

Central Puget Sound
Regional Transit Authority

January 26, 1996
Board Meeting/Workshop Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:37 p.m. by Chairman Earling. It was held in the Plaza Room of the Edmonds Public Library, 650 Main Street, Edmonds, Washington.

Attendance

Acting Chairman:

Dave Earling, Edmonds Councilmember

Vice Chairman:

Paul Miller, Tacoma Councilmember

King County:

Martha Choe, Seattle Councilmember
Gary Locke, King County Executive
Rob McKenna, King County Councilmember
Greg Nickels, King County Councilmember
Dave Russell, Kirkland Councilmember
Jim White, Kent Mayor

Pierce County:

Ann Kirk Davis, Lakewood Councilmember
Doug Sutherland, Pierce County Executive

Snohomish County:

Bob Drewel, Snohomish County Executive
Ed Hansen, Everett Mayor

Washington State Department of Transportation

Sid Morrison, Secretary

The Board Administrator indicated that a quorum of the Board was present.

Public Comment

The following individuals presented comments to the Board:

James Robert Deal
Bill Svensson
Carolyn Johnston
Rob Morrison
Roger Pence

Warren Yee
Robert Hackley
Frank Hutchins
Dean Clausen
Bob White

Comments are on file with the Board Administrator.

Report of the Chair

Mr. Earling welcomed Mr. Russell and Mr. McKenna to the Board.

He stated that Board members would find handouts in their agenda packets detailing the February 21 Board Workshop and Open House (copies on file). He asked that all Board members make an effort to attend this event.

Mr. Metcalf reported that he had met with the Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee, who had encouraged the continuation of the RTA's legislative program. The Senate Transportation Committee will hold a hearing on bill 6709 on February 5 (copy on file). The proposition to authorize the RTA to implement a local option gas tax has raised opposition from oil companies, and has been dropped from the bill. Legislators have expressed interest in the provisions allowing an RTA/DOT loan program and variable tax rates.

Executive Director Report

Mr. White referred Board members to a list of proposed agendas through the adoption of a Phase I plan (copy on file).

RTA Elections - Action

Mr. Earling indicated that legal counsel had suggested the following process for elections: the Chairman will call for nominations, at which point nominees will have up to three minutes to address the Board. The election will be conducted by voice ballot.

It was moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Nickels, and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present to accept the process for RTA elections as outlined by Mr. Earling.

Mr. Earling indicated that the Chair and Vice Chairs will be from different counties, and will serve for two years. Ten votes are needed for a majority. He asked for nominations.

It was moved by Mr. Sutherland and seconded by Mr. Miller that Mr. Drewel be nominated as Chairman of the RTA Board.

Mr. Drewel thanked the Board for the nomination and indicated that he looked forward to the opportunity presented to him.

It was moved by Mr. Nickels, seconded by Mr. White and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that the nominations for RTA Board Chair be closed.

The motion to elect Mr. Drewel Chairman of the RTA Board was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Mr. Earling indicated that he would Chair the current meeting at Mr. Drewel's request.

It was moved by Mr. Drewel and seconded by Ms. Choe that Mr. Nickels be nominated King County Vice Chair to the RTA Board.

It was moved by Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Sutherland and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that nominations for King County Vice Chair to the RTA Board be closed.

The motion to elect Mr. Nickels Vice Chair to the RTA Board was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

It was moved by Ms. Kirk Davis and seconded by Ms. Choe that Mr. Miller be nominated Pierce County Vice Chair to the RTA Board.

It was moved by Mr. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. Morrison and carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present that nominations for Pierce County Vice Chair to the RTA Board be closed.

The motion to elect Mr. Miller Vice Chair to the RTA Board was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

At 2:30 p.m., the meeting went into a recess in preparation of the workshop.

Convene RTA Board/Regional Outreach Committee Workshop

Mr. Earling convened the workshop at 2:43 p.m.

Board and Regional Outreach Committee members discussed five issue papers (copies on file).

The Board meeting was reconvened at 4:04 p.m.

Other Business

Ms. Choe invited Board and Regional Outreach Committee members to a February 6 roundtable to discuss the RTA. Councilmembers from the City of Seattle and King County will be in attendance.

Mr. Miller thanked Mr. Earling for his performance as Acting Chair of the RTA Board.

Ms. Hague stated that the East King County Board members had met with the Eastside Transportation Committee, elected officials, and members of the public in an effort to stimulate consensus.

Mr. Hansen reported that several activities were taking place in Snohomish County. A roundtable is scheduled for February 12 in Lynwood, Snohomish County Committee for Improved

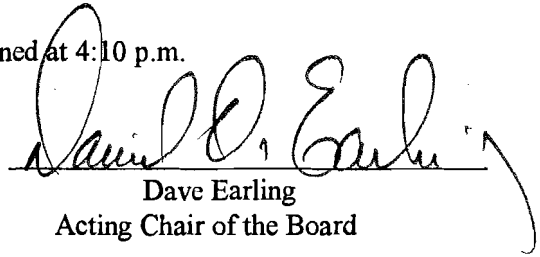
Transportation will meet on February 6, and additional City Council workshops and hearings have been scheduled.

Mr. Drewel asked that the Board Administrator check Board member availability to see if meetings could be switched to Friday mornings.

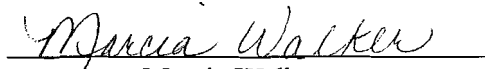
Next Meeting

The next meeting of the RTA Board of Directors is scheduled for Friday, February 9, 1996, from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.


Dave Earling
Acting Chair of the Board

ATTEST:


Marcia Walker
Board Administrator