

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

September 3, 2015

The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority held a meeting on September 3, 2015 at 1:45 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
Juanita Jones Abernathy
Robert L. Ashe III
Robert F. Dallas
Frederick L. Daniels, Jr.
Jim Durrett
Jerry Griffin
Freda B. Hardage
Russell McMurry, P.E.*

MARTA officials in attendance were: General Manager/CEO Keith T. Parker, AICP; C-Suite Team Members – Chief Operating Officer Richard A. Krisak, Chief of Staff Rukiya S. Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer Edward Johnson, Chief Financial Officer Gordon Hutchinson, Chief Legal Counsel Elizabeth O'Neill; AGMs Wanda Dunham, Robin Henry, Ming Hsi, Reginald Mason and Ryland McClendon; Executive Director Ferdinand Risco; Sr. Directors Rhonda Briggins, LaShanda Dawkins and Amanda Rhein; Directors Lisa DeGrace, Lyle Harris and Jonathan Hunt; Managers Ed Bishop and Chris Pitts; Manager Executive Office Administration Tyrene Huff; Sr. Executive Administrator to MARTA Board Kellee McDaniel; Finance Administrative Analyst Tracy Kincaid. Others in attendance Davis Allen, Eugene Alphonse, Nicholas Gowens, Louis Grisoglio, Nicole Holt, Saba Long, Courtne Middlebrooks, Srinath Remala, Kenyata Smiley and Toni Thornton.

Also in attendance were Charles Pursley, Jr. of Pursley Friese Torgrimson, LLP; Jack Buckingham of MATC; Amanda Chatman; Sam Gude of Gude Management Group; Stan King of S.L. King & Associates; Chad Koenig of Cushman & Wakefield; Robert Krone of Citizens for Progressive Transit; Frank Martin of Frank T. Martin Consult, LLC; Ida Mitchell-Hinton; Andria Simmons of *The AJC*; Marvin Thomas of Triunity Engine Energy; Kyle Tenks of Parkside; Lafayette Woods.

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

Public Comment

Mr. Lafayette Wood. New Chairman of MARTA Advisory Committee (MAC). Concerned that MARTA should decentralize Mobility service. Instead of one company, 2 to 3 companies should be considered.

Ms. Amanda Chatman. Only two buses serve Route 4 after 7:00 p.m. A lot of people are being stranded and inconvenienced. Please consider an extra bus.

Ms. Ida Mitchell-Hinton. I attend MAC meetings and would like to have Minutes of those meetings. Did not see notification of today's Board meeting on MARTA website. Mobility is a nice service.

Minutes of the August 6, 2015 Meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors

On motion by Mrs. Abernathy seconded by Mrs. Hardage, the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 7 to 0, with 9* members present.

Mr. Griffin abstained.

Planning and External Relations Committee Report

Mr. Durrett reported that the Planning and External Relations Committee met on August 6, 2015 and received the following briefings:

- a) Customer Service Center
- b) Media Monitoring
- c) Bus Modifications for December 12, 2015 Mark-Up
- d) Office of Transit System Planning

Operations & Safety Committee Report

Mrs. Abernathy reported that the Operations & Safety Committee met on August 27, 2015 and received the following briefings:

- a) Rail Safety
- b) MARTA Accessibility Committee (MAC)
- c) Atlanta Streetcar Project Overview and Status

Business Management Committee Report

Mr. Daniels reported that the Business Management Committee met on August 27, 2015 and approved the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution Authorizing the Consolidation of the Contracts for Maintenance and Support of CISCO Products Utilizing One or More State of Georgia Contracts
- b. Resolution Authorizing the Second Amendment to the MARTA Non-Represented Defined Contribution Plan
- c. Resolution Authorizing Contract Negotiations for the Development of Parcel D3103 at the Chamblee Station, RFP P35088
- d. Resolution Authorizing Negotiations for the Development of Parcel D3116 at the Brookhaven/Oglethorpe University Station, RFP P31778-A

On motion by Mr. Daniels seconded by Mr. Durrett, the resolutions were unanimously approved by a vote of 8 to 0, with 9* 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) Overview of MARTA's Retirement Plans and Recommendation for Modification

Resolution Authorizing Award of a Contract for a Leave of Absence Administration Program, RFP P35334

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mrs. Abernathy, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 8 to 0, with 9* 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

Mr. Hutchinson reported that MARTA recently passed an extensive FTA Audit with flying colors. He thanked Ms. Nicole Holt of Legal, Mr. Lisa DeGrace of Contracts, Mr. Knox O'Callaghan and Ms. Kenyata Smiley of Grants Program.

Mrs. Abernathy reported that the National Black Caucus will honor her in Washington, DC on September 19, 2015. During the Phoenix Awards Dinner, Mrs. Abernathy will receive the George Thomas "Mickey" Leland Award in recognition of her involvement in organizing and leading the historic Montgomery Bus Boycott in her home state of Alabama and the march from Selma to Montgomery.

Chairman Ashe thanked Mrs. Abernathy for her leadership and service to Civil Rights, the MARTA Board and community.

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Adjournment

The meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebbie Ellisor-Taylor
Assistant Secretary to the Board