

**BI-STATE DEVELOPMENT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
OPEN SESSION MINUTES  
February 21, 2020**

**Board Members in Attendance**

**Missouri**

Aliah Holman, Vice Chair  
Constance Gully  
Fred Pestello  
Rose Windmiller  
Vernal Brown, Secretary

**Illinois**

Terry Beach  
Justin Zimmerman, Treasurer  
Derrick Cox  
Herbert Simmons  
Irma Golliday – via phone

**Staff in Attendance**

Taulby Roach, President and Chief Executive Officer  
Barbara Enneking, General Counsel and Deputy Secretary  
Myra Bennett, Manager of Board Administration  
Brenda Deertz, Administrator/Executive Assistant to President/CEO  
Jim Cali, Chief Audit Executive  
Kelli Fitzpatrick, Sr. Internal Auditor/PT  
Ted Zimmerman, Vice President Marketing & Communications  
LaSilvia Franklin, Financial Analyst and Administrator  
Patti Beck, Director Communications  
Jerry Vallely, External Communications Manager  
John Langa, Vice President Economic Development  
Jeff Braun, Director Real Estate  
Jessica Mefford-Miller, Executive Director Metro Transit  
Kent Swagler, Director Corporate Compliance & Ethics  
Angela Staicoff, Sr. Internal Auditor  
Kerry Kinkade, VP Chief Information Officer  
Lisa Burke, Executive Assistant  
Sally Bender, Internal Auditor PT  
Larry Jackson, Executive Vice President Administration  
Chris Poehler, Asst. Executive Director Engineering Systems  
Stephen Berry, General Manager Public Safety  
Charles Stewart, Executive Vice President, Organizational Effectiveness  
Chance Baragary, Project Director – Arch  
Betty Keaton, Budget System Administrator and Analyst  
Larry Rusbarsky, Director Financial Planning & Budget  
Tamara Fulbright, Sr. Director Financial Planning & Treasury  
Scott Grott, General Manager MetroLink

Mark Kollitz, Senior Project Manager Engineering  
Tim Nittler, Director Capital Projects  
Trenise Winters, General Manager MetroBus  
Vernice Kelly, Director of Human Resources  
Greg Smith, Vice President Procurement & Inventory Management  
Shirley Bryant, Corporate Legal Department Manager  
Jessica Gershman, Assistant Executive Director Planning Systems

### **Others in Attendance**

Jim Wild, EWGCOG  
Tom Sullivan  
Mitch Eagles, Transit Rider Empowerment Project  
Justin Raine, Transit Rider Empowerment Project  
Jack Villarreal, Transit Rider Empowerment Project  
Matt Ruzicka, Transit Rider Empowerment Project  
Andrew Nguyen, St. Louis Post-Dispatch  
Jerica Robinson, RYEC  
David Daucanski, Vector Media  
Ken Haggerty, Transit Rider Empowerment Project  
Kae Petrin, STLPR  
Katie Kaufmann, Ready by 21  
Jason Terry, Gilmore & Bell  
Gary Dodson, Vector Media  
Paul Hampel, St. Louis County  
Erica Brooks, Grassroots Organizer to Save Bus Route #79  
Nassim Benchaabane, St. Louis Post-Dispatch  
Shanise Johnson, SLJP  
Mitch Jorstad  
Nataly Garzon, United Way  
Alex Klein  
Serena Bugett-Teague, Link Market  
Eddie Cuminale  
Tim Bailey, NGFS  
Erin Godwin  
Elliot Davis, KTVI  
Reno DuBois

1. **Open Session Call to Order**  
**8:30 a.m.** Vice Chair Holman called the Open Session of the Bi-State Development Agency, Board of Commissioners 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**

**8:31 a.m.** Vice Chair Holman noted that several speaker cards were submitted for today's meeting. She noted that several individuals indicated that they will be speaking on the same topic. She stated that, since time is limited, if a previous speaker has already expressed your concern, we would ask that you please refrain from duplication.

Eedie Cuminale submitted a speaker card, but was not in attendance when her name was called.

Tom Sullivan addressed the Board, stating that he is sorry that Commissioner Mike Buehlhorn resigned, noting that Commissioner Buehlhorn always treated people fairly. He posed questions regarding Washington University and a plan for the Loop Trolley. He stated that the Board of Commissioners rejected the plan for the Loop Trolley, and it should stay that way. With regard to the public comment policy, he stated that the Board should work to reduce the barrier for the public to communicate with the Board.

Lin Ferguson submitted a speaker card, but was not in attendance when her name was called.

Erica Brooks addressed the Board regarding bus routes, specifically Route #79, as well as time extensions for transfers, as a result of Metro Reimagined. She also asked that electric buses be incorporated into the routes for North St. Louis County.

Jerica Robinson, representing the Regional Youth Employment Coalition, addressed the Board regarding the Gateway Go program, for reduced fare "Go Cards" for youth ages 13-25. She noted that the program has been a success in assisting youth with transportation to and from work during the summers, and asked that Bi-State Development continue the program. She stated that they have raised money for half of the cost, and are asking Bi-State Development for the other half of the cost.

Shanese Johnson, representing the St. Louis Regional Youth Employment Coalition, addressed the Board asking for their continued support of the Gateway Go program. She stated that this program not only benefits individuals, but also the community, and increases ridership. She noted that this program has been offered to over 3,000 youth in the area, who could potentially become a pool of committed transit customers for Metro Transit in the future.

Katie Kaufmann, representing the Regional Youth Employment Coalition, addressed the Board regarding the Gateway Go program, noting that this program has had a huge impact on the youth that it serves. Ms. Kaufmann distributed a handout regarding the program, and she noted that this is an opportunity for Bi-State Development to demonstrate its support for equity and inclusion.

Mitch Eagles addressed the Board stating that he was excited to see the Board consider changing the time requirement for the submittal of speaker cards. He noted that he is a transit user; however, he has experienced difficulties with the current fare system. He stated that he wants to ensure that he and other users of transit are being served. Mr. Eagles submitted a petition with approximately 50 signatures in support of mobile ticketing. He also stated that he is a supporter of the Gateway Go program.

Mitch Jorstad addressed the Board voicing support of mobile ticketing. He stated that Metro Transit should make it easier to use the system, and entice people to use public transit. He stated

that he feels that this is something that could be implemented quickly, and have an immediate impact on the system.

Alex Klein and Erin Godwin submitted speaker cards, but were not in attendance when their names were called.

Matt Ruzicka, representing the Transit Rider Empowerment Project, addressed the Board noting that he has had many bad experiences using Metro Transit, and he feels that those issues could have been avoided by mobile ticketing. He noted a number of issues regarding the current fare system, and stated that he would like to sell his car and use public transit exclusively; however, he does not feel that this is feasible, with Metro's current fare system.

Justin Raine addressed the Board in support of mobile ticketing. He noted that he was excited to use public transit, and owns a Gateway Card; however, he has found it difficult to reload the card, and he typically does not carry cash, making it very difficult to use the system. He stated that he previously lived in Houston, Texas, and the transit system there is much more convenient and accessible.

Stuart Keating submitted a speaker card, but was not in attendance when his name was called.

Ken Haggerty addressed the Board in support of mobile ticketing. He noted that he is a Gateway Card holder, but hopes a mobile app can be developed quickly and thoughtfully. He noted that even the best ideas can fail if not developed thoughtfully.

Reno DuBois and Tyler Schlichenmeyer submitted speaker cards, but were not in attendance when their names were called.

Jake Villarreal addressed the Board, stating that the way in which the meetings are designed are not conducive to public participation. He noted that, with an 8:30 a.m. start time during the week, no one with a 9 to 5 job can attend. He also stated that he feels that it would be good practice to allow anyone who shows up at a meeting to speak. In addition, Mr. Villarreal noted issues with the current Metro Transit system, stating that most people from outside of the St. Louis area do not know how to use the system, and it is very difficult for visitors and tourists to use. He noted support for mobile ticketing.

Vice Chair Holman provided an opportunity for anyone who had submitted a speaker card, but arrived after their name was called, to speak.

Eddie Cuminale addressed the Board, voicing support for the Loop Trolley. She stated that she would like Bi-State Development to reconsider managing the Loop Trolley. She noted that the Metro Transit leadership team has done a great job with Metro Reimagined, and she feels that they could do the same with the Loop Trolley. She stated that Metro has a proven track record and could make it work. (Ms. Cuminale supplied a written statement at the conclusion of the meeting, and asked that it be included with the public record. See attached Exhibit A.)

Erin Godwin addressed the Board, stating that she feels that public transit is an economic justice issue, especially for those who need it most. She stated that there is broad base support for the

system, but expressed issues with the way in which the current fare system operates and difficulty in understanding the system, and how transfers operate.

**4. Minutes from the November 22, 2019, Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Open Session**

**9:21 a.m.** The minutes from the November 22, 2019, Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Open Session were provided in the Board packet. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Pestello and seconded by Commissioner Brown. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**5. Minutes from the December 10, 2019, Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Open Session**

**9:21 a.m.** The minutes from the December 10, 2019, Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Open Session were provided in the Committee packet. Commissioner Cox asked that, on page 4, under Item #8, the minutes be amended to read, "President and CEO Roach stated that the contract would enact the draft plan, which was previously submitted to the Security Subcommittee. *Commissioner Cox asked if the Board would be voting on the actual new security plan. Mr. Roach replied, yes.*" A motion to approve the minutes, as amended, was made by Commissioner Cox and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**6. Minutes from the January 3, 2020, Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Open Session**

**9:23 a.m.** The minutes from the January 3, 2020, Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Open Session were provided in the Committee packet. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Zimmerman and seconded by Commissioner Pestello. Commissioner Windmiller abstained from the vote. **The motion passed.**

**7. Report of the President**

**9:24 a.m.** President & CEO, Taulby Roach, stated that he has asked Jessica Mefford-Miller, Executive Director Metro Transit and Ted Zimmerman, Vice President Marketing & Communications, to begin a pilot program with regard to mobile ticketing, and he asked Ms. Mefford-Miller to provide an update.

Ms. Mefford-Miller thanked the riders who came to speak today to give input on what they would like to see with regard to improvements to the system. She stated that Gateway Go was a summer program for 2019 and 2020. She stated that they are currently gearing up for a continuation of that program, and are meeting with their funding partners, to see if there is interest in maintaining the program. Ms. Mefford-Miller stated that this will be part of a larger review of fare policies. She stated that over the course of the next year, there will be public engagement activities regarding the fare policies and pricing. She noted that they are interested in developing an electronic fare collection program, inclusive of mobile ticketing. Ms. Mefford-Miller noted that the first step in the implementation of mobile ticketing is the launching of Wi-Fi throughout the system and installation of validation equipment, which is being included in the budgeting process. She stated that she would like to speak further with those who gave comments today, and asked that they speak with Ted Zimmerman before they leave today, to ensure that we have contact information for them.

Vice Chair Holman thanked Ms. Mefford-Miller for her update. She noted that at a recent meeting, there was a request for approval of Trapeze software, and she noted that, at that time, she asked the question of when we can be on the “leading edge” of this technology. She stated that she would like to reiterate that question. Ms. Mefford-Miller stated that the pilot program was designed as a learning process, and she believes the scope of work in the current RFP will get us to that point; however, she noted that the rollout will be incremental. Commissioner Cox stated that, with regard to mobile ticketing, when the roll-out begins, he would like to see the public be involved in that process. President & CEO Roach stated that it is accurate to say that we are playing “catch up”, but we are dedicated to modernizing the system.

President & CEO Roach stated that on today’s agenda is the final of the three Police Department contracts, the contract with St. Louis City. He stated that this is a new era of collaboration, and it is the first time in over six years that we have been under contract with all three Police Departments.

Mr. Roach noted that a long time, distinguished member of the team, Scott Grott, is retiring. Ms. Mefford-Miller commended Mr. Grott for his 18 years of service to Metro Transit and acknowledged his accomplishments.

Commissioner Gully extended congratulations to Mr. Grott on his retirement, and asked about the succession plan for his position. Ms. Mefford-Miller stated that, for now, Martin Gulley, Director of Light Rail Operations, will be reporting directly to her, and they are currently in the process of important succession planning.

**8. Report of the Combined Operations Committee and Audit, Finance, & Administration Committee**

**9:33 a.m.** Vice Chair Holman stated that a combined meeting of the Operations Committee and Audit, Finance, & Administration Committee was held on January 24, 2020, at 8:30 a.m., and the draft minutes of that meeting are included in the Board Packet today under Tab #8.

She stated that the Committee is introducing eight (8) items on the Consent Agenda for consideration today, under Item #11, with the Committees’ recommendation of approval. Those items include the following:

Consent Agenda Item(s):

- a. Contract Award – Gillig, To Purchase 4 Battery Electric Buses (Resolution #1024)
- b. Contract Award – Transit and MetroLink Station Advertising Services (Resolution #1025)
- c. Bi-State Development Research Institute Pilot Food Kiosks Donation (Resolution #1026)
- d. Contract Award – Design Services for Repurposing of Tucker Theater at the Gateway Arch (Resolution #1027)
- e. Police Assistance Services Agreement with the St. Louis City Metropolitan Police Department (Resolution # 1028)
- f. Sole Source Contract for Temporary Financial Consultant (Resolution #1029)
- g. Appointment of Successor Trustee for Light Rail Vehicle Lease Transactions (Resolution #1030)
- h. Contract Modification – Extension of Contract with Arthur J. Gallagher (Resolution #1031)

She stated that the Committee is presenting two (2) additional items for the Board's consideration today, with the Committees' recommendation for approval, which include the following items:

12. Contract Award – Microtransit Pilot Project (Resolution #1032)
13. Contract Award – Construction of Charging Infrastructure for Battery Electric Buses (Resolution #1033)

Vice Chair Holman also noted that, at the January meeting, several reports were provided, including:

- 2019 Pension Valuations Update
- 401(k) Plan Audit Update
- Financial Statements
- Treasurers Report
- Procurement Report 1st Quarter – FY20
- SSO-Accident & Incident Investigations Audit
- Treasury Safekeeping Report 09/30/2019
- IAD Follow-Up 2nd Quarter FY 2020
- IAD Status Report 2nd Quarter FY 2020
- IAD SSO Status Report 4th Quarter Calendar Year 2019

**(Note: Item #9 was addressed after Items 10 & 11.)**

**10. Adjustment of Consent Agenda**

**9:37 a.m.** Vice Chair Holman asked if there were any changes to be made to the Consent Agenda. None were noted.

**11. Consent Agenda Items**

**9:37 a.m.** Consent Agenda Items:

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A motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items, as presented, was made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Simmons. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**9. Report of the Security Sub-Committee**

**9:39 a.m.** Commissioner Simmons reported that a meeting of the Security Sub-Committee was held on January 8, 2020, at 8:30 a.m., and the draft minutes of that meeting are included in the Board Packet under Tab #9. He noted that, at the January meeting, an update regarding Contract Security and the Status of Secondary Officers was provided by Stephen Berry, General Manager of Public Safety, and Kevin Scott, Director of Security.

Commissioner Cox stated that he sits on the Security Sub-Committee and we spent \$900,000 on the WSP report, and he has been asking for months, that the Committee go through the actual study, and then present what we think, the Board would like to vote on. He stated that there are a lot of changes that we have heard about, but this Board has never voted on any of the changes contained in the plan. He stated that, if criticism comes, it was not even a Board decision. Commissioner Cox stated that he is confused, and would like to know who sets the policy for Bi-State regarding security.

President & CEO Roach stated that as we negotiate complex transit services, ATU contracts, etc., we bring these items to decision points for the Board of Commissioners. He stated that the Board does not have time to review the details of every contract, so staff negotiates the contracts and boil down items to decisions points to bring to the Board. He noted that all Police Department contracts were brought to the Board for a vote, and the Security team reported several times to the Sub-Committee on the status of the security contract, for input from the Board to be incorporated. Mr. Roach stated that the draft Security Plan is now complete, and will be presented by WSP at the next Security Sub-Committee Meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup>. He stated that he disagrees that there has not been opportunity for the Board to comment on the plan, and we take those comments quite seriously. He noted that he only received the completed WSP report last night, and that report will be distributed to the Board.

Commissioner Cox stated that he feels that Mr. Roach does not understand his concerns. He stated that, for example, with the new security contract with G4S, the Security Sub-Committee was told that they were down to two or three companies, but then the Board was only given one contract to vote on. He stated that the Board was not given input on the other companies that were being considered. Commissioner Cox stated that this was the same situation regarding disarming of our security, which will happen on April 1<sup>st</sup>. He stated that the Board never voted on that issue, so if criticism comes, the Board never voted on these issues.

President and CEO Roach stated that he agrees that we are guided by policy from the Board; however, there are millions of dollars of Bi-State contracts that utilize our sophisticated procurement process. He stated that we use panels to analyze the bids for all contracts, that takes dozens and dozens of hours of time, and then at the conclusion of those procurement processes, we ask for endorsement of the process by the Board. He stated that the role of the Board is to come to a final decision on a contract, yea or nay, with input from staff, which they provide to the Board.

Commissioner Zimmerman stated that, on February 4<sup>th</sup>, President & CEO Roach shared information with the Board regarding G4S, and a USA Today article. He thanked Mr. Roach for that information. He stated that he wants to make sure we get off on the right foot with G4S. He stated that he would like to see the specific questions we asked them, and the actual e-mails with G4S. He asked if that information could be supplied in advance of the meeting next Tuesday.



Mr. Roach stated yes. Mr. Roach stated that Mr. Scott led most of those conversations, and he will speak to Mr. Scott regarding that process, and also have him report on this issue at the Security Sub-Committee Meeting.

Commissioner Cox stated that, he asked on December 10<sup>th</sup>, will the Board get to vote on the new security plan, and the answer was yes. He stated that he would like to know if that is still the plan, and if that vote will take place before April 1<sup>st</sup>. President/CEO Roach stated that, for clarification, he feels that he has been very transparent with the Board as to how we have moved forward with this process. He stated that Lurae Stuart, WSP, will be making a presentation to the Security Sub-Committee on February 25<sup>th</sup>, and noted that it will be on the agenda for approval, and that Commissioner Cox would have the opportunity to voice any objections to the plan, at that time.

Commissioner Windmiller asked for clarification, if Commissioner Zimmerman is asking that the G4S issue be an agenda item at the Security Sub-Committee Meeting. Commissioner Zimmerman stated that it would just be an informational item for discussion. He stated that since the article referred to improper hiring practices, which causes concerns, he wants to make sure we have answers before moving forward. Commissioner Windmiller stated that she concurs with that, and she would be happy to have that conversation at the meeting. Commissioner Beach stated that he concurs; however, he thinks it is important to note that this G4S is a large corporation, with over 600,000 employees, and in an organization of that size, it is not unusual for there to be some “bad apples”. Commissioner Pestello asked if Mr. Roach could resend the G4S information that was previously sent, in advance of Tuesday’s meeting, as well. Mr. Roach stated that the information will be resent.

**12. Contract Award – Microtransit Pilot Project (Resolution #1032)**

**9:54 a.m.** A briefing paper was provided in the Board packet, regarding a request to refer to the Board of Commissioners, for approval, a request to authorize the BSD President and CEO to enter into a contract with the highest ranking firm, Via Transportation; to provide the necessary services to provide the Microtransit Pilot Project, for one base year and three option years, in a not to exceed amount of \$5,866,886.00.

Jessica Gershman, Assistant Executive Director for Planning & System Development, provided a brief overview of this issue, noting that a 12-month pilot project is anticipated, with the total contract consisting of one base year and three option years for Bi-State Development (BSD) to renew at its discretion.

A motion to approve this agenda item, as presented, was made by Commissioner Windmiller and seconded by Commissioner Brown. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**13. Contract Award – Construction of Charging Infrastructure for Battery Electric Buses (Resolution #1033)**

**9:57 a.m.** A briefing paper was provided in the Board packet, regarding a request to authorize the President and CEO to enter into a contract with New Flyer Infrastructure Solutions to provide the necessary services for the Construction of Charging Infrastructure for Battery Electric Buses (E-Bus Infrastructure), in an amount not to exceed \$8,720,000, which includes a 15% contingency.

Chris Poehler, Assistant Executive Director of Engineering Systems, provided a brief overview of this issue, stating that Bi-State Development / Metro is in the process of procuring an initial fleet of Battery Electric Buses (BEBs) to partially replace diesel buses currently in operation. He noted that, in order to enable operation of this initial battery electric fleet, charging infrastructure is necessary at the Brentwood Bus Maintenance Facility and at the Broadway-Taylor Transit Center. This charging infrastructure will consist of charging units themselves, new dedicated power supplies, and mounting structures to enable safe operation. The chargers at Brentwood will provide overnight charging capability and the chargers at Broadway-Taylor will enable on-route charging as necessary to maintain a sufficient state of charge to complete scheduled operations. He stated that management is recommending approval of a contract with New Flyer Infrastructure Solutions to provide the necessary services for the Construction of Charging Infrastructure for Battery Electric Buses (E-Bus Infrastructure), in an amount not to exceed \$8,720,000.

A motion to approve this agenda item, as presented, was made by Commissioner Gully and seconded by Commissioner Brown. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**14. Reimbursement Agreement between Bi-State Development and Great Rivers Greenway for a Pedestrian Crossing Gate Improvement (Resolution #1034)**

**9:58 a.m.** A briefing paper was provided in the Board packet, regarding a request for approval for Bi-State Development staff to finalize, and the President and CEO execute, the reimbursement agreement (Agreement) between BSD and Great Rivers Greenway (GRG), a public entity, for a Pedestrian Crossing Gate improvement along the BSD MetroLink alignment near the Wellston MetroLink station. Jeff Braun, Director, Real Estate, provided a brief overview of this issue.

A motion to approve this agenda item, as presented, was made by Commissioner Beach and seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**Commissioner Gully left the meeting at approximately 10:00 a.m.**

**15. Bi-State Development Public Comment Policy**

**10:00 a.m.** A memo was provided in the Board packet, regarding potential changes to Board Policy with regard to submittal of public comment cards. Barbara Enneking, General Counsel, reviewed the proposed changes to the policy, contained in the red-lined version of the policy, contained in the Board packet. Discussion was held regarding additional potential changes, such as allowing submittal of speaker cards on the day of the meeting, as long as they are submitted prior to the start of the meeting, and changing the allotted time to speak from 5 minutes per person, to 3 minutes per person. Ms. Enneking will revise the policy, as has been directed by the Board, and this item will be presented for Committee consideration at the Combined Meeting of the Operations Committee and Audit, Finance, & Administration Committee in March, 2020.

**16. Metro Transit Operations Report**

**10:11 a.m.** A Metro Transit Operations, Quarterly Update, was provided in the Board Packet. Jessica Mefford-Miller, Executive Director Metro Transit, provided a brief update to the Board, noting a year over year ridership increase. She noted that staff is moving forward with Metro Reimagined. She stated that a grant was recently received which will be used for the purpose of increasing connectivity of routes. Ms. Mefford-Miller also noted that they are actively recruiting for Bus Operators.

**17. Unscheduled Business**

**10:13 a.m.** There was no unscheduled business. Commissioner Cox read an excerpt from a letter from John Meyer, President of the Loop Trolley, to St. Louis County Executive Sam Page, Mayor Krewson, and Mr. Roach, indicating that Mr. Mokhtee Ahmad has stated at our recent Board Meeting, that the funds discussed at that meeting could only be used for the Loop Trolley project. Commissioner Cox read an excerpt from the minutes of the Bi-State Board of Commissioners meeting, which noted that the flex funds could be used for another project, as long as the project meets the criteria. Commissioner Cox stated that he wanted to address the fact that what is contained in Mr. Meyer's letter, is not what happened at the meeting.

**18. Call of Dates for Future Board and Committee Meetings**

This item was not addressed at the meeting.

**19. Adjournment to Executive Session – If such action is approved by a majority vote of the Bi-State Development Agency's Board of Commissioners who constitute a quorum, the Board may go into closed session to discuss legal, confidential, or privileged matters pursuant to Bi-State Development Board Policy Chapter 10, §10.080(D) Closed Records; Legal under §10.080(D)(1); Real Estate under §10.080(D)(2); Personnel under §10.080(D)(3); Health Proceedings under §10.080(D)(4); Employee Negotiations under §10.080(D)(5); Data Processing under §10.080(D)(6); Purchasing and Contracts under §10.080(D)(7); Proprietary Interest under §10.080(D)(8); Hotlines under §10.080(D)(9); Auditors under §10.080(D)(10); Security under §10.080(D)(11); Computers under §10.080(D)(12); Personal Access Codes under §10.080(D)(13); Personal Information under §10.080(D)(14); Insurance Information under §10.080(D)(15); Rail, Bus, or Facilities Safety and Accidents under §10.080(D)(16) or Protected By Law under §10.080(D)(17).**

**10:16 a.m.** Vice Chair Holman 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) (7) – Purchasing and Contracts; and (D) (10) – Audit.

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

Aliah Holman – Yea  
Vernal Brown – Yea  
Fred Pestello – Yea  
Rose Windmiller – Yea

Terry Beach – Yea  
Derrick Cox – Yea  
Irma Golliday – Yea  
Herbert Simmons – Yea  
Justin Zimmerman – Yea

**The motion passed unanimously, and the Committee moved into Executive Session at approximately 10:17 a.m.**

The Board of Commissioners reconvened to the Regular Meeting at approximately 10:32 a.m.

Vice Chair Holman noted that, per recent changes to Board Policy, no final action votes will be taken in a closed meeting or closed (executive) session. For items requiring final action, a roll call vote shall be taken in open session.

Commissioner Windmiller made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 22, 2019, Executive Session Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, as presented, as a closed record. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman.

Aliah Holman – Yea  
Vernal Brown – Yea  
Fred Pestello – Yea  
Rose Windmiller – Yea

Terry Beach – Yea  
Derrick Cox – Yea  
Irma Golliday – Yea  
Herbert Simmons – Yea  
Justin Zimmerman – Yea

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items, as presented, including: Draft Office Supply Program Audit (Resolution #1035), Final Pharmacy Benefits – Express Scripts Clinical Edits Audit (Resolution #1036), and Draft Healthcare Claims Audit (Resolution #1037). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Aliah Holman – Yea  
Vernal Brown – Yea  
Fred Pestello – Yea  
Rose Windmiller – Yea

Terry Beach – Yea  
Derrick Cox – Yea  
Irma Golliday – Yea  
Herbert Simmons – Yea  
Justin Zimmerman – Yea

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Vice Chair Holman asked if there was any further business, and being none, Commissioner Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Simmons. Unanimous vote in favor was taken. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:34 a.m.

  
Deputy Secretary to the Board of Commissioners  
Bi-State Development

**Statement of Edie Cuminale to Bi State Development Board of Commissioners meeting 2/21/20**

**RE: LOOP TROLLEY**

**I am here to ask you to reconsider your decision regarding Metro running the Loop Trolley. It is not in anybody's best interest to "throw the baby out with the bathwater".**

**The exceptional leadership team at Metro has assured all parties that the trolley can run without any additional funding for a finite period (I think it was 4 years). Believe in that Leadership team they have done an amazing job on Metro Reimagined and I think they will do an equally amazing job with the Trolley; if necessary and to promote a more regional view it could be renamed The History Museum Trolley with the added attraction of traveling a historic route and being able to connect with the Forest Park Trolley to other points of interest all accessible by public transit !**

**It is a greater jeopardy to federal public transit funding for our region to kill the Trolley before it even has a chance to work than to allow Metro, with a proven record, to make it work and become part of the fabric of our neighborhoods. It might even help to stimulate economic development along its route.**

**I hope that you will reconsider your decision and see the benefit to the region to give the Trolley a chance.**

**Thank you,  
Edie Cuminale  
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