

Connect Transit Board of Trustees
April 3, 2025, 4:20 p.m.
351 Wylie Drive, Normal, IL 61761 – Board Room
Annual Meeting Minutes – Approved at 4/22/25 Meeting

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Ryan Whitehouse called the meeting to order at 4:20 p. m.

B. ROLL CALL:

Board Clerk, Janice Crago, recorded attendance via roll call.

Trustees Present:

Trustee Gina Bianchi
Secretary Linda Foster
Vice Chair Julie Hile (Virtual)
Trustee Mandava Rao
Chairman Ryan Whitehouse

Trustees Absent:

Trustee Judy Buchanan

City Managers Present:

City Manager Jeff Jurgens

City Managers Absent:

City Manager Pam Reece

Staff Present:

David Braun, Managing Director
Brady Lange, Deputy Managing Director
Ashley Strupek, Procurement Manager
Charlie Busse, Maintenance Manager
Janice Crago, Board Clerk
Mark Huffman, Marketing Manager
Pat Kuebrich, Finance Director
Shelly Moss, Operations Director
Stephanie Butler, HR Manager
Steve Stockton, IT Manager

Guest(s) Present:

Shannon Liska, Mobility Rider
Michelle Brown, Mobility Rider
Jo Salata, Mobility Rider
Elizabeth Monteros, Mobility Rider

Chairman Whitehouse called for a motion to allow Vice Chair Hile to attend virtually.

Secretary Foster motioned; seconded by Trustee Bianchi.

Discussion:

Chairman Whitehouse explained that Vice Chair Hile was requesting to attend virtually for work purposes, which is an approved reason.

Rollcall Vote:

AYE: Trustee Bianchi, Secretary Foster, Trustee Rao, Chairman Whitehouse

NAY: None

Motion to allow Vice Chair Hile to attend virtually was **approved**.

C. RECEIVE NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICES OF BOARD CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR, AND SECRETARY:

Chairman Whitehouse stated the purpose of the Annual Meeting was to receive nominations for the positions of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary and asked for motions for each position.

Secretary Foster made a motion to nominate Ryan Whitehouse for the position of Board Chair.

Chairman Whitehouse asked if there were any other motions the position of Chair.

Seeing no more motions, Chairman Whitehouse closed the motion.

Chairman Whitehouse asked the clerk to call the roll.

Rollcall Vote:

AYE: Trustee Bianchi, Secretary Foster, Vice Chair Hile, Trustee Rao, Chairman Whitehouse

NAY: None

The motion for Ryan Whitehouse to serve as Chair for FY26 was **approved**.

Chairman Whitehouse called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair.

Secretary Foster made a motion to nominate Julie Hile for the position of Vice Chair.

Chairman Whitehouse asked if there were any other motions the position of Vice Chair.

Seeing no more motions, Chairman Whitehouse closed the motion.

Chairman Whitehouse asked the clerk to call the roll.

Rollcall Vote:

AYE: Trustee Bianchi, Secretary Foster, Vice Chair Hile, Trustee Rao, Chairman Whitehouse

NAY: None

Motion for Julie Hile to serve as Vice Chair for FY26 was **approved**.

Chairman Whitehouse called for nominations for the position of Secretary.

Chairman Whitehouse made a motion to nominate Linda Foster for the position of Secretary.

Chairman Whitehouse asked if there were any other motions the position of Secretary.

Seeing no more motions, Chairman Whitehouse closed the motion.

Chairman Whitehouse asked the clerk to call the roll.

Rollcall Vote:

AYE: Trustee Bianchi, Secretary Foster, Vice Chair Hile, Trustee Rao, Chairman Whitehouse

NAY: None

Motion for Linda Foster to serve as Secretary for FY26 was **approved**.

D. CLOSE NOMINATIONS:

Nominations were closed during nominations.

E. ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS:

Elections were held during nominations.

F. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Whitehouse called for a Motion to Adjourn.

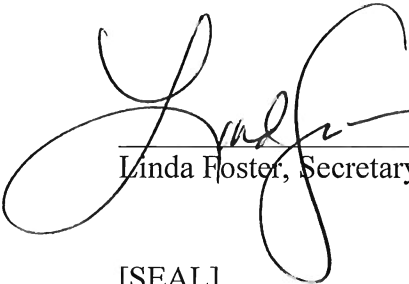
Secretary Foster motioned; seconded by Trustee Rao.

Rollcall Vote:

AYE: Trustee Bianchi, Secretary Foster, Vice Chair Hile, Trustee Rao, Chairman Whitehouse

NAY: None

Motion to adjourn the Board of Trustees Annual Meeting was **approved by consensus**; meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

 4/22/25

Linda Foster, Secretary / Date

Janice Crago 4.22.25

Janice Crago, Board Clerk / Date

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