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## **SPECIAL JOINT MEETING NOTICE**

**REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD and  
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT COMMISSION**

**Mears Park Centre Chambers  
230 East Fifth Street  
St. Paul, Minnesota**

**July 23, 1993  
3:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

**The members of the Regional Transit Board and Metropolitan Transit Commission will meet for the purpose of discussing the appropriateness of the salary and benefits approved for the MTC's new chief administrator.**

**John H. Riley  
Chair**



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**Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the  
REGIONAL TRANSIT BOARD and  
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT COMMISSION  
July 23, 1993**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** RTB Members: John Riley, Michael Beard, Sharon Feess, Ruth Franklin, Morgan Grant, Val Higgins, James Hovland, Ruby Hunt, Dennis Schulstad; RTB staff: Gregory Andrews, Kathy Grochowski; MTC Commission Members: Allyson Hartle, Bob Mairs, Todd Paulson, Frank Snowden; MTC staff: Tom Sather

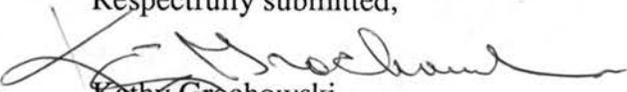
**OTHERS PRESENT:** Laurie Blake, Minneapolis Star Tribune; Don Ahern, St. Paul Pioneer Press; Mary Smith, Janey Gohl, Ken Morris, Metropolitan Council; John Johnson, Amalgamated Transit Union

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. The purpose of the joint meeting was to discuss the appropriateness of the salary and benefits approved for the MTC's new Chief Administrator, Tom Sather. Sather recapped the chronology of his appointment as Chief Administrator. Riley followed with the chronology of how Sather first became the acting chief administrator. Mairs defended the Commission's reasons for not establishing a national search and why they decided on the pay and benefits package offered to Sather. Most RTB members offered favorable comments in regards to Sather's job performance. However, many RTB members felt it would have been more appropriate for the MTC to conduct a national or regional search before offering Sather the job at a salary of \$92,500 and a car. Several members also questioned the political realism of entering a contract of this magnitude while the pay of thousands of state employees has been frozen. Riley asked the Commission members what their next move would be. Mairs said that he would have to confer with the Governor on whether or not they could offer Sather \$78,000 plus the \$8,000 benefit package available to Mike Christenson and, if so, they would reluctantly offer a similar amount to Sather.

No action was taken. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and accurate record of the joint meeting of the Regional Transit Board and the Metropolitan Transit Commission on July 23, 1993.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kathy Grochowski  
Acting Secretary

Approved by the Regional Transit Board on this 2nd day of August 1993.