

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

June 22, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority held a meeting on June 22, 2018 at 2:06 p.m. in the Board Room on the 6th Floor of the MARTA Headquarters Building, 2424 Piedmont Road, Atlanta, Georgia.

Board Members Present

Robert L. Ashe III

Robert F. Dallas

Frederick L. Daniels, Jr.

Jim Durrett

William "Bill" Floyd

Jerry Griffin

Freda B. Hardage

Alicia M. Ivey

Russell McMurry, P.E.*

John "Al" Pond

W. Thomas Worthy

MARTA officials in attendance were: General Manager/CEO A. Robert Troup (Acting); C-Suite Team Members – Chief of Police Wanda Dunham, Chief Financial Officer Gordon L. Hutchinson and Chief Counsel Paula Nash (Acting); AGMs Elayne Berry, LaShanda Dawkins, Diane Hamilton (Acting), Benjamin Limmer, Emil Tzanov and Thomas Young (Interim); Chief Information Officer Dean Mallis; Executive Director Shelton Goode; Sr. Directors Donna DeJesus (Acting) and Stephany Fisher (Acting); Directors Rhonda Allen and Jonathan Hunt; Managers Davis Allen, Jacquelyn Bentley, John Cochran and Ryland McClendon; Sr. Executive Administrator Ashanti Boothe; Sr. Executive Administrator Kenya Hammond (Acting); Manager Executive Office Administration Tyrene Huff; Sr. Executive Administrator-Finance Keri Lee. Others in attendance Adrian Carter, Alphonso Eugene, Abebe Girmay, Tamara Hunt and Derek Terry.

Also in attendance were LaToya Brisbane of Holland & Knight LLP; Rhonda Briggins; Joyse Broughton; Joe Carn-Fulton County Solicitor; Faye Coffield; Rep. Viola Davis of Restore DeKalb; Joel Edwards; Scott Haggard of ATL/SRTA; Sandra Holmes, P.J. Lemmel of Restore DeKalb; Jerry Jackson; Paul Jones; Maggie Lee of *Saporta Report*; Joseph Profit; Joanne Rhone of West End; Lisa Stines of NPTU; Stephanie Stokes of WARE; Kay Wallace; David Wickert of *The AJC*; Ed Williams of Effective Government and Felton Wright.

* Russell R. McMurry, P.E. is GDOT Commissioner and is therefore a non-voting member of the MARTA Board of Directors

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Public Comment

Mr. Joel Edwards. A former 38-year MARTA employee. Concerned regarding the ½-cent sales tax imposed on DeKalb County and ineffective MARTA service. DeKalb County will not pay for trolley or Beltline.

Ms. Faye Coffield. MARTA system does not take people where they need to go. A resident since 1979. Forced into using GRITA. MARTA needs to implement DASH Program like Los Angeles has.

Mr. Jerry Jackson. The fans were not on at Five Points this morning and they were not clean. Mr. Jackson said he complained about this last year.

Representative Viola Davis. Sent an Open Records request to MARTA regarding lack of benches and shelters in South DeKalb County. The MARTA Board should have a Board representative from South DeKalb. Debt service is continually growing while restrooms are closed, there is no growth in rail and no bus shelters. No one in DeKalb wants to pay for the Atlanta Streetcar. People in DeKalb need to know what they are paying for.

Dr. Ed Williams. Chair of Concerned Citizens for Protective Government. DeKalb is not getting services it deserves. There needs to be train service in DeKalb County. A complaint has been filed with the Attorney General's office regarding compliance in adding to the agenda and restroom closure in stations. MARTA should not be taking over Streetcar. The Budget should be on website.

Ms. Lisa Stines. Represent the NPTU Community. MARTA changed the name of the West End station and the community was not consulted. There is no parking at Ashby Station. Bus stops need benches and trash cans.

Mr. Paul Jones. A resident of DeKalb County. With all due respect, tell the new Mayor to take some of the hotel/motel money and use it for the Streetcar. The last bill Mike Jacobs passed in 2015, reconstituted the Board for the third time – it says that the MARTA Board should have a representative from the southern-most corporate boundaries of the city of Decatur.

Ms. Kay Wallace. A 21-year homeowner in the West End Historic District. Based on a video from the State of MARTA meeting, she said she understands the MARTA Board wants to honor Mrs. Abernathy by changing the name of the West End station. After calling the CEO's office, she received a return call from Mrs. McClendon that the Board

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can make a decision without neighborhood input by virtue of its ByLaws. This decision dishonors residents of West End. A solution would be place photos of the Abernathys on the inside of buses and rail cars along with a timeline outlining their contributions. Riders could then learn about the Abernathys. Another option would be to rename the Lindbergh MARTA station.

Dr. Joanne Rhone. A 41-year resident of West End. Dr. Rhone said she sent a letter to the President of the Board expressing concern about making a decision to change the name of the West End MARTA station. This is the second time the West End have had to visit this issue. In October of 2011 this issue came up. West End is asking that you find another way to honor all the civil rights wives by using plaques.

Mr. Joe Profit. Running on the Republican ticket for the 4th Congressional District. DeKalb will need a world-class transit system to attract world-class companies. He asked the Board to consider bringing more service to DeKalb County. He said his goal is to make DeKalb a pro-district environment.

Minutes of the May 3, 2018 Meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors

On motion by Mrs. Hardage seconded by Mr. Durrett, the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 10 to 0, with 11* members present.

Planning & External Relations Committee Report

Mr. Griffin reported that the Planning & External Relations Committee met on May 3, 2018 and received the following briefings:

- a) FY 2018 Mid-Year Ridership Review
- b) Proposed Service Modifications for August 2018
- c) Rides to Wellness Initiatives Update
- d) Airport Video/Campaign
- e) Media Impressions Quarterly Update

Operations & Safety Committee Report

Ms. Ivey reported that the Operations & Safety Committee met on May 31, 2018 and approved the following resolutions:

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- a. Resolution Authorizing Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Vehicle Towing Services, IFB B39301A
- b. Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Rail Car Maintenance Wheel Truing Machines Maintenance and Repair Services, IFB B40732
- c. Resolution Authorizing Exercise of Option Year Seven of the General Engineering Consultant (GEC) Contract, RFP P5424
- d. Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of Capital Funds for General Consulting and Professional Services (GCPS) for the Division of Operations and the Department of Capital Programs & Development in Fiscal Year 2019
- e. Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of Capital and Operating Funds for General Consulting and Professional Services for the Department of Technology in Fiscal Year 2019 (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019)
- f. Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of Capital Funds for General Consulting and Professional Services for the Department of Police in Fiscal Year 2019

On motion by Ms. Ivey seconded by Mrs. Hardage the resolutions were unanimously approved by a vote of 10 to 0, with 11* members present. A copy of the resolutions, **AS APPROVED, ARE ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

Business Management Committee Report

Mr. Daniels reported that the Business Management Committee met on May 31, 2018 and approved the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Printing Paper for Authority-Wide Use, IFB B41368
- b. Resolution Authorizing Execution of Second Amended and Restated Lease Agreement Between MARTA and PFP 3 Lindbergh Center LLC for Master Retail Facility at Lindbergh City Center Project
- c. Resolution Adopting the Retiree Breeze Card Benefit Policy for Retirees of the MARTA Non-Represented Defined Contribution Plan

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On motion by Mr. Daniels seconded by Mr. Durrett, resolutions a, b and c were unanimously approved by a vote of 10 to 0, with 11* members present. A copy of the resolutions, **AS APPROVED, ARE ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

d. Resolution Approving the Operating and Capital Budgets for Fiscal Year 2019

Mr. Daniels requested a motion to amend Item d. The amendment proposes a \$1 fare for the Atlanta Streetcar.

On motion by Mr. Daniels seconded by Mr. Durrett, the amendment was unanimously approved by a vote of 10 to 0, with 11* members present.

As amended, Mr. Daniels motioned approval of Item d. Mr. Durrett seconded. The Board unanimously approved by a vote of 10 to 0, with 11* members present. A copy of the resolution, **AS APPROVED, IS ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

The Committee received the following briefing:

- a) FY 2018 March Financials and Performance Indicators

Amendments to Agenda

- a) Resolution Granting a Waiver of the MARTA Code of Ethics to Atkins North America to Contract with MARTA While Rukiya Thomas is Employed by Atkins Prior to One Year of Her Termination of Employment with MARTA
- b) Resolution Granting a Waiver of the MARTA Code of Ethics to Jacobs Engineering to Contract with MARTA While Rhonda Briggins is Employed by Jacobs Prior to One Year of Her Termination of Employment with MARTA
- c) Proposed Settlement of Litigation – Nancy Charalampakis vs. MARTA

On motion by Mr. Floyd seconded by Mr. Durrett, the Agenda was amended to add items a, b and c by a unanimous vote of 10 to 0, with 11* members present.

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On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mrs. Hardage, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 10 to 0, with 11* members present. A copy of the resolution, **AS APPROVED, IS ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

Resolution Granting a Waiver of the MARTA Code of Ethics to Jacobs Engineering to Contract with MARTA While Rhonda Briggins is Employed by Jacobs Prior to One Year of Her Termination of Employment with MARTA

On motion by Mr. Worthy seconded by Mrs. Hardage, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 10 to 0, with 11* members present. A copy of the resolution, **AS APPROVED, IS ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

Proposed Settlement of Litigation – Nancy Charalampakis vs. MARTA

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mr. Pond, the settlement was unanimously approved by a vote of 10 to 0, with 11* members present.

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Comments from the Board

Mr. Daniels on behalf of the MARTA Board and MARTA family expressed best wishes to Mrs. McClendon and thanked her for her service to MARTA and the MARTA Board. Before becoming a staff member, Mrs. McClendon served on the MARTA Board of Directors and was the Board's first African-American Chairwoman. Mrs. McClendon retires from MARTA as of June 22, 2018.

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Adjournment

The meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors adjourned at 2:44 p.m.