

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

March 2, 2017

The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority held a meeting on March 2, 2017 at 1:37 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
Robert F. Dallas
Frederick L. Daniels, Jr.
Jim Durrett
William "Bill" Floyd
Jerry Griffin
Freda B. Hardage
Alicia M. Ivey
Al Pond
Christopher S. Tomlinson*
Thomas W. Worthy

MARTA officials in attendance were: General Manager/CEO Keith T. Parker, AICP; C-Suite Team Members – Chief Administrative Officer LaShanda Dawkins (Acting), Chief Financial Officer Gordon L. Hutchinson, Chief Counsel Elizabeth O'Neill, Chief Communications Officer Goldie Taylor, Chief of Staff Rukiya S. Thomas and Chief Operating Officer George Wright (Acting); AGMs Wanda Dunham, Robin Henry, Ming Hsi, Ryland McClendon, David Springstead, Emil Tzanov and Donald Williams; Executive Director Paula Nash (Acting); Sr. Directors Rhonda Briggins, Erik Burton and Amanda Rhein; Directors Onyinye Akujuo, Tim Elsberry, Jonathan Hunt, Patricia Sullivan and Robert Thomas; Managers Donna DeJesus, Jacqueline Hollard and Alisa Jackson; Manager Executive Office Administration Tyrene Huff; Sr. Executive Administrator Kellee McDaniel; Sr. Executive Administrator-Finance Keri Lee (Acting). Others in attendance Davis Allen, Katherine Dirga, Kenya Hammond, Anthony Merriweather, Courtne Middlebrooks, LaTonya Pope, Akio Turner and Tamara Wilson-Hunte.

* Christopher Tomlinson is Executive Director of Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) and is therefore a non-voting member of the MARTA Board of Directors

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Also in attendance were Robert S. Highsmith, Jr., Holland & Knight LLP; Eric Campbell; Amanda Chatman; Jim Dexter of Citizens for Progressive Transit; John Evans; Curtis Howard, Nikita Howard, Paul McLennan and Stanley Smalls of ATU Local 732; Georgia Lord of Georgia Lord Law; Kenneth Mitchell; David Wickett of *The AJC*.

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Public Comment

Mr. Kenneth Mitchell remarked 'neither of us know, as both of us together'. He said that the people with disabilities have to be a part of the solution.

Mr. John Evans said his attendance at the Board meeting was on behalf of individuals with disabilities. He stated that people who sit on the Board are not sensitive to the disabled needs. There has always been a fight between the haves and the have nots. He asked Board members to be sensitive to the needs of the disabled and to do the right thing.

Mr. Stanley Smalls said people are suffering. They are still on COBRA. He stated there are a lot of folks ready to come back to MARTA.

Mr. Paul McLennan asked the Board to stop spending money on unnecessary legal fights. He said the Union is a part of the community – why spend money to fight them. He said there should be an oversight committee.

Mrs. Nikita Howard stated that Mobility is an intricate part of MARTA. Taxpayers are funding MARTA, with City of Atlanta and DeKalb footing the bill. She asked the Board to turn things around and back where they need to be. She asked that the Board go back to the table, revamp and do the right thing.

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On motion by Mr. Dallas seconded by Mr. Daniels, the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 11 to 0, with 12* members present.

Planning & External Relations Committee Report

Mr. Griffin reported that the Planning & External Relations Committee met on February 2, 2017 and approved the following resolution:

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- a. Resolution Authorizing the Approval of Service Modifications for April 15, 2017 on Routes 3, 5, 56, 66, 68, 71, 73, 94, 165, 170, 865 and 195

On motion by Mr. Griffin seconded by Mr. Durrett, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 11 to 0, with 12* 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 briefings:

- a) Bus Route Modifications for April 2017
- b) Public Hearings Outcome for Proposed April 2017 Service Changes
- c) MORE MARTA Program Update
- d) Department of Planning Overview and Annual Update
- e) Media Monitoring Update for FY 17 1st and 2nd Quarters

Operations & Safety Committee Report

Mr. Durrett reported that the Operations & Safety Committee met on February 23, 2017 and approved the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution Authorizing Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Refuse Removal Services, IFB B38146
- b. Resolution Authorizing Award of Contracts for the Procurement of Bus Engine and Transmission Overhaul/Rebuild, IFB B38222

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mrs. Hardage, the resolutions were unanimously approved by a vote of 11 to 0, with 12* members present. A copy of the resolutions, **AS APPROVED, ARE ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

The Committee received the following briefing:

- a) Safety Recognition

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Business Management Committee Report

Mr. Daniels reported that the Business Management Committee met on February 23, 2017 and approved the following resolution:

- a. Resolution Amending the MARTA Non-Represented Defined Benefit Pension Plan

On motion by Mr. Daniels seconded by Mrs. Hardage, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 11 to 0, with 12* 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 briefings:

- a) Grant Programs
- b) FY 2017 Capital Reporting
- c) FY 2017 December Budget Variance Analysis and Performance Indicators
- d) Parking Systems Automation

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Addition to the Agenda

Resolution Authorizing a Single Source Contract With Alliance Bus Group, Inc. for Ten (10) Grande West Transportation "Vicinity" Thirty-Foot (30') Diesel Transit Buses, P38867

On motion by Mr. Dallas seconded by Mr. Pond, the resolution was added to the Agenda by a unanimous vote of 11 to 0, with 12* members present.

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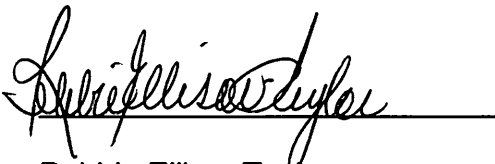
On motion by Ms. Ivey seconded by Mr. Dallas, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 11 to 0, with 12* members present. A copy of the resolution, **AS APPROVED, IS ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

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Adjournment

The meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebbie Ellisor-Taylor
Assistant Secretary to the Board