

MEETING NOTICE

TO:	North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority Board Member	S
FROM:	Linda Thomas, Chair	
DATE:	Wednesday, August 19, 2020	
SUBJECT:	Special Called Board Meeting	

The next meeting of the NET RMA is scheduled as follows:

DATE:	Wednesday, August 19, 2020
TIME:	10:00 A.M.
PLACE:	Videoconference accessible at www.netrma.org

Enclosed please find the agenda and other pertinent information for your review prior to the meeting. Should you have any questions, please call Bianca Felux at 903.630.7894.

NORTH EAST TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY (NET RMA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL CALLED MEETING Wednesday, August 19, 2020, 10:00 A.M.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Pursuant to the suspension of certain open meetings laws by Governor Greg Abbott, this meeting will be held by video and teleconference in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings to slow the spread of COVID-19. Some staff and Board Members may be present in the NET RMA offices while others may attend the meeting via telephonic and/or videoconference. In order to maintain safe social distancing, members of the public will not be permitted to attend in person. Instead, we ask that you access the Board Meeting online via our website at <u>www.netrma.org</u>. Members of the public that wish to join the telephonic and/or videoconference to provide comments during the Board Meeting must register by 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 by submitting a witness registration form at <u>www.netrma.org</u> or by contacting the NET RMA at (903) 630-7894.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Notice of this meeting was posted with the Secretary of State's Office and on the NET RMA website and office on Friday, August 14, 2020.

10:10 AM. In attendance: Bill Bala, Chet Clayton, Dan Droege, Dave Spurrier, Jason Ray, John Cloutier, Keith Honey, Larry Morse, Nathan Priefert, Robert Messer

2. INVOCATION

Linda Thomas provided the invocation.

3. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM/COMMENT PERIOD

Linda Thomas thanked Barham Fulmer and Mike Thomas for their valuable contributions to the NET RMA and the many years they served. She stated that they will be dearly missed. There will be an honorable resolution at the next meeting. She also welcomed Bill Bala and Derrick Choice from Smith County to the Board.

4. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SELECT AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NET RMA AND APPROVAL OF THE TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT ASSOCIATED THEREWITH. (RESOLUTION 20-20) Action Item

Jason Ray thanked all that were part of the personnel committee and thanked Everett Owen for their work. He stated all board members should have received a briefing on Glenn Green for Executive Director position. The focus was on communications between board and staff. They also looked into his experience as an engineer for TxDOT. Through Glenn Green's experience as an engineer for TxDOT, he is familiar with most of the NET RMA judges and officials in the East Texas area. John Cloutier asked if Mr. Green had any feelings towards current body of works like the Priority Projects? Jason Ray stated that he does not believe they got much of an opinion during the meetings with Glenn Green but the importance of the Priority Projects to the board was expressed. Dave Spurrier asked if the projects focused on by the Long Range Planning Committee were also discussed. Jason Ray stated that Glenn Green has a lot of experience in that area with his previous TxDOT experience. He seems to be in line with their goals. Dan Droege stated that Glenn Green is up to speed on all projects. Chet Clayton stated that he was in on the interview and Mr. Green is very knowledgeable on the projects and the process of getting the projects implemented. He knows how to get them finished. He also laid out very clearly how he does his planning for TxDOT. Chet Clayton stated he was very impressed with his knowledge. Keith Honey also stated that Glenn Green has great experience and he believes that he is a good fit. He requests that Mr. Green adds meetings or phone calls with board members to his agenda early so that they can get to know each other, and he can get a sense of what their priorities are. John Cloutier asked if it surprises anyone else that they only had one applicant? Jason Ray stated the position was posted on the NET RMA website. Everett Owen reached out to numerous applicants and there was interest, but Glenn Green was the only one that submitted his application. Brian O'Reilly stated that the resolution was to have approval of the extension of the contract but to come back to the board after negotiations are met. Dave Spurrier asked what the time horizon of the contract would be? Jason Ray stated in the past they had a 3 year contract with Chris but they will not have the moving cost that they had with Chris with Glenn so they do not think this is a short term play by Glenn. They believe this is a second career for him. They do not believe they have a need for a multi-year contract with Glenn. The contract details

have not yet been decided. Robert Messer stated that he feels comfortable letting the personnel committee make the decision and does not think it is necessary to bring it back to the board once negotiations have been concluded.

Motion to approve: Robert Messer; 2nd: Larry Morse. Unanimously approved.

6. ADJOURNMENT

10:24

EXECUTIVE SESSION - PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, SUBCHAPTER D, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, IF ANY

- > At any time during the meeting of the NET RMA Board of Directors, the Board may meet in executive session for consultation concerning matters under Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, including:
 - A. Section 551.071. Consultation with Attorney—Consultation with and advice from legal counsel concerning pending/contemplated litigation, settlement offers and negotiations, ongoing disputes and potential disputes, and other legal issues.
 - B. Section 551.074. Personnel Matters—Deliberation concerning the appointment, employment, reassignment, evaluation, duties, discipline, and/or dismissal of personnel.

OPEN COMMENT PERIOD

The Board will allow an open comment period, <u>not to exceed one hour</u>, to receive public comment on any other matter that is under the jurisdiction of the Board, including an item listed on the agenda. Public comment that does not relate to a specific agenda item must be made during the open comment period. You must be recognized by the Chair. Each speaker will be allowed a <u>maximum of three (3) minutes</u>. For subjects that are not otherwise part of the agenda for the meeting, Board members may neither comment nor question speakers during the open comment period, but may request the Chair, or a recognized committee, to investigate the subject further. No action will be taken on matters that are not part of the agenda for the meeting.

NOTE

Enumerated agenda items are assigned for ease of reference only, and will not necessarily be considered by the Board in that particular order. The Chair may rearrange the order in which agenda items are considered. Presenters with audiovisual needs are requested to contact NET RMA at 903.630.7894 at least two working days prior to the meeting.

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