruce Laing
Chairman of the Board

Marcia Walker
Board Administrator