# PIERCE TRANSIT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

### June 4, 2021

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Woodards called the special meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

## **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners present:

Chris Beale, City of Tacoma Councilmember

Marty Campbell, Vice Chair of the Board, Pierce County Councilmember

Kent Keel, City of University Councilmember (representing University Place and Fircrest)

Ryan Mello, Pierce County Councilmember

Kim Roscoe, Mayor of Fife (representing Fife/Milton/ Pacific/Auburn/Gig Harbor/

Ruston/Steilacoom)

Kristina Walker, City of Tacoma Councilmember

Victoria Woodards, Chair of the Board, Mayor of the City of Tacoma

#### Commissioners excused:

John Palmer, Deputy Mayor for City of Puyallup (representing Puyallup and Edgewood) Jason Whalen, Deputy Mayor for City of Lakewood

# Staff present:

Amy Cleveland, Interim Chief Executive Officer

Sue Dreier, Chief Executive Officer

Deanne Jacobson, Clerk of the Board

Brittany Carbullido, Assistant to the CEO/Deputy Clerk of the Board

Aaron Millstein, General Counsel from K&L Gates

# **WELCOMING REMARKS**

Chair Woodards welcomed attendees and thanked the Commissioners for meeting on short notice. She noted that the agency is currently in the process of selecting a new CEO to replace Ms. Dreier and is taking steps to position the agency during the transition process. She reported that today's meeting is being convened to address the appointment of an Interim CEO until the new CEO is hired and to evaluate whether the agency should proceed with an on-call contract for Ms. Dreier to provide consulting services to Pierce Transit and the new CEO during the transition process.

#### RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Woodards recessed the meeting into executive session at 1:40 p.m. for approximately 30 minutes to 1) discuss potential legal risks of a proposed action that could result in adverse legal or financial consequences to the agency, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1) (iii); and 2) evaluate the qualifications of an Interim CEO, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1) (g).

Chair Woodards also reported that when the Board returns to open session, the Board may discuss whether the agency should proceed with an on-call contract for the current CEO to provide consulting services to Pierce Transit and the new Chief Executive Officer during the transition

period and related contract terms. The Board may also discuss the qualifications of an Interim CEO candidate and may appoint an Interim CEO until a new Chief Executive Officer is hired.

At 2:10 p.m., it was announced to attendees that the Executive Session would be extended 10 minutes. (*Aaron Millstein, General Counsel, left the meeting.*)

At 2:20 p.m., it was announced to attendees that the Executive Session would be extended 15 minutes.

At 2:37 p.m., it was announced to attendees that the Executive Session would be extended 5 minutes.

## RECONVENE BACK TO OPEN SESSION

At 2:40 p.m., the regular meeting was reconvened. Chair Woodards announced that the Board intends to appoint Amy Cleveland, Executive Director of Administration, as the Interim CEO and they will formalize that appointment at the June 14, 2021, Board meeting.

Chair Woodards thanked Ms. Cleveland for taking on this extra responsibility.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioners Keel and Walker **moved** and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Deanne Jacobson

Deanne Jacobson Clerk of the Board Victoria Woodards, Chair Board of Commissioners

Victoria R. Woodards