I. Oath of Office

Chair Cooper administered the Oath of Office to new Williamson County representative Eric Stratton.

II. Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

III. Action Items:

1. Approval of a resolution appointing Eric Stratton to the Finance, Audit and Administration Committee.

   RESULT: ADOPTED [7 TO 0]
   MOVER: Rita Jonse
   SECONDER: Jeffrey Travillion
   AYES: Cooper, Garza, Kitchen, Jonse, Renteria, Travillion, Stratton
   AWAY: Terry Mitchell

2. Approval of a resolution adopting a change to the Capital Metro Fare Structure to provide Free Fares for K-12 students on all Capital Metro services and MetroAccess passengers under the age of 19, and authorizing the President & CEO, or his designee, to implement the change.

   Chief Financial Officer Reinet Marneweck presented this item.

   Board member Garza spoke to the issue of using IDs to verify eligibility for this fare. President Clarke commented that we will be working with AISD and other districts to tie them into future fare systems including smartcard technologies.
Board member Travillion spoke to the idea of using resources wisely but working with our partners to insure that we are providing access to locations where AISD, ACC and other entities have activities.

Board member Renteria spoke in favor of the resolution and noted that we will be looking at other revenue sources to pay for these types of programs, including advertising at bus stops.

Board member Stratton thanked staff for bringing him up to speed so quickly on this issue, and wanted it noted on the record that homeschool students and other students who might not have a student ID can participate. Reinet answered that indeed these types of students can go to the Capital Metro Transit Store to obtain an ID that will allow access.

Chair Cooper added comments that this will provide great opportunities and while we always need to be looking at the bottom line, the costs of this are not great compared with the benefits.

RESULT: ADOPTED [7 TO 0]
MOVER: Sabino Renteria, Board Member
SECONDER: Delia Garza, Board Member
AYES: Cooper, Garza, Kitchen, Jonse, Renteria, Travillion, Stratton
AWAY: Terry Mitchell

3. Approval of a resolution requesting that the Austin City Council consider amendments to the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 25-10 – Sign Regulations, to allow advertising at bus stops and transit facilities for additional revenue for transit services.

President Clarke presented this item, which is based on direction given by the board at the last board meeting. Additional revenue raised via advertising at bus stops would go toward transit services.

Board member Kitchen spoke in favor of this item and believes this is an appropriate request for the board to make. She is excited about the additional revenue this would generate.

RESULT: ADOPTED [7 TO 0]
MOVER: Ann Kitchen, Board Member
SECONDER: Sabino Renteria, Board Member
AYES: Cooper, Garza, Kitchen, Jonse, Renteria, Travillion, Stratton
AWAY: Terry Mitchell
IV. Items for Future Discussion:

V. Adjournment

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