

Transit Leadership Directory: Federal, Regional & Operating Boards

This directory outlines the executive leadership and governing bodies across the federal, regional, and operating levels serving Northeastern Illinois transit systems: the **Federal Transit Administration (FTA)** (Headquarters and Region 5 Office), the **Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)**, the **Chicago Transit Authority (CTA)**, **Metra**, and **Pace Suburban Bus**.

1. Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

Agency within the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) providing grant funding, regulatory guidance, and safety oversight.

Headquarters Executive Leadership (Washington, D.C.)

- **Administrator:** Marcus J. Molinaro
- **Deputy Administrator:** Tariq Bokhari
- **Acting Executive Director:** Jamie Pfister
- **Associate Administrator for Transit Safety & Oversight (Chief Safety Officer):** Joseph DeLorenzo

Region 5 Office (Chicago, IL)

Jurisdiction: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin

Address: 200 West Adams Street, Suite 320, Chicago, IL 60606

- **Regional Administrator:** Kelley Brookins
 - **Director, Financial Management & Program Oversight:** Stewart McKenzie
 - **Director, Planning & Program Development:** Anthony Greep
 - **Director, Program Management & Project Oversight:** Hassan Dastgir (*Acting*)
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2. Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)

The regional oversight, financial planning, and funding agency for public transit across Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties.

Executive Leadership

- **Chairman:** Kirk Dillard
- **Executive Director:** Leanne Redden

Board of Directors

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Pat Carey	Natasha Jenkins	John Retondo
William R. Coulson	Tom Kotarac	J.D. Ross
Jamie Gathing	Michael W. Lewis	Nora Cay Ryan
Elizabeth D. Gorman	Dennis Mondero	Dr. Brian Sager
Christopher J. Groven	Sarah Pang	John Yonan

3. Chicago Transit Authority (CTA)

Operating service board managing heavy rail ('L') and bus transit within the City of Chicago and 35 surrounding suburbs.

Executive Leadership

- **Chairman:** Lester L. Barclay
- **Acting President:** Nora Leerhsen

Chicago Transit Board

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Rev. Michael Eaddy	Neema Jha	Rosa Y. Ortiz
Michele Lee	Rev. Dr. L. Bernard Jakes	Roberto Requejo

4. Metra (Commuter Rail Division)

Operating service board managing the eleven-line commuter rail network across the six-county metropolitan area.

Executive Leadership

- **Chairman:** Joseph H. McMahon
- **Chief Executive Officer:** James M. Derwinski

Board of Directors

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Paul E. Ruffin	Kenneth D. Koehler	Romayne C. Brown	Stephen Palmer

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Rodney S. Craig	Julius W. (Wes) Becton	Ricardo Estrada	Mimi L. Rodman
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5. Pace Suburban Bus (Suburban Bus Division)

Operating service board managing suburban fixed-route bus services, On Demand transit, and ADA Paratransit across the region.

Executive Leadership

- **Chairman:** Richard A. Kwasneski
- **Executive Director:** Melinda J. Metzger

Board of Directors

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Rachel Arfa	Kyle R. Hastings	Jeffery D. Schielke
Christopher S. Canning	Thomas D. Marcucci	Erin Smith
Terrance Carr	William D. McLeod	Linda Soto
David B. Guerin	John D. Noak	Terry R. Wells

Intergovernmental & Agency Oversight Structure

