

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

December 4, 2014

The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority held a meeting on December 4, 2014 at 1:48 p.m. in the Board Room on the 6th Floor of the MARTA Headquarters Building, 2424 Piedmont Road, Atlanta, Georgia.

Board Members Present

Juanita Jones Abernathy
Robert L. Ashe III
Harold Buckley, Sr.
Frederick L. Daniels, Jr.
Jim Durrett
Roderick E. Edmond
Kirk Fjelstul*
Freda B. Hardage

MARTA officials in attendance were: General Manager/CEO Keith T. Parker, AICP; C-Suite Team Members – Chief Operating Officer Tim Elsberry (Acting), Chief of Staff Rukiya S. Eaddy, Chief Financial Officer Gordon Hutchinson, Chief Administrative Officer Edward Johnson, Chief Legal Counsel Elizabeth O'Neill; AGMs Farouk Baksh (Acting), Wanda Dunham, Robin Henry, Reginald Mason, Ryland McClendon and Donald Williams (Acting); Executive Director Ferdinand Risco; Sr. Directors Cynthia Moss Beasley, Rhonda Briggins; Directors Greg Cook (Acting-Mobility), Joseph Dorsey, Hubert Gee, Lyle Harris, Donna Jennings, Carol Smith, Louise Jackson Williams; Managers Joyce Brown, Donna DeJesus, Roosevelt Stripling and Denise Walker; Manager Executive Office Administration Tyrene Huff; Sr. Executive Administrator to MARTA Board Kellee McDaniel; Finance Administrative Analyst Tracy Kincaid. Others in attendance Davis Allen, Carlos Arrieta, Angela Brown, Ann Marie Boyd, Nicholas Gowens, Cassandra Harriman, Tamara Hunte, Carlos James, Robyn Jeoffrey, Erik Leach, Saba Long, Tiffani McClain, Courtne Middlebrooks, Leslie Porter, Srinath Remala, James Siebert, Robert Thomas, Toni Thornton and Tuan Vo.

Also in attendance were Charles Pursley, Jr. of Pursley Friese Torgrimson, LLP; Jack Buckingham of MATC; Curtis Howard of ATU Local 732; Katey Glass; Betty Hasan-Amin; Robbie Huff; Khalid Mahdi; Paul McLennan; Ken Mitchell; Chioke Perry; Drew Walker.

* Kirk Fjelstul is Executive Director of Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA); Keith Golden is Commissioner of GDOT and are therefore non-voting members of the MARTA Board of Directors

Chairman Ashe noted that Resolution Authorizing the Solicitation of Proposals for Sourcing Services for MARTA's Mobility (Paratransit) Operation, RFP P34324 was deferred during the November 6, 2014 Board meeting. He announced that the Resolution would be further deferred as the Board would take no action during today's meeting.

Public Comment

Mr. Ken Mitchell. People need to be involved and provide input to MARTA regarding accessibility. The people do not want special opportunity, but rather, equal opportunity.

Mr. Robbie Huff. Thanked the Board for deferring the Mobility resolution. He asked that the Board please include the disabled in the decision-making process.

Ms. Betty Hasan-Amin. MARTA needs to reorganize. It would be useful to have representation at the table to ensure that MARTA is operating at optimum level.

Mr. Katey Glass. Addressed the Board on the issue of privatization of Mobility services. She stated that the disabled should be included in the final decision.

Mr. Paul McLennen. A DeKalb County resident and retired member of the Transit Union. Stated that the disabled community have a right to human rights. There should be a process where problems are handled internally before looking to the public.

Presentation- Recognition of Task Force for Fare Evasion

Chairman Ashe thanked Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Johnson and the members of the Fare Evasion Task Force. Due to their efforts, critical leaks in the system that fostered fare evasion were identified and corrected. As of October 1, 2014, MARTA is projected to collect \$2.25M in additional revenue.

Minutes of the November 6, 2014 Meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mr. Daniels, the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 7 to 0, with 8* members present.

Planning and External Relations Committee Report

Mr. Durrett reported that the Planning and External Relations Committee met on November 6, 2014 and approved the following resolution:

- a. Resolution Authorizing the Approval of the Fiscal Year 2015 Bus, Rail and Mobility Service Standards

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Dr. Edmond, the resolution were unanimously approved by a vote of 7 to 0, with 8* 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) The Committee received March 2015 Mark-Up – Proposed Service Changes
- b) Clifton Corridor
- c) Marketing Analysis
- d) 2015 Legislative Agenda

Operations & Safety Committee Report

Dr. Edmond reported that the Operations & Safety Committee met on November 20, 2014 and approved the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for AC Traction Motor Overhaul and Repair Services, CP B33498
- b. Resolution Authorizing Additional Funding for Procurement of Ninety-Four (94) Paratransit Lift Vans, RFP P31610
- c. Resolution Authorizing an Increase in the Authorization for Vehicle Security Camera System, RFP P23113

On motion by Dr. Edmond seconded by Mr. Durrett, the resolutions were unanimously approved by a vote of 7 to 0, with 8* 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 briefings:

- a) Security and Emergency Management
- b) FY 14 Bus and Mobility Collision Data

Business Management Committee Report

Mr. Daniels reported that the Business Management Committee met on November 20, 2014 and approved the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution to Support MARTA's Funding Requests to the Atlanta Regional Commission
- b. Resolution to Approve Conveyance of Parcel C4160A, A Utility Easement to the City of Atlanta
- c. Resolution Authorizing the Approval to Request Additional Funds for MARTA's Life Insurance and Accidental Death Dismemberment Insurance Coverages for Represented and Non-Represented Employees and Their Dependents, Request for Proposals Number P15115
- d. Resolution Authorizing Renewal of MARTA's Excess Operating Property and Liability Insurance Coverage
- e. Resolution to Authorize Reallocation of Funding for MARTA Contactless Smart Card Fare Media Received, Payment of Production Costs and Extension of Contract With Additional Funds, Contract Proposal Number B35444
- f. Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contractor for Transit Advertising

On motion by Mr. Daniels seconded by Mr. Durrett, the resolutions were unanimously approved by a vote of 7 to 0, with 8* 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 briefings:

- a) Fare Evasion Reduction Update
- b) FY 2015 September Budget Variance Analysis and Performance Indicators

2015 Schedule of Board Meetings and Standing Committee Meetings

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Mr. Buckley, the 2015 Schedule of Board Meetings and Standing Committee Meetings was unanimously approved by a vote of 7 to

0, with 8* members present. A copy of the Schedule , **AS APPROVED, IS ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

Nominating Committee Report

Mrs. Hardage announced the Nominating Committee's 2015 Slate of Officers:

Robert L. Ashe III – Chairman
Noni Ellison-Southall – Vice Chair
Roderick E. Edmond – Secretary
Frederick L. Daniels, Jr. – Treasurer

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Dr. Edmond, the Board unanimously accepted the 2015 Slate.

There being no other nominations from the floor, Mr. Durrett moved for approval of the 2015 Slate of the Nominating Committee. Mrs. Hardage seconded. The Board unanimously agreed by a vote of 7 to 0, with 8* members present.

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Additions to the Agenda:

- Resolution Approving Absences From MARTA Board Meetings
- Resolution of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Adopting Legislative Guidelines for the 2015 Georgia General Assembly

On motion by Mr. Durrett seconded by Dr. Edmond, the resolutions were added to the Agenda by a vote of 7 to 0, with 8* members present.

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- Resolution Approving the Tentative Settlement of the Labor Agreement Between the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) and the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 732 (ATU)

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Executive Session

Mr. Buckley motioned to go into Executive Session at 2:18 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. Mr. Daniels seconded. The Board unanimously agreed by a vote of 7 to 0, with 8* members present.

Mrs. Abernathy motioned to adjourn Executive Session at 2:23 p.m. Mr. Buckley seconded. The Board unanimously agreed by a vote of 7 to 0, with 8* members present.

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- Resolution Authorizing a 1% Wage Increase for MARTA Non-Represented Employees

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Public Comment (Continued)

Mr. Khalid Mahdi. Asked the Board to reevaluate any attempt to privatize MARTA Mobility service.

Mr. Drew Walker. Thanked the MARTA Board for deferring the vote on the Mobility issue. He asked Board members to ride MARTA Mobility from time-to-time. Stated that MARTA should focus on safety, training and accountability.

Mr. Chioke Perry. Asked the Board to vote 'no' on privatization of MARTA Mobility.

Adjournment

The meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors adjourned at 2:33 p.m.