

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

February 13, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority held a meeting on February 13, 2020 at 1:54 p.m. in the Board Room on the 6th Floor of the MARTA Headquarters Building, 2424 Piedmont Road, Atlanta, Georgia.

Board Members Present

Roberta Abdul-Salaam
Robert L. Ashe III
Jim Durrett
Roderick E. Edmond
William “Bill” Floyd
Roderick A. Frierson
Ryan Carter Glover
Freda B. Hardage
Alicia M. Ivey
Russell McMurry, P.E.*
John “Al” Pond
Rita A. Scott
W. Thomas Worthy

MARTA officials in attendance were: General Manager/CEO Jeffrey A. Parker; C-Suite Team Members – Chief Customer Experience Officer Rhonda Allen, Chief Administrative Officer Luz Borrero, Chief System Safety, Security & Emergency Management/Police Wanda Dunham, Chief of Bus Operations Collie Greenwood, Chief Financial Officer Cynthia Beasley (Acting), Chief of Staff Melissa Mullinax, Chief Counsel Elizabeth O’Neill, Chief Capital Programs, Expansion and Innovation Franklin Rucker; AGMs Heather Alhadeff, Marsha Anderson Bomar, Virgil Fludd, Dean Mallis, Santiago Osorio, Kirk Talbott, Tony Turner (Acting), Emil Tzanov and George Wright; Executive Director Paula Nash; Senior Directors Jennifer Jinadu Wright, Erica Pines and Don Williams; Directors Robin Boyd, John Cochran, Donna DeJesus, David Emory, Debbie Frank, Jacqueline Holland (Acting), Jonathan Hunt and Steven McClure. Manager Executive Office Administration Tyrene Huff; Sr. Executive Administrator Board of Directors Tonya Gantt; Sr. Executive Administrators Kenya Hammond and Keri Lee. Others in attendance Tiara Allen, Ed Bishop, Adrien Carter, Keith Chambers, Abebe Girmay, Courtne Middlebrooks, Terry Ponder, LaTonya Pope and Santa Rivera.

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

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Also in attendance were Robert Highsmith of Holland & Knight; Kwandro Atta; Alan Babilinski of NPU-T; Cindy Barnes of Bryson Constructors; Steve Barnes of Bryson Constructors; Michael Brown of Brown & Moore Associates, LLC; Amanda Chapman; Pandra Evans; Bianca George of CERM; Dam Hobson of New South/Synergy; Safiya Khalid; B.J. Martin of Pond; Helen McSwain of Rohadfox; Jia-Luen Morris of Bryson Constructors; Keith Parker of Clayton County Citizen Advisory Group; Ralph Phillips of Synergy Construction; Jim Schmidt of HNTB.

Public Comment

Ms. Safiya Khalid. My first ride of the year on MARTA was January 18, 2020 when the driver left me before the five minutes were up. I was going to the airport. This cost \$19.86 for a total of 78.42 for everything I should have gotten on a Visitors Pass. I am looking for reimbursement. On this coming Sunday, there will be a Board meeting at 4424 14th Street, from 12:15 to 1:00pm. The meeting is regarding the facility where I am picked up by MARTA every Sunday. MARTA drivers stay on the property for 1-1/2 hours. Please share with your drivers what customer service looks like. (Ms. Khalid handed documents to MARTA staff which she stated were a printout of all reimbursements where she should not have spent money). She stated she will apply for the new program that Ms. Rhonda Allen oversees.

Mr. Alan Babilinski. Stated he is here as Chair of the Transportation Committee at NPU-T. He congratulated MARTA on the progress of the departure board and other improvements to the system. On the flip side, there was an issue with the bus bridge at Art Center and Peachtree Center last Friday. The key problem was all standard bus service was disrupted. How do you run the buses at the top-most level of the station? There were hundreds of people trying to get on shuttle buses. Surge pricing on Lyft was insane. Perhaps next time someone can get on the phone with them to stymie prices. Seventy dollars is simply too much to travel from Arts Center to Peachtree Center. Mr. Babilinski asked that a letter be sent to West End stating that the station would not be renamed.

Minutes of the January 9, 2020 Meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors

On motion by Mr. Ashe seconded by Ms. Ivey, the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 12 to 0, with 13* members present.

External Relations Committee Report

Mr. Ashe reported the External Relations Committee met on January 16, 2020 and received the following briefings:

- a) External Affairs 2019 Recap
- b) FY 20 2nd Quarter Medial Impressions

Planning & Capital Programs Committee

Dr. Edmond reported the Planning & Capital Programs Committee met on January 30, 2020 and approved the following resolution:

- a. Resolution Authorizing the General Manager/CEO or His Delegate to Enter Into a Contract for Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) Services for Station Rehabilitation Program, RFP P44312

On motion by Dr. Edmond seconded by Mr. Durrett, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 12 to 0, with 13* 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) Proposed Service Modifications for April 2020

Operations & Safety Committee Report

Ms. Ivey reported the Operations & Safety Committee met on January 30, 2020 and received the following briefings:

- a) MARTA Electrical Vehicle Charging Program
- b) Vertical Transportation Consulting Services
- c) Mobility Townhall Status Update

Business Management Committee Report

Mr. Frierson reported that the Business Management Committee met on January 30, 2020 and approved the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution Authorizing a Modification of a Contractual Authorization for Voice and Data Telecommunications Services Contract, P23964
- b. Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Authority-Wide Microsoft Software Licenses, RFP P45841 Utilizing the State of Georgia Contract
- c. Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for the Procurement of MARTA's Employee Assistance Program (EAP), RFP P43310
- e. Resolution Authorizing a Modification in Contractual Authorization for Consulting Services for MARTA's Medical Plans, Contract No. P39339

On motion by Mr. Frierson seconded by Mr. Durrett, resolutions a, b, c and e were unanimously approved by a vote of 12 to 0 with 13* members present. **A copy of the resolutions, AS APPROVED, ARE ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

The following resolution was moved forward without recommendation:

- d. Renewal Authorizing Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Group Health, Wellness, Life and Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance Coverages Request for Proposals Number P43938

Audit Committee Report

Mr. Pond reported the Audit Committee met on January 31, 2020 and received the following briefings:

- a) MARTOC 2020 Management Audit Update
- b) Internal Audit Activity Briefing

Resolution Authorizing the Sale of MARTA Land Parcel #C2104A at 0 Forsyth Street, Atlanta, GA 30303 to the City of Atlanta in Exchange for MARTA's Purchase of Air Rights

On motion by Dr. Edmond seconded by Ms. Ivey, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 12 to 0, with 13* members present. A copy of the resolution **AS APPROVED, IS ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

Other Matters

Ms. O'Neill presented several litigation matters:

- Bordeaux vs. MARTA, Civil Action File #2018CB309299 in the amount of \$750,000
- Drayton vs. MARTA in the amount of \$250,000

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Ms. Ivey, the settlements were unanimously approved by a vote of 12 to 0, with 13* members present.

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Adjournment

The meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors adjourned at 2:06 p.m.