

**Regional Transit Authority
June 23, 1995**

Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. by Chairman Laing. It was held in Room 402 of the King County Courthouse, 516 third Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

Attendance

Chairman:

Bruce Laing, King County Councilmember

Vice Chairs:

Dave Earling, Edmonds Councilmember

Paul Miller, Tacoma City Councilmember

King County:

Don Davidson, Bellevue Mayor

Mary Gates, Federal Way Mayor

Greg Nickels, King County Councilmember

Pierce County:

Sharon Boekelman, Bonney Lake Councilmember

Ken Madsen, Pierce County Councilmember

Snohomish County:

Bob Drewel, Snohomish County Executive

Washington State Department of Transportation:

Sid Morrison, Secretary

The following Board members arrived after roll call:

King County:

Martha Choe, Seattle Councilmember

Jane Hague, King County Councilmember

Gary Locke, King County Executive

Jim White, Kent Mayor

Report of the Chair

Mr. Laing indicated that the 30 minute business meeting would be followed by a workshop. During that workshop, Boardmembers would break up into caucuses by county. A computerized version of the system planning kit would also be utilized by both Boardmembers and the public.

Mr. Laing continued to say that he would be appointing two ad-hoc committees. The first of these committees is a nominating committee, the purpose of which is to nominate officers of the Board. The current officers were appointed in September of 1993 for two year terms, which would expire this September. The three County Executives, the Mayor of Seattle, and Mayor Mary Gates of Federal Way were asked to serve as a nominating committee. Recommendations will be made to the Board at the July 14th meeting so that action can be taken at a subsequent meeting.

The second committee is a search committee for an executive director. The two vice chairs, the three county executives, a Board member from the city of Seattle (either the Mayor or Councilmember Choe) and Mayor Jim White have been asked to serve on this committee. Mr. Laing has appointed himself as chair. The search committee will first recommend a process for selecting a new executive director

Mr. Laing then indicated that this would be Councilmember Sharon Boekelman's last Board meeting. He expressed his appreciation for the work she's done for the RTA, and presented her with a gift on behalf of the Board.

Mr. Laing also recognized that this was Vonie Polomis' last day with the RTA. Ms. Polomis, who served as Board Administrator's Assistant, was thanked for the work she had done for the Board.

Mr. Laing concluded his report by clarifying that he would not find it appropriate to accept the position of Executive Director at the RTA. An editorial in the Seattle Times had started this rumor, and he responded with a letter indicating his position.

Ms. Gates added that the Board's ethics policy indicates that a Boardmember would not even be considered for that position.

Public Comment

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

Mr. Lihuang Wung
Mr. Jack Benson

Mr. Earling, responding to a request from Mr. Laing, indicated that the Public Involvement Committee would follow up on Mr. Benson's comments.

Executive Director Report

Mr. Matoff introduced Mr. Aronson, who gave the Commuter Rail Demonstration Final Report (copy of the report on file).

Boardmembers expressed appreciation for Mr. Aronson's work on the project.

Finance Committee Report

It was moved by Mr. Nickels and seconded by Ms. Gates that the Board adopt Resolution No. 67.

Mr. Nickels reviewed the FY 1996 Budget and Work Plan with the Board (copy on file).

Mr. Miller expressed reservations about the budget being built around a spring 1996 vote. He suggested that the Board may need to seek out additional revenues or savings so that it can consider a fall 1996 vote.

Mr. Nickels indicated that the Finance Committee would be able to respond quickly to Board direction regarding budget adjustments.

The motion to approve Resolution No. 67 was carried by the unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Workshop

Mr. Laing convened the workshop portion of the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

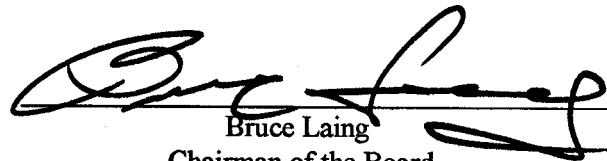
The business meeting was reconvened at 4:15 p.m.

Other Business

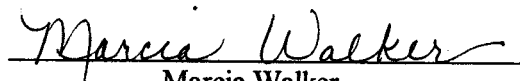
Mr. White distributed a proposal for a revised phase 1 (copy on file).

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.


Bruce Laing
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:


Marcia Walker
Board Administrator