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CCCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

October 15, 2026

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/CONFIRM QUORUM

Secretary Sue Noack called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9:00 a.m. Board Members present were Directors Diaz, Hillis, Noack, Rubio, Wilk and Worth. Director Andersen arrived after the meeting convened. Directors Farley, Hoffmeister, Storer and Tatzin were absent.

Staff: Churchill, Dixit, Sherman, Boehm, Glenn, Hill, Horta, Jones, Johnson, and Smith

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Andersen arrived at 9:02 a.m.

MOTION: Director Wilk moved approval of the Consent Calendar, consisting of the following items: (a) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 17, 2026; (b) Contract Amendment for Fare-Free Paratransit Service on Routes 4 and 5, Resolution No. 2027-09; (c) Low Carbon Transportation Operations Program (LCTOP) Allocation Request - FY 25/26, Resolution No. 2027-08. Director Worth seconded the motion, and it received the following roll call vote of approval:

Aye:	Directors Andersen, Diaz, Hillis, Noack, Rubio, Wilk and Worth
No:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Directors Farley, Hoffmeister, Storer and Tatzin

REPORT OF CHAIR: None

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER:

Authority Reorganization

General Manager Bill Churchill informed the Board that the retirement of the Authority's previous Chief Operating Officer (COO) earlier this year provided an opportunity to evaluate the agency's organizational structure and identify ways to improve efficiency. As part of the reorganization, Yvette Glenn, formerly the Director of Transportation, has been promoted to Chief Operating Officer. The General Manager also noted that several personnel changes and departmental realignments have been made to support the new structure. He expressed confidence that these changes will improve the Authority's overall efficiency and operations.

Report on APTA Transform & Expo

General Manager Bill Churchill explained that due to the austerity measures adopted in June, attendance at this year's APTA Expo was limited to three staff members and two Board members.

The State of Illinois enacted the NITA Act, which consolidates the three major transit agencies—the Chicago Transit Authority, Metra, and Pace—under a single governing body. The legislation also provides $1.5 billion in state funding to support the integration and further enhancement of the region's public transportation system.

The conference also presented information on a new Solaris bus and smaller electric shuttles, which are not yet Buy America compliant, but are working toward becoming so.

Directors Wilk and Hillis both stated that the conference was informative and beneficial for them both.

Thanksgiving Feast on November 19, 2026

General Manager Bill Churchill informed the Board that our annual company Thanksgiving feast will be held on Thursday, November 19, 2026, following the regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Holiday Party on December 19, 2026

General Manager Bill Churchill informed the Board that our company Holiday party will be held on December 19, 2026.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Marketing, Planning & Legislative Committee

Year-round Youth Ride Free Funding Request to TRANSPAC

Andy Smith, Director of Planning, gave a brief background explaining that County Connection funded and operated a two-month summer Youth Ride Free (YRF) pilot in June and July 2025, offering fare-free rides to riders aged 5 to 18 systemwide, with Tri Delta Transit and WestCAT participating using their own funding. This program was repeated in June and July 2026, with County Connection's portion funded by Transportation Partnership and Cooperation (TRANSPAC) and the Southwest Area Transportation Committee (SWAT). The success of the pilots demonstrated how a no pass, no-signup, "get on and go" program like YRF was a very cost-effective method of increasing youth ridership on transit and normalizing transit use for our younger generation.

Due to the success of the two YRF pilots, staff recently submitted a request to the TRANSPAC to fund a year-round YRF program. This program would operate in the same manner as the two YRF pilots, with the sole exception of being year-round rather than summer-only. This request will be considered by the TRANSPAC Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the TRANSPAC Board at their October meetings.

The requested funds would fully offset the costs of not charging a fare for youth passengers, and the resulting increase in ridership can be accommodated within County Connection's existing service and schedules.

Closed Session:
The Board went into Closed Session at 10:08 a.m.

Liability Claim (Government Code Section 54954.5)

Claimant: Crume
Open Session:

The Board came back into Open Session at 10:21 a.m. There was no reportable action.

BOARD COMMUNICATION: None

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Storer adjourned the regular Board meeting at 10:23 a.m.

Minutes prepared by:
Lathina Hill Date: November 9, 2026
Asst to the General Manager/Clerk to the Board of Directors