Romayne C. Brown

Chairman

Romayne C. Brown was appointed to the Metra Board of Directors by Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle in September 2013, was elected Vice Chairman of the Metra Board in October 2016 and was elected Chairman of the Metra Board in September 2020. As the newly elected Chair, Romayne is responsible for promoting excellent relationships between the Board, management, and other stakeholders.

Ms. Brown is a professional transit manager with more than 31 years of operational and customer service experience at the Chicago Transit Authority. She started as a rail conductor in 1978 and worked her way through the ranks at the agency, finishing her CTA career in 2010 as the Vice President of Rail Operations.

Ms. Brown served as Director of Rail Operations and General Manager of Rail Operations, where she oversaw the operational, maintenance, administrative and customer service functions for CTA's Elevated (Green, Orange and Brown Lines) as well as the Red, Purple and Yellow Lines. She was also Administrative Manager (Red Line), Transportation Manager, Rail Operations; Superintendent II, Rail Personnel; Superintendent, Procedural Control and Rail Terminal Clerk.

Among her professional achievements and special recognitions are receiving the Kathy Osterman Award for superior public service in 1997; being featured on the cover of Mass Transit magazine in June 2009; and receiving the Presidential Employee Excellence Award in 2007.

However, Romayne is committed to focusing on instituting accountability, increasing efficiencies, promoting highly effective collaboration, monitoring and maintaining fiduciary responsibility, safeguarding diversity and inclusion and ensuring transparency.

Metra is commuter rail system in the Chicago metropolitan area serving the city of Chicago and surrounding suburbs. The system operates 242 stations on 11 rail lines. Metra provides safe, reliable, efficient commuter rail service that enhance the economic and environmental health of Northeast Illinois.