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Office of Executive Inspector General for the Agencies of the Illinois Governor Granted Authority to Investigate the Regional Transit Authority, the Chicago Transit Authority, Metra and Pace

CHICAGO, IL: – Today, Governor Quinn's signing of Senate Bill 3965 gives this office expanded jurisdiction. Under SB 3965, the OEIG now has the responsibility to investigate fraud, waste and corruption involving the Regional Transit Authority and its related Transit Boards, the CTA, Metra and Pace. The bill also conveys jurisdiction to the Executive Inspector General for all board members and employees of the RTA and its related Transit Boards, and others doing business with each of them. In addition, SB 3965 requires each Transit Board to designate an ethics officer and requires all Transit Board members and employees to complete annual ethics training. "The signing of the bill is particularly timely in light of the release of two reports relating to management at Metra," stated Executive Inspector General, Ricardo Meza.

The OEIG acts as the Executive Inspector General for over 350 executive branch State agencies, boards, commissions and State public universities. "The Office of Executive Inspector General is ready to perform oversight functions relating to the Transit Boards and has contacted the Chairs of the Boards seeking information necessary to facilitate that process,"[1] stated Sean Ginty, Chief of Staff and General Counsel. Cole Kain, First Deputy Inspector General, added, "The OEIG is mindful of the trust the Governor and General Assembly have placed in this office, and we look forward to further serving Illinois citizens in this new capacity."

SB 3965 was sponsored by State Senator Susan Garrett and State Representative Jack Franks. The effective date of the bill is July 1, 2011.

Individuals are encouraged to report fraud, waste and abuse involving State agencies should contact the OEIG at 866-814-1113 or the OEIG's online complaint form may be found at http://www.inspectorgeneral.illinois.gov.

Created in 2003, the mission of the OEIG is to ensure accountability in State government by functioning as an independent, non-partisan State agency with responsibility, pursuant to state law, to investigate allegations of fraud, waste, abuse, and misconduct in relation to the more than 350 executive branch State agencies, boards, commissions, and State public universities within its jurisdiction and authority. In addition, the OEIG, in conjunction with the Illinois Executive Ethics Commission and in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General, provides oversight to ethics training for the approximately 160,000 employees, appointees, and officials under OEIG jurisdiction.

[1] Copies of the communication to each of the four chairs are attached.

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RICARDO MEZA
EXECUTIVE INSPECTOR GENERAL

Via Electronic Mail

February 14, 2011

Carole R. Doris
Chairman
Metra Board of Directors
547 West Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60661

Re: Senate Bill 3965

Dear Chairman Doris:

As you may know, today, Governor Pat Quinn signed Senate Bill 3965, which will bring Metra's Board of Directors and its staff under the jurisdiction of the Office of Executive Inspector General for the Agencies of the Illinois Governor as of July 1, 2011. I am contacting you in order to begin the process of ensuring that our Office is able to fulfill its statutory obligation. As such, I have asked my administrative assistant, Cheryl Cabiness, to contact you to schedule a meeting between members of our senior management team and you, your executive director, general counsel, and/or any other members of your management or senior staff you wish to invite. During the initial meeting, we would like to provide you and your staff with information relating to our Office and our operations.

In return and in order to have a productive initial meeting, we respectfully request that you notify your board members and all Metra employees of this new law, the OEIG's new role as Executive Inspector General for Metra, and how Metra employees may contact the OEIG to report violations of law, rule, policy, or regulation starting July 1, 2011. For your information, our toll-free hotline is (866) 814-1113 and our complaint forms can be found on our website at www.inspectorgeneral.illinois.gov. We also take in-person complaints at our Chicago and Springfield offices.

Additionally, we request that you or a Metra staff member provide to our Office the following information at your earliest convenience:

- names, titles and contact information (telephone, mailing, and e-mail addresses) for your board's head, its senior staff, chief of staff, and general counsel;

- a copy of Metra's organization chart, including the names and job titles of each division, bureau, department, etc.;
- copies of Metra's employee personnel manual, codes of conduct, ethics ordinances or policies, procurement policies, accounting standards and policies, general policies and practices, and any other established rules, regulations or policies that govern employee conduct and other forms of internal control;
- a list of names of members of Metra's audit committee and compensation committee;
- names, titles, and contact information (telephone, mailing and e-mail addresses) for any existing inspector general with jurisdiction for Metra, and his/her senior staff;
- copies of a current organization chart for any existing inspector general, including the names and titles of each employee;
- copies of each existing inspector's general investigative policies and procedures, including copies of standard forms, such as but not limited to, complaint forms, referral forms, final report forms, etc.;
- copies of any existing Metra employee ethics training materials;
- any audit reports of Metra in the past two years where there was a material finding; and
- the identification of any current/open investigation having a potential or real material financial or operational risk or involving a member of the Metra board or its senior management staff.

Our Office looks forward to meeting with you and your staff. We also look forward to fairly and objectively investigating all allegations of fraud, waste, abuse, or misconduct. For your information, I am enclosing our Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2010 that provides additional information about our Office, including information regarding members of our senior management.

Thank you for your cooperation and if you have any questions or concerns prior to our meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me at (312) 814-8268.

Sincerely,

Ricardo Meza
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RICARDO MEZA
EXECUTIVE INSPECTOR GENERAL

Via Electronic Mail

February 14, 2011

Terry Peterson
Chairman
Chicago Transit Board
567 West Lake Street
Chicago, IL 60661

Re: Senate Bill 3965

Dear Chairman Peterson:

As you may know, today, Governor Pat Quinn signed Senate Bill 3965, which will bring the Chicago Transit Board of Directors and its staff under the jurisdiction of the Office of Executive Inspector General for the Agencies of the Illinois Governor as of July 1, 2011. I am contacting you in order to begin the process of ensuring that our Office is able to fulfill its statutory obligation. As such, I have asked my administrative assistant, Cheryl Cabiness, to contact you to schedule a meeting between members of our senior management team and you, your executive director, general counsel, and/or any other members of your management or senior staff you wish to invite. During the initial meeting, we would like to provide you and your staff with information relating to our Office and our operations.

In return and in order to have a productive initial meeting, we respectfully request that you notify your board members and all Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) employees of this new law, the OEIG's new role as Executive Inspector General for the CTA, and how CTA employees may contact the OEIG to report violations of law, rule, policy, or regulation starting July 1, 2011. For your information, our toll-free hotline is (866) 814-1113 and our complaint forms can be found on our website at www.inspectorgeneral.illinois.gov. We also take in-person complaints at our Chicago and Springfield offices.

Additionally, we request that you or a CTA staff member provide to our Office the following information at your earliest convenience:

- names, titles and contact information (telephone, mailing, and e-mail addresses) for your board's head, its senior staff, chief of staff, and general counsel;

- a copy of CTA's organization chart, including the names and job titles of each division, bureau, department, etc.;
- copies of CTA's employee personnel manual, codes of conduct, ethics ordinances or policies, procurement policies, accounting standards and policies, general policies and practices, and any other established rules, regulations or policies that govern employee conduct and other forms of internal control;
- a list of names of members of CTA's audit committee and compensation committee;
- names, titles, and contact information (telephone, mailing and e-mail addresses) for any existing inspector general with jurisdiction for the CTA, and his/her senior staff;
- copies of a current organization chart for any existing inspector general, including the names and titles of each employee;
- copies of each existing inspector's general investigative policies and procedures, including copies of standard forms, such as but not limited to, complaint forms, referral forms, final report forms, etc.;
- copies of any existing CTA employee ethics training materials;
- any audit reports of the CTA in the past two years where there was a material finding; and
- the identification of any current/open investigation having a potential or real material financial or operational risk or involving a member of the CTA board or its senior management staff.

Our Office looks forward to meeting with you and your staff. We also look forward to fairly and objectively investigating all allegations of fraud, waste, abuse, or misconduct. For your information, I am enclosing our Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2010 that provides additional information about our Office, including information regarding members of our senior management.

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Via Electronic Mail

February 14, 2011

Richard A. Kwasneski
Chairman
Board of Trustees
Pace
550 W. Algonquin Rd.
Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Re: Senate Bill 3965

Dear Chairman Kwasneski:

As you may know, today, Governor Pat Quinn signed Senate Bill 3965, which will bring the Pace Board of Directors and its staff under the jurisdiction of the Office of Executive Inspector General for the Agencies of the Illinois Governor as of July 1, 2011. I am contacting you in order to begin the process of ensuring that our Office is able to fulfill its statutory obligation. As such, I have asked my administrative assistant, Cheryl Cabiness, to contact you to schedule a meeting between members of our senior management team and you, your executive director, general counsel, and/or any other members of your management or senior staff you wish to invite. During the initial meeting, we would like to provide you and your staff with information relating to our Office and our operations.

In return and in order to have a productive initial meeting, we respectfully request that you notify your board members and all Pace employees of this new law, the OEIG's new role as Executive Inspector General for Pace, and how Pace employees may contact the OEIG to report violations of law, rule, policy, or regulation starting July 1, 2011. For your information, our toll-free hotline is (866) 814-1113 and our complaint forms can be found on our website at www.inspectorgeneral.illinois.gov. We also take in-person complaints at our Chicago and Springfield offices.

Additionally, we request that you or a Pace staff member provide to our Office the following information at your earliest convenience:

- names, titles and contact information (telephone, mailing, and e-mail addresses) for your board's head, its senior staff, chief of staff, and general counsel;

- a copy of Pace's organization chart, including the names and job titles of each division, bureau, department, etc.;
- copies of Pace's employee personnel manual, codes of conduct, ethics ordinances or policies, procurement policies, accounting standards and policies, general policies and practices, and any other established rules, regulations or policies that govern employee conduct and other forms of internal control;
- a list of names of members of Pace's audit committee and compensation committee;
- names, titles, and contact information (telephone, mailing and e-mail addresses) for any existing inspector general with jurisdiction for Pace, and his/her senior staff;
- copies of a current organization chart for any existing inspector general, including the names and titles of each employee;
- copies of each existing inspector's general investigative policies and procedures, including copies of standard forms, such as but not limited to, complaint forms, referral forms, final report forms, etc.;
- copies of any existing Pace employee ethics training materials;
- any audit reports of Pace in the past two years where there was a material finding; and
- the identification of any current/open investigation having a potential or real material financial or operational risk or involving a member of the Pace board or its senior management staff.

Our Office looks forward to meeting with you and your staff. We also look forward to fairly and objectively investigating all allegations of fraud, waste, abuse, or misconduct. For your information, I am enclosing our Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2010 that provides additional information about our Office, including information regarding members of our senior management.

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Via Electronic Mail

February 14, 2011

John S. Gates, Jr.
Chairman
Board of Trustees
Regional Transportation Authority
175 West Jackson Blvd., Ste. 1650
Chicago, IL 60604

Re: Senate Bill 3965

Dear Chairman Gates:

As you may know, today, Governor Pat Quinn signed Senate Bill 3965, which will bring the Regional Transportation Authority Board of Directors and its staff under the jurisdiction of the Office of Executive Inspector General for the Agencies of the Illinois Governor as of July 1, 2011. I am contacting you in order to begin the process of ensuring that our Office is able to fulfill its statutory obligation. As such, I have asked my administrative assistant, Cheryl Cabiness, to contact you to schedule a meeting between members of our senior management team and you, your executive director, general counsel, and/or any other members of your management or senior staff you wish to invite. During the initial meeting, we would like to provide you and your staff with information relating to our Office and our operations.

In return and in order to have a productive initial meeting, we respectfully request that you notify your board members and all Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) employees of this new law, the OEIG's new role as Executive Inspector General for the RTA, and how RTA employees may contact the OEIG to report violations of law, rule, policy, or regulation starting July 1, 2011. For your information, our toll-free hotline is (866) 814-1113 and our complaint forms can be found on our website at www.inspectorgeneral.illinois.gov. We also take in-person complaints at our Chicago and Springfield offices.

Additionally, we request that you or a RTA staff member provide to our Office the following information at your earliest convenience:

- names, titles and contact information (telephone, mailing, and e-mail addresses) for your board's head, its senior staff, chief of staff, and general counsel;

- a copy of RTA's organization chart, including the names and job titles of each division, bureau, department, etc.;
- copies of RTA's employee personnel manual, codes of conduct, ethics ordinances or policies, procurement policies, accounting standards and policies, general policies and practices, and any other established rules, regulations or policies that govern employee conduct and other forms of internal control;
- a list of names of members of RTA's audit committee and compensation committee;
- names, titles, and contact information (telephone, mailing and e-mail addresses) for any existing inspector general with jurisdiction for the RTA, and his/her senior staff;
- copies of a current organization chart for any existing inspector general, including the names and titles of each employee;
- copies of each existing inspector's general investigative policies and procedures, including copies of standard forms, such as but not limited to, complaint forms, referral forms, final report forms, etc.;
- copies of any existing RTA employee ethics training materials;
- any audit reports of the RTA in the past two years where there was a material finding; and
- the identification of any current/open investigation having a potential or real material financial or operational risk or involving a member of the RTA board or its senior management staff.

Our Office looks forward to meeting with you and your staff. We also look forward to fairly and objectively investigating all allegations of fraud, waste, abuse, or misconduct. For your information, I am enclosing our Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2010 that provides additional information about our Office, including information regarding members of our senior management.

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